

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 15 July 2014 at 7:00 pm at Plungar Village Hall

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

Residents: 2

Ref:	Subject:	Action
051/14	Apologies from: Borough Councillor Bagguley	
052/14	Minutes: Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 17 June were read & it was resolved that they be signed.	
053/14	Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Barlow declared an interest for The Wicket, Plungar planning application, Cllr. Evans for The Old Rectory, Redmile planning application & Cllr Smith for the Windy Ridge, Plungar planning application.	
054/14	Residents Question Time: None received	
055/14	Crime Report: Submitted by Malcolm Grant, Police Community Volunteer on behalf of Melton North Rural Beat L25. No crime was reported in Plungar, there were a theft & a burglary at Barkestone & at Redmile a motor vehicle theft. Report to be posted to the Parish Council website.	Parish Clerk
056/14	<p>Community Involvement Initiative: Theresa Yates from the Plungar Hall Committee & Chris Noakes from Plungar Open Gardens event attended. This year's Open Garden event at Plungar proved to be extremely popular in part because of the lovely weather. In total there were 10 open gardens with circa 200 people attended. The question was posed should it/could it become a parish wide event?</p> <p>As a general observation it was felt communication across the 3 villages could be improved. There was a questionnaire undertaken 14 years ago asking residents what they would be interested in; since then there has been nothing more, so there is a sense of community loss. A Plungar resident is looking at designing a new questionnaire. Plungar Village Hall hosts a Senior Citizens Lunch, bingo, Zumba with the potential of a playgroup opening. How widely known are these social events? Plungar village has a website: http://plungar.org.uk which amongst others things detail what is happening at the Village Hall. However, it is appreciated that not everyone has access to the internet. The Parish Council could assist in promoting communication across the 3 villages via the bi-annual newsletter & the website. Should the Parish Council consider compiling a list of residents who would be keen to hear more about what is going on via email?</p> <p>Part of the difficulty in bringing people together across the parish may be that only Plungar has a village hall. Barkestone has money in Trust for a village hall but no suitable land has been identified. Redmile School had a hall extension which has the potential for community use subject to a change of consent application but local residents have previously objected.</p> <p>Is there a willingness to work toward something like a Parish fete?</p> <p>The Plungar playgroup is not off the ground as yet. They have received equipment from a Nottingham playgroup that was closing down. It is very much at conception stage. Cllr. Stevens said he knew someone who might be able to assist looking at the suitability of the play equipment, if that would help?</p> <p>The Parish Council is interested in the views of organisers of events in Barkestone & Redmile as well as hearing from anyone with an interest in helping to get this Community Involvement Initiative off the ground.</p>	Parish Clerk
057/14	<p>Borough & County Councillor Update: Cllr. Rhodes sits on the 15 strong member panel for Police & Crime. This panel meets every couple of months & is tasked with holding the Police Commissioner to account. It isn't always an easy relationship especially when the crime rate has increased by 3.3% which is approx. 60,000 reported crimes for burglary, vehicle crime & crimes against people. This increase is against the trend in the UK. The Police Commissioner set a target of 5% downturn in crime which looks difficult to achieve given the increase in crime being experienced in the area. However, there are successes; arrests have been made for shed burglaries which are due in court imminently. In rural areas, the Police & Neighbourhood Watch are reminding residents that criminals are not always local to the area they target & want to reinforce the message to lock up & alarm your property, including vehicles. Cllr. Stevens said he was not surprised local crime was on the increase as there are no local Police. Cllr. Rhodes said there are Beat Officers but if a Police response was required it would come from Melton.</p> <p>Melton Borough Council's local plan up to 2036 is proceeding as planned; the reference groups have laid the groundwork. The next phase, in September/October time is discussion of key decisions such as the continuation of village envelopes, which are not law & the size & plan for villages. There are 74 villages to consider. Parish Councils need to review this information once it is released on Melton's website to see if it serves their community.</p> <p>Leicestershire County Council's implementation to save £110m per annum for the next 4 years is unfolding, however, there are signals from the Treasury that the cuts could be extended to a 5th year. £85m has been saved to date. Yes, efficiencies have been identified but the depth of the funding cuts mean social care for the elderly & disabled will be impacted. Demand for these services typically increase 7 to 8% per year & referrals are up by 30% in some areas. Cllr. Rhodes will work to limit the impact where possible. Home to School transport to Belvoir High has also been subject to reduced entitlement, however, a solution has been found & the policy agreed.</p> <p>Cllr. Barlow asked if the joint Renewable Energy policy from Melton & Rushcliffe Borough Councils was yet available. Cllr.</p>	Cllr. Stevens Cllrs. Stevens & Parry

065/14	<p>Adopting Latest Governance Documents: Model Standing Orders to be reviewed by Cllrs. Parry & Smith for adoption.</p> <p>Model Financial Regulations to be reviewed by Cllr Barlow & the Parish Clerk.</p>	<p>Cllrs. Parry & Smith Cllr. Barlow & Parish Clerk</p>
066/14	<p>Dates & Venues: There is a desire to hold meetings in venues across all 3 villages. Barketstone Church & Redmile School were contacted to enquire if they could host Parish Council meetings. Barketstone Church will discuss at their July committee meeting. Redmile School asked that we contact them again in September. Given the timing of the December meeting it was decided not to have a Parish Council meeting. The impact of that decision is the precept will need to be agreed in November. If it cannot be agreed then the Parish Council will meet the 2nd Tuesday of December with a view to finalising the precept as January's Parish Council meeting will be too close to the likely date of final submission to Melton Borough Council.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
067/14	<p>Financial:</p> <p>(a) Current account balance at 30.06.14: £14,643.73; Deposit account balance: £10,677.65</p> <p>(b) Payments received since 17.06.14 - £1.86 interest; £706.60 VAT for financial year ending 31.03.14</p> <p>(c) Payments since 17.06.14 – £119.52 to E-on for street lighting</p> <p>(d) Cheques required: Sharon Pyke - £299.37 July salary; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00; Glasdon - £201.15 Dog Poo Bin for Gypsy Lane; Marcus Owen - £68.00 – to affix Dog Poo Bin at Gypsy Lane.</p>	
068/14	<p>Councillors Reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr. Barlow:</u> Malcolm Grant has provided an update on the selling of oil rights on land in the area. 2 test drills have been proposed at Radcliffe & Bingham. Thank Malcolm Grant for continuing to keep the Parish Council informed.</p> <p><u>Cllr. Parry:</u> Spoke with the gentleman who first made contact with the Parish Clerk about potentially buying a property in Barketstone with the longer term plan of developing the outbuilding into a tearoom. The gentleman wanted to gauge the Parish Council's support.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
069/14	<p>Date of Next Meeting: 19 August 2014 @ 7:00pm at Plungar Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at: 9:45pm</p>	