

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11 March 2014 at 7:00 pm at Plungar Village Hall

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

Residents: 0

Ref:	Subject:	Action
113/13	Apologies from: Cllr Barlow (apology accepted); Cllr Evans; PC Mark Longden & Malcolm Grant; Borough Cllr. Baguley & County Cllr Rhodes.	
114/13	Minutes: Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held 28 January were read & it was resolved that they be signed with the exception of minute 094/13. County Cllr Rhodes would like to make a correction.	
115/13	Declarations of Interest: None declared.	
116/13	County & Borough Update: Neither the County or Borough Cllrs were able to attend so no update was available.	
117/13	Crime Report: Submitted by Malcolm Grant, Police Community Volunteer on behalf of Melton North Rural Beat L25. 1 theft reported in Plungar. Report to be posted to the Parish Council website.	Parish Clerk
118/13	Villagers Question Time: No residents attended & there were no questions submitted	
119/13	<p>Highways & Byeways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ditch Clearing on Main Road, Redmile – Mike Sheldrake, East Area Team Manager for LCC Highways wrote to Mr Scarborough in early February requesting he remove 50% of debris by 31/05. Mike Sheldrake has since emailed the Parish Clerk to inform the Parish Council that he has not heard back from Mr Scarborough. • Finger signpost between Church Lane & Barkestone Lane, Plungar – Has not yet been installed. Chase up LCC. • Finger signpost by the Church at Barkestone – Has not yet been installed. Chase up LCC. • Kissing gate at Plungar – work is scheduled for w/c 17/03. • Barkestone Lane, Plungar – the faded road markings will refreshed in 2014 • Speeding along Barkestone Lane between Barkestone & Plungar – Contact LCC again to ask them to come up with some alternate ideas as to how to calm traffic on this stretch of road. The question was asked is it the speed limit that is the issue or the way in which the road is been driven? The road is used by dog-walkers, horse-riders, people out with their children & there is no path. Should consideration be given to Speedwatch again but it was pointed out that Speedwatch needs to be conducted within a 30mph zone. For those residents with land along that stretch of road could they erect a sign requesting people slow down? Advice to be sought from LCC. 	<p>Parish Clerk Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
120/13	<p>Footpaths: Ken Brockway did not attend the meeting.</p> <p>The company supplying the dog poo bin for Church Lane has been contacted to chase up delivery. They are awaiting stock of the fixing brackets. Due to be delivered by the end of March. A discussion followed as to whether more dog poo bins were required around the villages as landowners/farmers have seen an increase in dog owners abandoning their dog poo bags on their land especially close to stiles. In light of the increase of the Neospora parasite & the devastating impact to cattle, action needs to be taken to prevent the spread of this new disease. Dogs are the only confirmed host in the UK that can transmit Neospora.</p> <p>A suggestion was made as to whether a dog poo bin could be located on the lane coming west out of Barkestone toward Plungar, the lane which goes over the canal toward Granby at the point where a number of footpaths meet up. Find out from Melton Borough Council whether they would go down the lane.</p> <p>Thought was also given as to whether notices could be attached to yellow footpath markers asking owners to either take their dog's poo home or deposit in a dog poo bin.</p> <p>Include an article in the Spring Newsletter about Neospora</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk/Cllr Stevens</p>
121/13	<p>Play Area: Reports are up to date. Play Area Committee has still not yet scheduled a meeting so that all can exchange an understanding of key responsibilities. Follow up.</p> <p>Updated Play Area site signs need to be organised using the Parish Clerk's email address rather than their phone number.</p> <p>It was resolved to proceed with the annual Wicksteed inspection. Confirm to Wicksteed.</p> <p>Cllr. Stevens questioned whether there were any reasons there were no Play Areas in either Plungar or Barkestone. Cllr. Parry said that the Belvoir Estate offered land at Manor Farm, Barkestone some years ago but the villagers did not take up the offer. Manor Farm was sold off by the Belvoir Estate & the land is currently being developed. Cllr. Smith wondered if the paddock in the centre of Plungar could be an option. He believes the land is owned by the Chatterton family. To be looked into.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Smith</p>
122/13	<p>Planning:</p> <p>New Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/00054 – Field OS No. 8820, Main Road, Redmile – Inform Melton Borough Council that the Parish Council will arrange to meet with the Wright's to discuss their application. Borough Cllr. Baguley supports the application. • 14/00092 – Redmile House, 29 Main Street, Redmile – no objection 	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>

	<p>Planning Applications Pending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13/01730 (Rushcliffe) Whatton Stud, Granby – The Parish Council has submitted an objection with revised reasoning in light of the changes made by the applicant. 13/00655 - Castle View Farm, Castle View Road, Easthorpe – This application was originally passed but has been re-opened. Due process may have been called into question. The Parish Council has previously objected. <p>Planning Applications Approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13/00885 - The Wicket, 7 Granby Lane, Plungar – Cllrs Smith & Hague attended the Planning Committee meeting & they believe that if the family move the house must revert back to how it was. Chase up with Jim Worley at Melton Borough Council. 13/00683 - Merrivale Farm, 18 Frog Lane, Plungar – the Parish Council has objected to the revised application 13/00822 – Cherry Tree Cottage, Church Lane, Plungar – no objection from the Parish Council 13/00847 – Charlotte Cottage, 13 The Green, Barkestone – no objection from the Parish Council 13/00886 – Pantiles, 9 Belvoir Road, Redmile – no objection from the Parish Council <p>Other Planning Related Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Melton Local Plan – There is a general call from Melton Borough Council for more people to get involved. The Parish Council have Cllrs on a number of the Steering Groups so it was felt that the Parish Council do as much as they can. Conservation Status – Cllrs. Barlow & Smith are meeting with Richard Spooner on 21/03. Cllr. Parry is unavailable to represent Barkestone but Cllrs. Barlow & Smith will progress both Barkestone & Plungar. Shell Field Farm – 09/00373 – Andrew Dudley has made no progress as his time has been diverted elsewhere. Email Borough Cllr. Baguely & County Cllr. Rhodes requesting their assistance. House at the corner of Barkestone Lane & Granby Lane with different colour bricks – Andrew Dudley has made no progress for the same reason as above. Invitation to Andrew Dudley to speak at Parish Council Meeting on Planning Enforcement – No reply has been received from Andrew. Contact Andrew Dudley & enquire if representatives from the Parish Council could meet with him at Melton Borough Council's offices Langar Airfield – Cllrs. Barlow & Smith to go down to Langar airfield to discuss direct with owners on 16/03. Village Design Statements – Check with Melton Borough Council whether it is appropriate to revise. If yes, advise Cllrs. which sections On-line Planning Application Form – To be circulated for comment. 	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs. Barlow & Smith Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
123/13	<p>World War I Commemorations: The concerns which were raised by one resident regarding the planting of the 5 trees have been addressed. This enabled the Committee to give the go ahead to the planting on 26/02. No subsequent issues have been raised. The memorial to accompany the trees is in discussion stage, should the project advance it will be further discussed.</p>	
124/13	<p>Plungar & Redmile Telephone Box: BT has advised that as both telephone boxes are listed, they are unavailable for adoption.</p>	
125/13	<p>Redmile Churchyard: Cllr. Hague met with Steve from South Notts Ground Care to discuss the proposed fence between the Churchyard & Play Area. Cllr. Hague agrees with the suggestion that the fence should be the same height as the Church Wall which is approx. 5ft. Contact Brian Richardson & advise of the change to the specification & request a re-quote.</p> <p>Contact Patrick Riddell & find out when he is available to start the work on the Church Wall. The area in need of the most attention is the section close to the side gate where the Riddell's did their sample pointing.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
126/13	<p>Headland Mowing: Indications from Richard Bye at Leicestershire County Council are that the grant to cover the mowing may be available this year but can't as yet be guaranteed. It was resolved to proceed with Paul Hunt's quote of £606.50 + VAT. Mr Hunt's prices have remained the same for the past 2 seasons.</p>	Parish Clerk
127/13	<p>Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in Barkestone & Redmile: Cllr. Smith confirmed that there are still no discounts or grants currently available which means that each AED is circa £2,000. An internally housed AED is slightly cheaper. There is a variance of price on AED's, the main reason for the differential appears to be the battery life. Obtain a secondary quote from the Leicestershire's Groby Heart Hospital who originally approached the Parish Council. Now that the telephone box in Redmile is not an option to house an AED, thought was given as to whether the location of the AED should be replicated across all 3 villages ~ potentially locate Barkestone's & Redmile's outside the pub. It was resolved to investigate locations</p> <p>Include an article in the Spring Newsletter.</p>	<p>Cllr Smith</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs. Parry & Hague</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
128/13	<p>Review Parish Council Responsibilities: The review of the walkabout by the Parish Councillors for Redmile & Barkestone needs to be rolled forward to May's Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>Contact the British Legion to find out if they have had any knowledge of the ownership/guardianship of the War Memorial @ Plungar. The Parish Clerk has found a 1997 quote for the rebuilding the Memorial for insurance purposes. Should this be taken as an indication that if anything happened to the War Memorial it would fall to the Parish Council? Include the War Memorial on the asset register & contact the insurance to request a quote to include in our premium.</p> <p>Add the Barkestone Red Telephone Box to the asset register.</p> <p>Email updated Asset Register.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
129/13	<p>Spring Newsletter: Articles & authors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadband Experience ~ Cllr. Smith for ilovebroadband & Cllr. Parry for ineedbroadband Defibrillators ~ Cllr. Parry Parish Council Elections in May 2015 ~ Parish Clerk Road Safety ~ Cllr. Barlow Langar airfield ~ Cllr. Barlow 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Poo Issues ~ Parish Clerk • Email addresses ~ Parish Clerk • Barkestone's WWI Update ~ check with Karen Fixter • Post Office Facilities @ Barkestone ~ Cllr. Parry 	
130/13	Parish Clerk Training: Audit & Risk Management at LRALC, Anstey on Tuesday 18 March 2014. Noted	
131/13	Financial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current account balance at 28.02.14: £12,136.63; Deposit account balance: £10,673.93. • Receipts and payments listing annexed • Payments since 28.01.14 – £123.50 to E-on for street lighting • Receipts received since 28.01.14 – Nil • Cheque not issued from 28.01.14 – Plungar Village Hall, no invoice received – used to cover March's Parish Council Meeting. • Cheques signed: Sharon Pyke - £467.54 (combined figure) February & March salary; Sharon Pyke - £45.92 stationery; E-on - £219.60 quarterly street lighting maintenance 	
132/13	Councillors Reports: <u>Cllr Hague:</u> No update on the Peacock & it's continued decline. Parish Clerk has contacted Charles Wells Brewery; their response was that they are looking for a tenant. They would not be drawn on the increasingly dilapidated state of the building. <u>Cllr. Barlow:</u> A concern has been raised regarding horses on The Gas, however, upon review The Gas is a highway. <u>Cllr. Stevens:</u> Enquired whether the barn being erected at Manor Farm, Barkestone is for animals as the roof construction seems to indicate otherwise.	
133/13	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13 th May @ 7:00pm, Redmile Church Meeting closed at: 10:10pm	