

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 8:00 pm at Redmile Church

Present: Cllr. Smith (in the Chair), Barlow, Parry, Stevens & County Cllr. Rhodes

Residents: 0

Ref:	Subject:	Action
017/14	Apologies from: Cllrs Evans & Hague (apologies accepted);	
018/14	Minutes: Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held 11 March were read & it was resolved that they be signed along with the amended minute 094/13 from 14 January where County Cllr Rhodes submitted a correction.	
019/14	Declarations of Interest: None declared.	
020/14	<p>County & Borough Update: Borough Cllr Rhodes provided the following update: The local bus schedule has not been too badly impacted, the no. 24 is almost the same service bar 1 or 2 buses eliminated during the day & it now merges with the no. 23. The no. 25 running via Stathern has been reduced to a 2hr services from a 1hr service. £560K worth of savings has been made by reworking the bus network.</p> <p>The Transformation Program: Reduce spend by £110m per year which is ¼ reduction in budget means that services have to operate more efficiently. Leicestershire will invest in IT with more services being accessed via the website. Updated information is available in the publication Leicestershire Matters.</p> <p>The Borough council is in a better financial position. The Waterfield Leisure Centre has had a complete reversal of fortune as it now returns a £250K per year profit rather than £250K per year loss. There will be an announcement in June regarding the development of a Sports Village which will focus on dry sports. The Cattle Market at Melton will be refurbished in several phases with the first phase likely to be a couple of years away. The upgrade will include keeping vehicles & cattle separate from people & new auction rings. They are also looking at the possibility of a Food Centre at the Cattle Market. It is hoped funding from European will be available as well money from the land sale to Sainsbury's. The land the Cattle Market is on is partially owned by Melton Borough Council & by the Town Estate who lease the land to the Council. They are also looking to increase the commercial return as currently the Cattle Market sees 1½ days of trading per week so may allow it to trade in other ways.</p> <p>The Local Plan is made up of different reference groups. 200 people signed up with about half regularly attending. The number of houses which need to be built over the next 20 years will shortly be released. J L Hern Consultants are working on the forecasts which will be in the region of 250 new houses per annum, originally 170 new houses per annum were in the original core strategy. So the 20 year build capacity is expected to be in the range of 5,000 new houses. The Persimmon development opposite John Ferneley School is 91 houses as well as circa 570 houses over 26 acres at the John Sedley Trust on Nottingham Road. Great Dalby airfield has a planning application for Wind Turbines. The Ashfordby & Ab Kettleby wind turbines have been turned down but only after a costly appeal. The Inspectorate was minded to approve but Eric Pickles intervened & stopped. Mr Pickles also stopped wind turbines being built in Somerset. However, the Somerset discussion is now subject to a judicial review & is very controversial. Scafford the Inspectorate turned down. Borough Councillor Rhodes believes the election is key because if the Conservatives win it is believed they will stop the subsidies. There appears to be less objections to solar farms & other sources of renewable energy. The difficulty with renewable energy is that supply is not consistent. It appears we are located just outside areas of interest from fracking despite there being coal under the Vale.</p> <p>Cllr. Barlow asked Borough Council Rhodes how Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile could generate attendance from village residents. Cllr. Rhodes said in Stathern they had reports from village organisations. However, Harby, Hose & Long Clawson Parish Council meetings generated little turnout from residents & in Wyomdham & Edmonthorpe there would be 6 people if they were lucky. Cllr. Stevens said it undermines what we do with Cllr Parry pondering how you initiate & encourage. Cllr. Barlow asked Borough Council Rhodes if he knew of any available funding. Previous sources of funding had now dried up due to the local government cuts. Apparently, there is a playgroup starting in Plungar which doesn't appear to have been widely promoted. Cllr. Parry suggested that the next agenda should include how we kick start community involvement. The John Dory at Barkestone, the new fish & chip bar had a good vibe on a Saturday night with all different age groups in there. How do you tap into that & help promote within the community? Cllr. Barlow suggested that maybe we should develop a network of groups & when we distribute our newsletter we could include a leaflet on local services.</p>	
021/14	Crime Report: Submitted by Malcolm Grant, Police Community Volunteer on behalf of Melton North Rural Beat L25. No crime was recorded. Report to be posted to the Parish Council website.	Parish Clerk
022/14	<p>Highways & Byeways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ditch Clearing on Main Road, Redmile – Mr Scarborough has not removed the debris. Deadline from LCC Highways is 31/05/14. • Finger signpost between Church Lane & Barkestone Lane, Plungar – Has not yet been installed. Richard Bye has advised it could take up to 6 months & will be installed as part of a schedule of work for the area. • Finger signpost by the Church at Barkestone –. Has not yet been installed. Richard Bye has advised it could take up to 6 months & will be installed as part of a schedule of work for the area. • Kissing gate at Plungar – Contractor is behind schedule will be installed by w/e 18/05 • Speeding along Barkestone Lane between Barkestone & Plungar – Contacted LCC Highways & invited them to come up with some alternate suggestions. LCC has not yet replied. Cllr. Stevens said he knows of a resident who has said they would be interested in volunteering for Speedwatch. • Siting of dog poo bin on Gypsy Lane at Barkestone – Melton has confirmed that they can collect from down the lane. 	

028/14	<p>Review Parish Council Responsibilities: The review of the walkabout by the Parish Councillors for Redmile & Barkestone needs to be rolled forward to the next Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Email updated Asset Register.</p>	Parish Clerk Parish Clerk
029/14	<p>Plungar Village War Memorial: As previously discussed at the Annual Parish Council meeting it was agreed it was a good idea for the Parish Council to become the guardian of the memorial. Liz Blood at LCC has suggested that the memorial would benefit from some light re-pointing work & cleaning. Grants are available. Contact Liz Blood to discuss in more detail.</p>	Parish Clerk
030/14	<p>Financial:</p> <p>(a) Current account balance at 30.04.14: £17,247.54; Deposit account balance: £10,675.79.</p> <p>(b) Payments since 11.03.14 – £111.55 to E-on for street lighting; £175.20 to HMRC for tax & NI; £201.15 to Glasdon for dog poo bin at Church Lane, Plungar</p> <p>(c) Receipts received since 11.03.14 – £1.86 interest on deposit account balance & £6,475.37 from Melton Borough Council</p> <p>(d) Cheques required & signed: Sharon Pyke - £478.74 (combined figure) April & May salary; Sharon Pyke - £48.60 – mileage to SLCC meeting at Blaby & Audit & Risk Management & Internal Audit training at LRALC; Sharon Pyke - £6.36 – 12 x 2nd class stamps; Leicestershire Footpath Association - £5.00 subscription; LRALC - £214.22 annual membership to LRALC & NALC; LRALC - £30.00 Risk Management & Internal Audit training; Fisher German - £82.87 annual rent for Redmile play area; Rural Community Council - £45.00 annual membership; SLCC - £49.00 – annual membership (membership shared with Bottesford Parish Council); Aon - £542.43 – insurance; Village Advertiser - £14.00 – printing of Spring Newsletter & David Slight - £80.00 – internal audit</p> <p>(e) The Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2014 was approved & signed by Cllr Smith.</p>	
031/14	<p>Councillors Reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr. Barlow:</u> When walking on the footpath through Cllr Stevens land are the cows in his fields ok with dogs? Cllr Stevens advised that the cows are fine.</p> <p><u>Cllr. Stevens:</u> Asked about the status of trying to identify a new village hall for Barkestone following the sale of the Old School. The trust is holding £250K of community money. The last update was that no suitable land could be identified. Cllr. Stevens said he has land which may be suitable but access would need to be across land owned by the Caldicott Family. Cllr. Stevens also raised the question of who owns the field & runs the Barkestone football club? Cllr. Parry said he would pick up & make enquiries.</p>	
032/14	<p>Date of Next Meeting: TBC along with the Venue.</p> <p>Meeting closed at: 10:40pm</p>	