

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th September at 7:30 pm at Redmile Church

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

Ref:	Subject:	Action
049/13	Apologies: Cllr. Parry, PC Mark Longden & Malcolm Grant; Borough Cllr Baguley. Apology accepted from Cllr. Parry.	
050/13	Minutes: Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held 9 th July 2013 were read & it was resolved that they be signed.	
051/13	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Smith in the Planning Application for 16 Harby Lane, Plungar (13/00568/NONMAT) & Cllr Evans in the Planning Application for 11 Bakers Lane, Redmile (13/00513/LBC).	Cllrs. will not comment on their respective declared interests
052/13	<p>County & Borough Update: Cllr. Rhodes touched on the Borough's work to craft a new Local Plan & invited the Parish Council to attend & take part in the various reference groups. Melton Borough Council needs to accommodate between 4,000 & 6,000 new homes by 2035. The quantity of new houses will mean rural areas will be impacted. Cllr Rhodes is considering the idea of extending the size of the existing village envelopes & is evaluating the positives & negatives. New guidelines would need to be written if changes to village envelopes get the go ahead.</p> <p>The County Council's discussion forum is called Leicestershire Matters which will help shape the future of LCC. There is a questionnaire which all residents are invited to complete to have your say on services going forward. LCC's current target is to reduce their spending by £100m per year but it is anticipated that this figure will be revised up to £110m per year. LCC's current revenue is £350m. The inevitable cuts will not be pleasant. Bus services will suffer as the subsidy is cut. End of September/beginning of October is the target date for the release of new proposals. Cllr Rhodes will also be meeting with Leicestershire MPs to discuss the appropriateness of the aid budget for overseas countries against the levels of reductions being asked of LCC.</p>	
053/13	Crime Report: Submitted by Hugh Spencer, Police Community Volunteer on behalf of Melton North Rural Beat L25. 2 thefts & a burglary were reported. Report to be posted to the Parish Council website	Parish Clerk
054/13	<p>Highways & Byeways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orchard Farm Signs – Most of the signs have been removed. Check the Hose turning on Waltham Lane & the Granby turning from Barnstone. Ditch Clearing on Main Road, Redmile – Parish Clerk has taken advice from LRALC who have advised it is a fly tipping issue & that Melton Borough Council should be contacted to pursue. Winter Resting of G4 & G9 footpaths - Contact LCC & cc Mike Sheldrake for an update on their intentions for this winter. Redmile Footpaths – 2 properties in Redmile to be contacted requesting overgrown hedges to be cut back. Also need to contact LCC Bridleways to request they look at the surface of the Bakers Lane footpath. Gritting of Granby Road – Check with LCC that they have included it in their gritting route. 	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
055/13	Footpaths: Ken Brockway reported that he had not been out across the Parish Councils' footpaths.	
056/13	Play Area: May through to August's reports are outstanding. Consideration needs to be given to what steps the Parish Council can take within the terms of its responsibilities.	Parish Clerk
057/13	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Melton Local Plan - Cllrs. Smith & Evans to be registered for the Residents reference group & Cllr. Barlow for the Environment & Rural reference group. Wind Turbines – Carol Simey & partner who are spearheading in the Whatton Stud Commercial Wind Turbine No Campaign attended the Parish Council Meeting & joined the discussion. It was commented that there is no cohesive Vale of Belvoir view. This opens up the opportunity to Councils being picked off. Rutland County Council has a green energy plan with zones of acceptance. Rushcliffe Borough Council does not have a green energy plan which is the authority handling the Whatton Stud application. To date Rushcliffe has turned down all Wind Turbine applications. East Bridgford's Community Turbine application is expected to be decided upon within the next 7 to 10 days. Melton Borough Council has asked Parish Councils to complete an Important Views map which will help shape Bayou & Halcrow's report which has been commissioned by Melton Borough Council. <p>Cllr Barlow outlined her work to date on the Important Views map & the sources of information that have been used. The Village Design Statements have been referenced as well as the CPRP's tranquillity map of the UK countryside. The Important Views map includes canal, lower countryside, lanes & castle views. Cllr. Barlow invited comment to her work on the map & asked for a resolution to submit the map to Melton Borough Council. Resolved to accept Important Views Map.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Barlow</p>

	<p>Cllr Rhodes believes that Government Policy is shifting with regard to renewable energy/planning. Melton Borough Council is working to a supplementary planning document until the new Local Plan is in place. Jim Worley is heading up the Local Plan project.</p> <p>The Ashfordby Wind Turbine decision is due in January 2014 & Melton Borough Council has a Wind Turbine application to evaluate at Scalford & Melton. Other renewable energy planning requests in the Vale area include: solar panels for an egg farm @ Hose & an Anaerobic Digestion plant @ Barnstone. Another application for a solar panel farm has been withdrawn.</p> <p>The Parish Council were asked if they would be objecting to the Whatton Stud Commercial Wind Turbine. Before any decision could be made the Parish Council were reminded of a previous resolution preventing the Parish Council from objecting to Wind Turbines in other parishes. Cllr Evans put forward a new resolution to overturn the current resolution. Cllr. Barlow seconded. 3 votes for/1 against.</p> <p>A second resolution was put forward to object to the Whatton Stud Commercial Wind Turbine until the preliminary findings from the Important Views work is released by Melton Borough Council. Cllr Barlow proposed, Cllr Smith seconded. 3 votes for/1 against. Objection based on Important Views document with reference to landscape, character & amenities to be submitted to Rushcliffe & Melton Borough Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed whether an Extraordinary General Meeting should be held to outline the various renewable energy options. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a separate meeting which would include format of meeting & identify date options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Status – Awaiting an update from Richard Spooner on the additional work completed by Cllrs. Barlow & Parry. Contact Richard for an update. • Shell Farm – Andrew Dudley from Melton Borough Council is preparing to serve a Planning Contravention Notice. Contact Andrew for an update. • Kissing Gate @ Plungar – Cllrs. Smith & Barlow to meet 11/09 @ 09:30 with the Plungar resident to discuss next steps. County Cllr. Rhodes asked to be kept informed. • Electronic/Paper Review of Planning Applications – Draft process released but deferred discussion until next meeting. 	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
058/13	<p>Redmile Churchyard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The height of the fence between the churchyard & the Play Area needs to be further discussed. Email to be sent to Brian Richardson. The 2nd (higher) up branch has already been removed. Find out if the Play Area Committee removed. • Re-pointing of the church wall. Cllr. Hague to meet with Jeremy from J & H Heritage Restoration 12/09. 	<p>Cllr. Smith</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Cllr. Hague</p>
059/13	<p>Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in Barkestone & Redmile: Deferred until next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr. Smith</p>
060/13	<p>Insurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The list of Parish Assets against what is covered by insurance was reviewed. There is a question regarding the street lights. E-on to be contacted. • The Parish Council needs to clarify its responsibilities to the Redmile Play Area. Is the 3 way arrangement documented between Fisher German for Belvoir Estates, Play Area Committee & the Parish Council? • A list of Parish Council arrangements to be documented such as the annual service & maintenance of Redmile Church Clock. 	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
061/13	<p>Feedback from Newsletter: No feedback received. 2 additional residents have signed up to receive the Crime Alerts & Reports which Malcolm Grant compiles.</p>	
062/13	<p>World War I Commemorations: Cllrs Hague & Parry along with Graham Glew from Barkestone's World War I Committee called on those residents on Fishpond Lane, Barkestone closest to the suggested Memorial Garden. One resident suggested more involvement & feedback from Barkestone residents was required.</p>	
063/13	<p>Setting of Parish Council Meetings for 2014: Keep to the 2nd Tuesday in alternate months. Continue to use Plungar Village Hall & Redmile Church. Barkestone remains without a public place to meet. Plungar Village Hall to be used with the exception of May & July's meetings which are to be held in Redmile Church. Book venues for 2014.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
064/13	<p>Raffle Tickets from Rural Communities: Not supported.</p>	
065/13	<p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current account balance at 31.07.13 £11,211.38; Deposit account balance £10,670.21. • Payments since 09.07.13 – E-on - £123.50; Paul Steels (printing of newsletter) - £14.00 • Cheques required & signed: Sharon Pyke - £467.54 (combined figure) August & September salary; Sharon Pyke – £4.00 - postage; HMRC - £160.00 – tax; R P Hunt - £727.80 – headland/footpath cutting; E-on - £219.60 – street lighting maintenance. 	
066/13	<p>Councillors Reports:</p> <p><u>Cllr. Barlow</u> – E-on need to be informed of a street light in Granby Lane near the 2 white cottages which is on all day. Plungar has 4 poles which handle both electricity & telephones. Need to find out who owns the poles & take advice from LRALC whether this is an issue or not given previous Parish Council discussions. There is also some greenery which needs cutting away from the street lights near to Pasture Farm on Granby Lane & Cherry Tree Cottage on Church Lane.</p> <p>There have been a number of adverse comments from within Plungar & beyond about the different coloured bricks used on the house at the corner of Granby Lane. Need to check the planning approval & if any follow up is appropriate.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>

	<p><u>Cllr. Parry</u> - There have been several complaints about speeding along the road from Plungar to Barkestone. It is a 60mph speed limit so the cars may not be speeding as such. Some work or a discussion on this took place some time ago; the details need to be checked.</p> <p>Robert Stevens (Orchard Farm, Plungar) has expressed an interest in the "Barkestone" councillor vacancy. Make a request to Mr Stevens to contact Cllr. Smith.</p> <p>The hedge on the path between Middle Street (near Rutland Square) and New Causeway is badly overgrown and blocking the path. Need to identify the name of the Charitable Trust who owns the land & contact them requesting that they arrange for the hedge to be cut back.</p> <p>A lady from a conservation trust has mentioned that they have a number of trees to plant which are free to anyone who wants them. The lady's email address is susandaish@hotmail.co.uk.</p> <p><u>Cllr. Smith</u> – Mick Hodges cuts the grass at the Plungar Village War Memorial. In recognition of Mr Hodge's unsung work the Parish Council made a £20 donation split between his chosen charities, one of which was Help the Heroes, 2 years or more ago. The Parish Council needs to re-visit this again. Confirm details & add as an agenda item.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>
067/13	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 th November @ 7:30 Plungar Village Hall	
	Meeting closed at: 10:15	