

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Gaddesby Village Hall
on Monday, 11th November 2019, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair
 Mrs Pat Walton

Mr John Simon
 Mr Gordon Bigam

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council
 Borough Councillor Mr Robert Child

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Councillor Mr Gary Fox and County Councillor Mr J T Orson.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Borough Councillor Child advised Councillors of the following:

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road:

MBC have secured £15m for the southern section of the Melton Mowbray relief road.

Latham House Medical Practice:

MBC were exploring the various options for a premises to facilitate a new GP Practice in Melton.

Business Rates for Public Houses:

MBC were looking at reducing the business rates for public houses within the Borough.

Conservative Candidate:

A new conservative candidate for the Rutland and Melton area had recently been chosen; Alysia Kearns.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2019/2020 39-45, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Councillor Vacancy** – The vacancy for a Gaddesby Councillor continued to be advertised on the village notice boards.
2. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Simon advised that the formal consultation on the Gaddesby Neighbourhood Plan came to an end on Monday, 28th October 2019. The next stage would entail Councillor Simon collating all the comments and putting them onto a spreadsheet. This would then be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Plan Consultant, Mr Gary Kirk, who would draft the responses. Following which a meeting would be held to discuss the responses received.

Matters Arising

- 3. Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Tree Root** – Councillor Simon informed Councillors that a letter had been sent from DWF Law LLP to 'Trinity Claims', the insurance company acting on behalf of Mr and Mrs Lockwood. The letter was in response to the request for information and documents relating to the play area and to the surrounding trees.
- 4. Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
- 5. Overgrown Ash Tree, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
- 6. Clerk's Contract of Employment** – Nothing to report in the absence of Councillor Fox.
- 7. RoSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report** – The Clerk reported that Playscape Playgrounds had completed the necessary repair work to the slide, the replacement of the surface underneath the multi-play unit and the replacement of the surface underneath the single bay swing at the Gaddesby Children's Play Area. The cost of which had been agreed at £2,000.00 plus 20% VAT £400.00, total £2,400.00. See Finance for invoice.
Wooden Play House – The Clerk had spoken with local handyman 'Tave' to advise that GPC would like him to carry out the required repairs to the wooden play house at the Children's Play Area.
- 8. Footway from The Lodge, Ashby Folville to Barsby** – The Clerk had spoken with an LCC, Highways Officer to confirm which two sections required adding to the 'urban' cut schedule. The Clerk hoped that this would now be added to the mowing schedule for 2020.
- 9. Additional Street Nameplate, Baggrave End, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
- 10. Telephone Kiosk, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TE** – Councillor Walton reported that the Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall had agreed to adopt the telephone kiosk on Folville Street, Ashby Folville.
- 11. Overgrown Hedge, Church Lane, Barsby, LE7 4RF** – Councillors were pleased to note that the overgrown hedge, Church Lane, Barsby had been trimmed back.
- 12. Road Traffic Accident, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby** – A further email was sent to Mr Zubair Novsarka, Senior Technician, Traffic and Signal at LCC to draw to his attention that there is planning permission for the development of 14 dwellings on the Holme Farm site, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby. A map of the site had also been sent to Mr Novsarka. A response had yet to be received.
- 13. LCC, Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS)** – Councillor Hurst advised that she had attended the Community Engagement Meeting, held in Great Dalby Village Hall on Thursday, 7th November 2019. Prior to which, the Clerk from South Croxton Parish Council forwarded GPC a draft timetable which indicated the proposed changes to the bus route.
Councillor Hurst reported to Councillors the proposals discussed at the meeting. Following discussion, Councillors agreed to send a letter to the LCC, Safe and Sustainable Transport Team with the concerns of GPC.

Matters Arising cont.

13. LCC, Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy (PTPS) cont. – The main concerns/points being:

- Gaddesby has been excluded from the route completely. Some elderly parishioners rely on the bus service to take them to Melton or Syston for essential shopping and medical appointments.
- The lack of a direct service to Leicester imposes limits on work opportunities for people living in the villages along the route from Syston to Melton.
- Melton, Syston and Leicester are activity centres for various leisure activities. Without transport, access to these outside interests is made difficult or has to be curtailed entirely.
- The times suggested on the draft timetable for the remaining villages on the route severely limit possibilities of outside/leisure activities.
- The cuts would increase the use of private cars when a reduction is being encouraged nationally.
- In other rural areas, small minibus type vehicles are used; is there no scope in this area for a similar type vehicle?
- Although the Community Engagement Meeting was very informative, those in attendance were left with the feeling that it was a cost cutting, numbers exercise, which showed little understanding of the needs of small rural communities.

Councillor Hurst would draft a letter for the Clerk to send to LCC.

14. Light Out – Street Light Column situated along Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF – Councillors were pleased to note that the street light had been repaired by E.ON.

15. Fallen Tree across the footpath from The Lane to the field entrance, Barsby, LE7 4RH – The Clerk reported the matter to Mr Richard Bye, the Rights of Way Inspector for LCC. Mr Bye subsequently advised that he visited the site and confirmed that the tree appears to be, in part, growing out of the recorded highway. As this is the case Mr Bye would arrange for the LCC contractors to attend to the matter.

Councillor
Hurst &
Clerk

Correspondence

Correspondence was either emailed or made available to Councillors as necessary.

Planning Matters

Councillor Simon declared an interest in the following application.

a. Land adjacent to 7 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF – Application submitted by Mr K Watson for the proposed construction of a residential development of eight, one and ½ storey dwellings.

Councillors discussed the application and resolved that the comments submitted previously to MBC still applied, these being:

- The proposal is an overcrowding of the site. The site is too small to accommodate eight dwellings.
- As per the recently adopted Melton Local Plan 2011-2036, schemes of about ten dwellings may be appropriate within or on the edge of Service Centres, schemes of up to about five dwellings for Rural Hubs. Gaddesby would be classed as a Rural Hub.
- The height, scale and mass of the proposed dwellings would be dominant and oppressive and would impact the privacy, outlook and amenities of the neighbouring properties.
- Ashby Road, Gaddesby is an extremely busy stretch of highway. Particularly since the extension to Gaddesby Primary School. The development would also see an increase in the volume of traffic.
- As the development would be an overcrowding of the site and would be predominantly dwellings or a tarmac surface, this could create problems with surface water drainage.
- The occupants would be required to leave their refuse/recycling bins out for collection on the narrow footway along Ashby Road – this would have safety implications.
- GPC would request that the Planning Officers and the Planning Committee visit the site prior to making an informed decision.

b. The Chestnuts, 11 Baggrave End, Barsby, LE7 4RB – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs A Thompson for a proposed single storey extension. Councillors resolved to support the application.

‘For Information Only’

c. The Old Stud Farm, 25 Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TE – Application submitted by Mr Collin Loe, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed trimming of trees.

‘For Information Only’

d. Barsby Village Hall Green, Main Street, Barsby, LE7 4RH – Application submitted by Barsby Village Charity, for consent to work on trees, for the proposed pruning of the following trees: one purple plum tree, one ash tree and two maple trees.

Planning Decisions

a. 26 Park Hill, Gaddesby, LE7 4WH – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Williams for a proposed single storey rear extension has been granted a Certificate of Lawfulness by MBC.

b. Firs Farmhouse, 11 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby, LE7 4WB – Application submitted by Mr Terence Warom for a proposed rear single storey extension to the existing property, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Clerk

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Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – Councillor Walton reported that the Ashby Folville and Barsby Parish Hall Harvest Supper held on Thursday, 24th October 2019 made a profit of £771.00 and that the Parish Hall AGM would take place on Wednesday, 20th November 2019.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that the Barsby Village Hall Green ‘Skittles Evening’ would be held on Saturday, 16th November at the Carington Arms Public House.

Finance**Accounts paid since the last meeting:**

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 30.09.2019, £572.89 plus 5% VAT £28.64, total £601.53.

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 30.09.2019, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Replacement street light column opposite Kentucky, Park Hill, Gaddesby, £1,091.00 plus 20% VAT £218.20, total £1,309.20.

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Repairs to faulty street light, Baggrave End, Barsby, £36.00 plus 20% VAT £7.20, total £43.20.

Total cheque to E.ON Energy Solutions Limited - £1,571.58.

The Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership renewal 2019/2020, total £106.00.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.07.2019 to 30.09.2019, salary £1,333.28, expenses £111.67, total £1,444.95.

Accounts for payment:

Melton Borough Council – Parish Council Election 2019, administration fee, total £88.35.

N.G.Pick – Playground Maintenance, 01.05.2019 to 31.10.2019, total £525.00.

The Clerk advised Councillors that Mr Pick sent a note to GPC to request that he did not wish to have an annual increase to his maintenance fee as it would affect his pension.

Playscape Playgrounds Limited, c/o Apollo Business Finance Limited – Repairs to play equipment, Gaddesby Children’s Play Area, £2,000.00 plus 20% VAT £400.00, total £2,400.00.

Payments Received:

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account: £14,063.79.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £3,041.00.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Bank Reconciliation : 30th September 2019:

A copy of the latest bank reconciliation was circulated to Councillors.

Transfer of Funds:

Councillors agreed that £2,000.00 should be transferred from the Business Premium Account into the Community Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

Clerk

Finance cont.**Discussion of 2020/21 Budget/Precept:**

The Clerk circulated to all Councillors the draft 2020/2021 budget prior to the meeting. Councillors had concerns regarding the costs incurred in relation to the Gaddesby Children's Play Area during the year but believed these should be 'one off' payments which would not be repeated each year.

However, the Clerk was asked to include £1,250.00 in the budget for the provision of an arboreal report relating to the tree root at the Play Area.

The Clerk was asked to delete the church magazine grant from the budget as no further information had been forthcoming during the last year.

Following discussion, Councillors resolved to increase the precept for the year to £15,500.00; all Councillors were in agreement.

The Clerk would make the necessary amendments to the 2020/21 budget.

Clerk

Other Business

1. Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Register of the Land – Councillor Simon suggested that the play area land should be registered with the land registry.

2. The Manor, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TE – Councillor Bigam advised Councillors of the daily construction noise at The Manor, Ashby Folville from early mornings until late evenings. Councillor Bigam raised the matter with the Clerk during the last month as complaints/concerns had been received from parishioners in Ashby Folville. Following an email to MBC, MBC advised that a complaint should be registered using their website. The Clerk submitted a complaint and advised Ashby Folville parishioners to do the same.

Although it was appreciated that the construction work would be heard from the village, it was felt that the working hours could potentially be reduced and consideration could be given to the parishioners of Ashby Folville.

Concerns had also been raised with regard to The Manor being used as a commercial venture. The Clerk had spoken with MBC, who agreed to write to the homeowners in order to confirm that the premises should be for private use only and should not be used for commercial purposes.

3. Fly Tipping, Great Dalby Road, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TU – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that a fridge freezer had been left in a gateway, near to the mobile phone cabin on Great Dalby Road, Ashby Folville. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to MBC.

Clerk

4. Hole in Highway Verge, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TE – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that a hole had formed in the highway verge opposite the Carington Arms Public House, Folville Street, Ashby Folville. The Clerk was asked to report this to LCC, Highways Department.

Clerk

5. Street/Footpath Cleaning, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TE – As the leaves had fallen from the trees in Ashby Folville, the Clerk was asked to contact MBC to enquire if they could arrange for the highway and footpaths to be cleaned.

Clerk

Other Business cont.

6. Leaning Wall, Laurel Bank, 5 Baggrave End, Barsby, LE7 4RB – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that the boundary wall of Laurel Bank, 5 Baggrave End, Barsby was leaning into the footpath. As the wall was very large and old, concerns had been raised that the wall may be in danger of collapsing. The Clerk was asked to write to the homeowners of Laurel Bank to ask if they could inspect the wall for safety reasons.

Clerk

Arrangements for the next meeting –
Monday, 9th December 2019 at Gaddesby Village Hall,
commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair.