

Barkestone, Plungar & Redmile Parish Council

Minutes from meeting held on Tuesday 16 August 2016 at 7:00pm in Plungar Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Barlow, Kemp (arrived at 8:20pm), Lowther, Parry (in the Chair)

Ref:	Subject:	Action
072/16	Resolution to sign Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 July 2016	Agreed
073/16	Apologies for absence: Councillors Johnson & Smith. Councillor Kemp advised in advance of her late arrival.	Agreed
074/16	Declarations of Interest	None declared
075/16	Residents Questions – No-one present	
076/16	<p>Update from Borough & County Councillors: received from Borough & County Councillor Byron Rhodes</p> <p>Local Plan: There is a working group tasked with evaluating sites that have been put forward by land-owners as to their suitability for house building within the villages likely to be redefined as service centres & rural hubs. One of the difficulties that has to be overcome is when one of the services or facilities identified as a marker of sustainability within a community is at a critical mass. For example, some schools are already full to capacity. This exercise doesn't impact Barkestone, Plungar or Redmile. There will be a Full Council meeting on 01 September to agree the re-categorisation of villages & the corresponding sites. After that the next phase of the Local Plan can be embarked upon.</p> <p>County news: There is a meeting on 12 September with Marcus Jones, the Minister for Local Government & representatives from Leicestershire County Council to discuss the disparity of how Leicestershire is funded from central Government.</p> <p>Shell Field Farm was discussed & County Councillor Rhodes referred to Jim Worley's letter that advised of a new outline planning application that only allows the Borough Council the opportunity to require full details ('prior approval') in limited circumstances, there is no discretion to approve or refuse. Therefore, there is no publicity or consultation arrangements associated with them. The checking required can be carried out by Melton Borough Council with no need, or indeed benefit, in consulting the Parish Council or local residents because there is no discretion in the matter.</p> <p>The Parish Council remains concerned that the original premise for the change of use from a barn to a dwelling is based upon the barn being used as an agricultural building in the first place. This condition has never been established or proven.</p> <p>Councillor Rhodes advised that he had added his support to the Parish Council's application for grant funding toward the refurbishment works at the Plungar War Memorial.</p> <p>Councillor Rhodes was asked if the funding for the maintenance of the yellow marker posts on public footpaths is being withdrawn. Councillor Rhodes said he would find out & let the Parish Council know.</p> <p>The Parish Council has been made aware of a group of rural Parish Council Chairmen who are questioning the housing allocations apportioned to rural communities. Councillor Rhodes is aware of this group & observed that it is in no-one's interest for the Local Plan currently being devised to be overturned as the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will apply.</p>	
077/16	<p>Financial:</p> <p>(a) Current account balance at 29.07.16: £14,429.68; Deposit account balance: £10,692.56</p> <p>(b) Bank statement matches receipts and payment listing</p> <p>(c) Payments since 19 July 2016: Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 – July hire</p> <p>(d) Payments required: Sharon Pyke - £449.06 August salary; Paul Steels - £140.00 Printing of summer newsletter; Roger Smith - £27.00 Travel Expenses; KDR - £1,700 Refurbishment of 2 sections of Redmile church wall; Plungar Village Hall - £10.00 August hire; Stephen Giles £66.30 Reimbursement of materials for repair to Barkestone bench</p> <p>(e) Direct Debits – Eon - £122.33 Street lighting</p> <p>(f) Conclusion of External Audit</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>
078/16	<p>Planning:</p> <p>(a) Approved: 16/000379/FULHH – The Bungalow, Post Office Lane, Redmile – the Parish Council had no objection</p>	
079/16	<p>Discuss the status of the correspondence with Melton Borough Council over Shell Field Farm, Barkestone Lane, Redmile & agree next steps</p> <p>The Parish Council's concerns over the development of this site remain. Councillor Parry to write a draft letter to be circulated to Parish Councillors.</p>	Agreed
080/16	Update on Melton Local Plan: see minute reference 076/16 from Borough Councillor Rhodes	
081/16	Acknowledge consultation of Leicester, Leicestershire & the Local Enterprise Partnership on a Strategic Growth Plan extending until 16 September 2016 & agree any Parish Council involvement.	Acknowledged
082/16	<p>Play Area:</p> <p>(a) Monthly Reports – Councillor Lowther to forward to the Parish Clerk</p>	Agreed

	<p>(b) Discuss & agree the revised draft of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Play Park Committee & the Parish Council documenting the requirements & responsibilities of running the Play Park – the Parish Council reviewed the Play Park Committee’s comments and agreed a number of changes. To be sent to the Play Park Committee for review.</p> <p>(c) Discuss & agree actions & priorities from Wicksteed report – The Play Park Committee are attending to the replacement seats for the swings.</p> <p>(d) Discuss next steps in regard to the high conifer hedge at the neighbouring property – The property owners have advised that they plan on carrying out some tree works once permission is obtained from Melton Borough Council & they will include the reduction of the conifer hedge in a phase of the tree works</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted with thanks</p>
083/16	<p>Redmile Church-yard</p> <p>(a) Status of repairs to church walls – completed for this year. It was noted by the contractor that the ivy on the side wall running parallel with the footpath should be removed to prevent further damage to the wall.</p> <p>(b) Maintenance to church gates – have been carried out by Bob Sturgess.</p> <p>(c) Tree works – awaiting date from Leicestershire County Council</p>	<p>Noted with thanks</p>
084/16	<p>Plungar War Memorial:</p> <p>(a) Awaiting Grant Approval letter from Leicestershire County Council – would seem to be imminent following County Councillor’s Rhodes update in minute reference 076/16.</p>	
085/16	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>(a) Holiday cover – Whilst the Parish Council has few assets, reports of damage need to be acted upon. The Clerk would typically attend to these, however, if the Clerk is on holiday what currently happens? There is an out of office message put on email with an alternate contact that is typically the Chairman. However, the phone numbers published for the Parish Clerk are her own personal mobile & home phone number. From a safety perspective this is not ideal for either the public or the Clerk. A pay as you go mobile to be purchased by the Parish Council with the number being promoted as the Parish Clerk’s phone number rather than her personal mobile or home phone number.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
086/16	<p>Parish Clerk Contract:</p> <p>(a) Discuss & agree revised contract of employment</p>	<p>Deferred until next month</p>
087/16	<p>Plungar Noticeboard:</p> <p>(a) Status – A local contractor was awarded the contract. It was noted that all of the suppliers quoted similar charges but that the successful contractor included installation. The old noticeboard to be retained & stored.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
088/16	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>(a) British Parachute School – flying over Barkestone, Plungar & the outskirts of Redmile</p> <p>(b) Leicestershire Police – cyclists</p> <p>(c) Leicestershire County Council – broadband</p> <p>(d) Andrew Granger – pruning of Walnut tree & the cutting back of hedges on land between Middle Street & New Causeway</p> <p>(e) Big Lottery – one off event grant funding – Councillor Kemp to mention to the Village Hall and the Open Gardens Committees</p> <p>(f) LRALC – Development & Member Support Questionnaire 2016 – closing date 07 October 2016</p>	<p>Delegated to the Clerk</p>
089/16	<p>Footpaths:</p> <p>(a) G21 (parts), Lodge Farm, Plungar Diversion Order – granted by Leicestershire County Council</p> <p>(b) Report submitted by Footpath Warden – Ken Brockway – read out by the Clerk</p> <p>(c) Status of dog poo bin at the start of G5 – land ownership to be established so permission can be sought</p> <p>(d) Status of Leicestershire County Council G18 enquiry – chase update</p> <p>(e) Status of looking for enclosure maps in the Parish Council archives – remains outstanding</p>	
090/16	<p>Review Parish Council Responsibilities:</p> <p>(a) Review hourly rates for joiner/handy man – 2 verbal hourly rates obtained. Local contractor awarded work</p> <p>(b) The repair of Barkestone’s wooden bench by Stephen Giles</p> <p>(c) Contact with the Borough or County Council over local repairs/refurbishment – remains outstanding</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Acknowledged with thanks</p>
091/16	<p>Councillors Reports:</p> <p>Clrs Barlow & Kemp reported a number of places where footpath repairs are required, to be forwarded to Leicestershire County Council.</p> <p>Cllr Kemp – enquired as to the land ownership of the old railway line that runs parallel with Plungar Canal bridge as access has been blocked & the land has been cleared. Clerk to contact the Footpath Warden.</p> <p>Councillor Parry – asked that the next newsletter should include an article about keeping dogs under control on a lead whilst walking around the village.</p> <p>Parish Clerk: Rural Community Council has sent a letter as they have a number of vacancies on its Board of Trustees</p>	
092/16	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20 September 2016 at 7:00pm Redmile Primary School</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at: 9:20pm</p>	