

Gaddesby Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall
on Monday, 13th January 2020, commencing at 6.45 pm.

Councillors Present

Mrs Jenny Hurst – Chair
 Mrs Pat Walton
 Mr John Simon

Mr Gary Fox – Vice-Chair
 Mr Gordon Bigam

Mrs Trudy Toon – Clerk to the Council

Borough Councillor Mr Robert Child
 County Councillor Mr J T Orson

Gaddesby Parishioners – Mr and Mrs Peter Pritchard

Action

Before the meeting began, Councillor Hurst wished all Councillors a Happy New Year.

Apologies – There were no apologies received.

Parishioner/Public Time

Borough Councillor Child advised Councillors that the housing department at MBC were looking into ways in which to speed up the turnaround of council properties.

Councillor Bigam outlined to Borough Councillor Child the daily construction noise at The Manor, Ashby Folville from early mornings until late evenings and that a representative from MBC, Ms Lisa Douglas had visited Councillor Bigam along with a parishioner of Ashby Folville, in order to discuss the issues.

Councillor Bigam explained that having looked at the MBC website and other Council websites, it appeared that the contractual working hours for the Melton Borough were in excess of other Council areas.

Councillor Bigam asked Borough Councillor Child to look into this to see if the working hours could potentially be reduced.

Councillors raised their concerns of speeding along Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby and along Station Road, Barsby/Ashby Folville to County Councillor Orson.

County Councillor Orson asked the Clerk to forward him the sequence of emails sent to Mr Zubair Novsarka at LCC so that he could investigate the matter further.

Mr and Mrs Peter Pritchard attended the meeting to highlight their concerns regarding the speeding of motor vehicles along Ashby Road/Nether End, Gaddesby and the excessive volume of parked vehicles outside Gaddesby Primary School.

Mr and Mrs Pritchard explained to Councillors that they live along Ashby Road and at school drop off and collection times motor vehicles park across their driveway, making it impossible to enter or exit their property. Additionally, and to make matters worse, motor vehicles park on the grass highway verge opposite their property. This in turn had made the grass verge very muddy and restricts the access through Ashby Road at the peak times.

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Parishioner/Public Time cont.

Mr and Mrs Pritchard advised that they would be meeting the head teacher at Gaddesby Primary School on Wednesday, 15th January 2020 to discuss the speeding and inconsiderate parking with him.

Councillors explained, that whilst they appreciated the difficult situation, the powers of GPC were very limited.

Borough Councillor Child understood that LCC operate a 'Camera Car Scheme' which is patrolled by enforcement officers to prevent obstructive parking. The Clerk was asked to email County Councillor Orson with these details.

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Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting no's 2019/2020 53-59, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. **Councillor Vacancy** – The vacancy for a Gaddesby Councillor continued to be advertised on the village notice boards.
2. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Councillor Simon advised that a meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Advisory Committee took place on Monday, 6th January 2020. Following which Councillor Simon provided GPC with copies of the Schedule of the Regulation 14 responses and the comments of the Advisory Committee together with the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th. GPC approved the draft Neighbourhood Plan as amended with the comments of the Advisory Committee on the Regulation 14 Submissions.
3. **Gaddesby Children's Play Area : Tree Root** – Councillor Simon reported that he had given his permission, on behalf of GPC, to Mr Ben Hughes, Director of DWF Law LLP, to obtain quotations for the appointment of an arboreal expert. Councillor Simon advised that three potential experts had been found. However, these proved to be unsuitable due to their distant locations. Councillor Simon provided Mr Hughes with the names and addresses of local potential arboreal experts.
4. **Gaddesby Lane, Barsby/Dalby Road, Ashby Folville/Pasture Lane, Gaddesby** – The Clerk emailed LCC, Highways Department to report that several of the local lanes, including Gaddesby Lane, Barsby, Dalby Road, Ashby Folville and Pasture Lane, Gaddesby were in poor condition with the edges of the carriageway having broken away and the highway verges spreading into the carriageway. Notification had been received that the matter had been passed to a member of the Highways Team.
Councillor Hurst reported that although LCC, Highways Department had thoroughly cleaned Gaddesby Lane, Barsby, there had not been carriageway repairs carried out.
5. **Overgrown Ash Tree, Gaddesby Lane, Barsby** – Nothing to report.
6. **Clerk's Contract of Employment** – The Clerk read through the amended sample Contract of Employment and would liaise with Councillor Fox regarding any further details and amendments.

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Matters Arising cont.

7. **Additional Street Nameplate, Baggrave End, Barsby – Nothing to report.**
8. **Extension of 30 mph Speed Limit Traffic Signs, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby –**
 The Clerk emailed Mr Zubair Novsarka, Senior Technician, Traffic and Signals at LCC to advise that a further motor vehicle accident had occurred within the vicinity of Coles Nurseries. With this in mind would it be possible to graduate the speed limit into the village, ie, reduce the speed limit to 40 mph at the Gaddesby Village nameplate?
 As a response had yet to be received, the Clerk was asked to email County Councillor Orson with the sequence of emails sent to Mr Novsarka so that he could pursue the matter on behalf of GPC.
9. **The Manor, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TE –** Councillor Bigam advised Councillors that as agreed, Ms Lisa Douglas of MBC had looked into the matter of the daily construction noise at The Manor, Ashby Folville and had spoken with Mr Jamie Lewis, the homeowner. Mr Lewis believed that the contractors were compliant with their working hours, as stated on the MBC website. Councillor Bigam along with the parishioners of Ashby Folville resolved to review the situation again in the spring.
 Councillor Bigam reported that confirmation had been received from Mr Toby Ebbs at MBC to advise that Mr Lewis reassured MBC that the leisure facility is being constructed for private use only.
 In addition, Mr Ebbs provided Councillor Bigam with confirmation that any trees which had been felled would have been permitted under the MBC planning permission decision.
 Ashby Folville parishioners raised their concerns with Councillor Bigam that major excavation work is being carried out to the ridge and furrow field which is situated opposite The Manor. Councillor Bigam reported that he had referred the matter to Ms Lisa Douglas at MBC.
10. **Fly Tipping, Great Dalby Road, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TU –** The Clerk reported to MBC that a sofa/chair had been left in the gateway, near to the mobile phone cabin on Great Dalby Road, Ashby Folville. The items have since been removed.
11. **Hole in Highway Verge, Folville Street, Ashby Folville, LE14 2TE –** Nothing to report.
12. **Large Pot Hole in Highway, Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby –** Councillors were pleased to note that the large pot hole in the highway along Rearsby Lane, Gaddesby had been repaired by LCC.
13. **Blocked Drains, Ashby Folville –** Councillor Bigam reported that following the December meeting it had been found that the material blocking the drains was blue clay and not in fact cement slurry as previously reported.
 The blockage of blue clay had formed as a result of the excavation and dewatering of the foundations for the leisure facility at The Manor.
 Councillor Bigam advised that the blockage had since been cleared, although a large clay deposit still required removing from the drain. The parishioners of Ashby Folville were liaising with the homeowner of The Manor, Mr Jamie Lewis.

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Matters Arising cont.

- 14. Severn Trent Water Sewage Works, Ashby Folville** – Councillors were pleased to note that the bright light at the Severn Trent Water Sewage Works had been switched off.

Correspondence

- 1. South Croxton Benefice : Publication of ‘The Bridge’** – Notification had been received that the church newsletter ‘The Bridge’, which is published and distributed by the South Croxton Benefice, would cease following the circulation of the February 2020 edition.

Correspondence was either emailed or made available to Councillors as necessary.

Planning Matters

- a. Park House Cottage, 12 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF** – Application submitted by Mrs C Embry for a proposed new dwelling on land adjacent to 12 Ashby Road and the removal of a timber shed.

Notification had been received that amended plans had been received in relation to the application. Councillors resolved to support the amendments.

- b. Walnut Tree Farm, 17 Main Street, Barsby, LE7 4RH** – Application submitted by Mr James Troop for a proposed new dwelling.

Notification had been received that the application would be considered by the MBC Planning Committee on Thursday, 23rd January 2020 at the Council Offices, Parkside, commencing at 6pm.

Councillor Hurst volunteered to address the Planning Committee on behalf of GPC; the Clerk would advise MBC of Councillor Hurst’s wish to speak.

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Clerk**Planning Decisions**

- a. Land adjacent to 7 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF** – Application submitted by Mr K Watson for the proposed construction of a residential development of eight, one and ½ storey dwellings, has been granted planning permission by MBC.

Representative Reports

- 1. Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall** – Councillor Walton had nothing to report.
- 2. Barsby Village Hall Green** – Councillor Hurst reported that the ‘Carols on the Green’ held on Sunday, 22nd December 2019, had been well attended and that a committee meeting would take place later in January 2020.

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

Mr Octavian Morris (Tave) – Repairs to the wooden playhouse, Gaddesby Children's Play Area, total £661.00.

Accounts for payment:

E.ON UK Plc – Street light energy, ¼ ending 31st December 2019, £572.89 plus 5% VAT £28.64, total £601.53.

E.ON Energy Solutions Limited – Street light maintenance, ¼ ending 31st December 2019, £182.65 plus 20% VAT £36.53, total £219.18.

Yourlocale Limited – Development of the Gaddesby Parish Neighbourhood Plan (Final Instalment), £1,000.00 plus 20% VAT £200.00, total £1,200.00.

Trudy.M.Toon – Clerks salary and expenses from 01.10.2019 to 31.12.2019, salary £1,333.28 plus expenses £110.93, total £1,444.21.

Payments Received:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account – Interest from 02.09.2019 to 01.12.2019, total £6.08.

Estimated Balances:

Barclays Bank Business Premium Account: £12,069.87.

Barclays Bank Community Account: £1,366.65.

The latest bank statements were made available for Councillors.

Transfer of Funds:

Councillors agreed that £4,000.00 should be transferred from the Business Premium Account into the Community Account; the Clerk was asked to carry out this transaction.

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Other Business

1. Apologies for the February 2020 Meeting – Councillor Bigam gave his apologies for the February 2020 Parish Council meeting.

Arrangements for the next meeting –

Monday, 10th February 2020 at Gaddesby Village Hall, commencing at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Chair.