

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 7:00 pm at Plungar Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Smith (in the Chair), Barlow, Evans, Hague & Parry

Residents: 3

Ref:	Subject:	Action
204/14	Apologies accepted from: all Parish Councillors were present	
205/14	Minutes: Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 17 February were read & it was resolved that they be signed.	
206/14	Declarations of Interest: None	
207/14	Residents Question Time: 2 residents attended to speak out against the anonymous letter that a Redmile resident sent the then prospective tenant of the Peacock. The 2 residents are horrified by this action & the resulting loss of the tenant as they believe it has hindered progress & investment in the re-opening of the Peacock. The residents asked what the Parish Council could do. Cllr. Evans said that when the planning applications were evaluated by the Parish Council they were reviewed within planning guidelines only, as it isn't within the Parish Council's remit to look at such things as licensing. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Charles Wells Brewery to welcome their investment in the Peacock.	Parish Clerk
208/14	County Councillor Report: County Councillor Rhodes provided an update on the development of the Local Plan. One controversial change is the decision not to renew village envelopes. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) leans in favour of sustainability so there appears little benefit in reworking the village envelope criteria as the NPPF offers protection via sustainability. The number of new houses agreed to be built between 2011 & 2036 is 6,125. Not many houses have been built between 2011 & 2014. The decision still to be made is the split between Melton town & rural. The Core Strategy which was not adopted put the split 80%/20%, another recommendation is 55%/45%. County Councillor Rhodes anticipates the splits to come between the 2 sets of figures. However, that still could mean 2,500 are to be built in rural locations. To date land owners have put forward sites for building which could accommodate 40,000 houses. Not all of those sites will be suitable or required. The number of houses suggested for Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SLAHH) is 53 in Barkestone & 47 in Redmile over 20 years. However, for parishes without a Neighbourhood Plan, the level & type of development will depend upon the sustainability appraisal for each village.	
209/14	Crime Report: Submitted by Malcolm Grant, Police Community Volunteer on behalf of Melton North Rural Beat L25. There was 1 recordable crime in Plungar. Report to be posted to the Parish Council website.	Parish Clerk
210/14	Planning: Planning Approved: 14/00926/FULHH – Cobweb Cottage, 45 Main Street, Redmile – the Parish Council did not object to this application Planning Applications Pending: 14/00946/FULHH – The Old Mill House, Barkestone Lane, Redmile – the Parish Council did not object to this application 15/00068/FULHH – 3 The Old Lane, Barkestone – the Parish Council did not object to this application Planning Applications Refused: 14/01004/OUT – Field No. 4663, Barkestone Lane, Redmile – the Parish Council objected to this application 14/01027/TPO – Walnut tree on land at the rear of 5 Middle Street, Barkestone – the Parish Council objected to this application 15/00011/HEDG – Vale Farm House, Barkestone Lane, Plungar – the Parish Council objected to this application Planning Application Withdrawn: 14/00712 – Field OS1600, Castle View Road, Easthorpe ~ the Parish Council objected to this application. 14/01018/FUL & 14/01019/LBC – The Peacock, Main Street, Redmile Planning Applications to the Planning Inspectorate: 14/00780/COU – Land at 22 & 24 Church Lane, Redmile ~ the Parish Council objected to this application. Consider any further comment to be made to the Planning Inspector. Other Planning Related Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walnut Tree at Barkestone – Request made to Andrew Granger for tree to be pruned – No update. Chase progress • Manor Farm, Barkestone – Update on potential breach of planning conditions against 13/00492/FUL – Photos sent through to Enforcement Officer. New Melton Local Plan – Update – from County Councillor Rhodes refer to minute 208/14	Parish Clerk
211/14	Financial: (a) Current account balance at 28.02.15: £12,748.31; Deposit account balance: £10,681.37 (b) Bank statement matches receipts and payment listing (c) Consider whether to transfer current account funds to deposit account (d) Receipts and payments listing annexed (e) Payments since 17.02.15 – £122.33 to E-on for street lighting (f) Cheques required: Sharon Pyke - £364.06 March salary + pay increment for January & February; Sharon Pyke - £14.00 Travel Expenses to Melton Borough Council for Elections briefing; Sharon Pyke - £12.72 Stamps; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 Hire for 17 March; Brian Richardson - £336.00 Painting new fence between Redmile play area & church; Village Advertiser - £50.00 for	

	colour printing of A4 flyers; Eon - £219.60 Quarterly street lighting maintenance	
212/14	Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in Barkestone & Redmile: A4 flyers printed promoting the elections & seeking if any residents would be interested in standing & to encourage residents to leave comments of support for the LCC Shire grant application toward a defibrillator. Flyers will be delivered before the grant decision day of Tuesday 24 March.	
213/14	Redmile Church-yard: (a) Confirm our responsibilities match with PCC's understanding – exchanging information with the PCC (b) Maintenance of the Church Clock – PCC looking into. Follow up. (c) Review of Trees – Tree surgeon who worked on the Play Area trees has inspected the trees in the church-yard & will submit a report with his invoice.	Parish Clerk Parish Clerk
214/14	Barkestone Telephone Box: Will be used to house the defibrillator & if the book exchange idea would still like to proceed to use any remaining space.	
215/14	Community Involvement Initiatives: Richard Elliot attended to provide an update on Barkestone Village Hall. There's been a building fund trust since 1960s. The school closed in late 1980s when it was offered to the village by the Diocese of Leicester at favourable terms. Unfortunately, the building wasn't in good repair with the bell tower & roof being of particular concern. The decision was made to sell the building at probably the peak of the market for £250,000. Since then the trustees have looked for a new site to build a village hall. A number of potential sites have been considered but none of which are ideal. Cllr. Barlow has recently been asked by a number of residents for an update on Barkestone's village hall & suggested that we add an update to the Spring Newsletter.	Parish Clerk
216/14	Highways & Byeways: (a) Ditch Clearing on Main Road, Redmile – debris being cleared by Leicestershire County Council 18 & 19 March 2015 (b) John Dory signs – reported to LCC, awaiting update (c) Plungar potholes – the 3 originally reported have been filled. A Plungar resident has drawn a pothole map which needs to be submitted to LCC Highways. A pothole map will also be drawn up of Barkestone.	Parish Clerk Parish Clerk
217/14	Footpaths: (a) No report from the Footpath Warden (b) Fingerpost on Church Lane – replaced	
218/14	Play Area: (a) Monthly reports are up to date (b) Approve Annual Play Inspection at a cost of £45.00 - Agreed (c) Update on responsibilities from the Play Area Committee – No update (d) Update on constitution from the Play Area Committee – No update (e) Fence has been painted (f) Feedback from Play Area Committee on applying for grants – Awaiting update (g) Tree work completed	Parish Clerk
219/14	Review Parish Council Responsibilities: Plungar Village War Memorial – Stonemason quote obtained, grant form to be completed whilst awaiting a further stonemason's quote.	Parish Clerk
220/14	Adopting Latest Governance Documents: Parish Clerk has reviewed. Scan copy & circulate to Parish Councillors.	Parish Clerk
221/14	Notice of Parish Councillor Vacancy for Barkestone: no request for an election, fill vacancy by co-option.	
222/14	Parish Council Elections: Timeline: Notice for a Parish Council election will be posted by 30 March 2015 Nomination packs available from Parish Clerk or Monitoring Officer at Melton Borough Council Nomination packs to be returned to Melton Borough Council, must be hand delivered by 08 April Names of those who have put themselves forward will be known 09 April. If more names than the number of seats, 6 in Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile parish then there will be an election. If less names than seats there will no election & unfilled seats will be filled via co-option.	
223/14	Councillors Reports: Cllr. Barlow: because of the impending closure of Langar tip on 31 March, looked on Melton Borough Council's website to find the nearest tip which takes you through to Leicestershire County Council webpage where there is a consultation on household waste sites & Bottesford tip is subject to this consultation.	
224/14	Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council Meeting 21 April 2015 @ 7:00pm at Plungar Village Hall.	
	Meeting closed at: 9:15pm	