

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall
on Monday, 11th February 2019, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair
 Mr Gary Fox – Vice-Chair

Mrs Pat Walton

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

Action

Apologies – Apologies were received from Councillors Mr Gordon Bigam, Mr John Simon and Mr Simon Hargrave.

Parishioner/Public Time

There were no parishioners present.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2018/2019 61-67, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Leicestershire Constabulary** – As requested the Clerk forwarded a copy of the 2019 schedule of GPC meeting dates to PC Jon Barlow and PCSO Tracey Biggs along with an open invitation to attend any of the Parish Council meetings at their convenience.
2. **Weakened Carriageway from Barsby crossroads to South Croxton crossroads** – Nothing to report. The Clerk was asked to forward an email to Highways Officer, Mr Colin Marshall of LCC, to remind him that the area still required attention.
3. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Hurst reported that a committee meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd January 2019, where the first draft was discussed. It was hoped that the final draft of the Plan would be circulated to GPC prior to the meeting on Monday, 11th March 2019.
4. **Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Moss on the MUGA surface** - The moss on the MUGA surface had yet to be treated.
5. **Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Following a further email to LCC, Highways Department, it was reported that Gaddesby Lane, Barsby has been placed on a forward programme for future works.
6. **PAYE/Payroll for Clerk** – The Clerk forwarded a copy of the original letter to HMRC.

Clerk

Matters Arising cont.

7. **Church Newsletter ‘The Bridge’** – Mr Allsop at the benefice office advised that a contribution from GPC would be welcome, however, the continuation of ‘The Bridge’ was uncertain due to a lack of volunteers in the community. Mr Allsop encouraged that information would be welcome from parishioners in the surrounding villages.
8. **Worn verge, Bunkers Hill, 2 Park Hill, Gaddesby** – It was reported that LCC, Highways Department had carried out maintenance work to the highway drain near to the worn verge and that a number of new kerbs had been installed at the edge of the eroded verge.
9. **Replacement Benches, Gaddesby Children’s Play Area** – The Clerk reported that local handyman Tave installed the benches at the Children’s Play Area on Friday, 18th January 2019. Councillors agreed that the new benches were a worthwhile addition to the area and it was thought that they would be well used by parishioners.
10. **Water Leak, Baggrave End, Barsby** – As requested the Clerk reported the water leak to Severn Trent Water. It was understood that the footway had recently been excavated, although water was still leaking from the area. Councillors resolved to monitor the situation.
11. **Street Nameplates** – Nothing to report. Waiting a replacement street nameplate for Church Lane, Gaddesby.
12. **Private Firework Displays/Parties within the Parish** – The Clerk forwarded a notice to Mr Vic Allsop at the benefice office for inclusion in ‘The Bridge’ asking parishioners to display a notice on their relevant notice board if they were planning to hold a firework display/party.
13. **Highway Parking near to the Cheney Arms Public House, Gaddesby** – Councillor Fox reported that he had been in contact with PC Barlow and PCSO Biggs regarding the volume and dangerous parking of motor vehicles in the area surrounding the Cheney Arms Public House. Councillor Fox would forward some photographs of the parked vehicles to PC Barlow and PCSO Biggs.
14. **LED Lighting** – After having spoken to the Clerk at Hungarton Parish Council, the Clerk explained to Councillors the process which Hungarton Parish Council followed in order to convert the street lights in their village to LED lanterns. Following this the Clerk spoke to Mr Ernie Roberts at LCC. Mr Roberts advised that LCC had written to Parish Councils back in June 2018 to offer the opportunity to convert their existing lanterns to LED lanterns; Mr Roberts forwarded a copy of the letter to GPC. This was circulated to all Councillors.
The letter advised that LCC were offering Parish Councils the opportunity to convert to LED lanterns and to spread the capital cost of the conversion over a five-year period. However, to take advantage of this scheme Parish Councils would be required to switch their electricity supply and maintenance to LCC. As a comparison Mr Roberts provided GPC with the LCC energy/maintenance costs for 2018/2019, these being: energy £1,558.36, maintenance £975.05, total £2,533.41. Compared to the E.ON energy/maintenance costs for 2018/2019 of; energy £1,780.00, maintenance £780.00, total £2,560.00.

Councillor
Fox

Matters Arising Cont.

14. LED Lighting cont. – Mr Roberts explained that the LED lanterns were controlled by node technology and that this would enable LCC to dim the lanterns, if required, during the night time hours, ie between 12 midnight and 5 am. This would further reduce the overall lighting costs. Mr Roberts was unsure if the GPC swan neck lanterns could be converted, so agreed to investigate this further. Additionally, Mr Roberts would calculate the conversion and pay back costs for GPC to consider. In the meantime, the Clerk contacted E.ON to enquire if the GPC lanterns could be converted to LED lanterns. E.ON advised that this would be possible at a cost of £455.00 each. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries with E.ON to see if they would offer the opportunity to dim the lanterns, if necessary, during the night time hours.

Clerk

Correspondence

1. Community Active and Rural Enterprise (CARE) – Notification had been received that the local CARE organisation would be holding an ‘Open Event’ to discuss community enterprise solutions to local service needs. It had been recognised that there was a requirement within the community for Care at Home, transport (access to services), broadband and mobile connectivity. Parish Councils within the area were invited to attend the event which would be held on Monday, 4th March 2019 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall from 5.30 pm onwards. Councillor Hurst volunteered to attend on behalf of GPC.

Councillor
Hurst**Planning Matters**

a. The Manor, 12 Folville Street, Ashby Folville – Applications for both full planning consent and listed building consent. Applications submitted by Mr Lewis for the proposed erection of a residential outbuilding comprising garaging and ancillary leisure facilities following the demolition of the existing garage, creation of a courtyard and associated alterations within the curtilage of a listed building. Councillors resolved not to make any comments to MBC in relation to the application. However, the Clerk was asked to raise the concern to MBC that the facilities should remain for private use only and should not be used for the purpose of a commercial venture.

Clerk

b. Walnut Tree Farm, 17 Main Street, Barsby – Application submitted by Mr James Troop for a proposed joinery workshop. Councillors resolved to support the application. The Clerk was asked to add the comment to MBC that the proposal would productively encourage farm diversification.

Clerk

c. Walnut Tree Farm, 17 Main Street, Barsby – Application submitted by Mr James Troop for a proposed new dwelling. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

d. Rose Cottage, 16 Baggrave End, Barsby – Application submitted by Mr Allan Parker and Mrs Ann Hefford for the proposed demolition of the existing dwelling, the erection of a replacement dwelling, the demolition of the outbuildings and the erection of a single storey dwelling. The erection of two garages/carports. Councillors resolved to support the application.

Clerk

Planning Matters cont.**MBC Planning Officer/Independent Planning Agent:**

The Clerk emailed Ms Kieran Stockley, the Principal Solicitor at MBC to raise the concerns of GPC - would it be considered appropriate for Mr Joe Mitson to be working as an independent planning agent as well as a Planning Officer for MBC?

A response had yet to be received from Ms Stockley; the Clerk would forward the email again.

Clerk

Planning Decisions

a. Charnwood House, 9 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – Application submitted by Mr and Mrs Farnham for the proposed removal of the existing garage and storage area to form a carport and store with room above. Porch overhang above the existing cottage. Ground floor extension to the rear of the existing cottage. New porch and front extension to the main dwelling and new electric gates, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Representative Reports

1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall – Councillor Walton reported that the ‘Race Night’ held on Saturday, 9th February 2019 raised approximately £600.00, which would be donated to the Parish Hall. Additionally, a Quiz Night would be held in the Hall on Saturday, 16th March 2019, where proceeds would be donated to St Mary’s Church, Ashby Folville.

Councillor Walton advised that Mr Kevin Troop, the Chair of the Parish Hall committee looked into the water supply to the Hall and that the Hall would be due a rebate from Severn Trent Water.

Councillor Walton went on to report that the monthly social/coffee mornings continued to be well attended.

2. Barsby Village Hall Green – Councillor Hurst reported that matters discussed at the committee meeting held on Monday, 21st January 2019 included:

- Future funding for the defibrillator – replacement required.
- Review of the skittles evening and carols on the green.
- Health and Safety – the provision of a fire extinguisher, fire blanket and first aid kit.
- Purchase of a gazebo.
- Music at the Mill.
- Thanksgiving Stone – the addition of World War names to hopefully achieve Thankful Village Status.

3. Gaddesby Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Finance**Accounts paid since the last meeting:**

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 31st December 2018, £464.01 plus 5% VAT £23.20, total £487.21.

Glasdon UK Limited – Two replacement benches at the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area, £875.04 plus 20% VAT £175.01, total £1050.05.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.10.2018 to 31.12.2018, salary £1,333.28 plus expenses 110.28, total £1,443.56.

Accounts for payment:

Mr Octavian Morris (‘Tave and his Tools’) – Installation of two new benches at the Gaddesby Children’s Play Area, total £90.00.

Payments Received:

None.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account: £12,546.57.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £3,138.39.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Bank Reconciliation : 31st December 2019:

A copy of the latest bank reconciliation was circulated to all Councillors.

Other Business

1. Overgrown Tree/Leaning Street Light Column, The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby – It had been brought to the attention of GPC that a tree situated in the garden of The Cottage, 5 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby was growing behind and into the street light column, thus causing the column to lean outwards into the footway.

Councillors understood that The Cottage belonged to Mrs Ross-Wilson of Barsby. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Ross-Wilson to ask if they could arrange to have the tree trimmed back.

Once the tree had been trimmed back the leaning street light column could be reported to E.ON.

Arrangements for the next meeting –

Monday, 11th March 2019 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chair.

Clerk