MEDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6 November 2024 in Medbourne Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Kendall, Burrows, Wooton and Delaney

Also present: Parish Clerk + Cllr Rickman (HDC)

1321.0	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from Cllr Easton. HDC officer poorly
1322.0	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None
1323.0	REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION None
1324.0	MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (held 2 October 2024)
1324.1	The minutes of 2 October 2024 were confirmed as previously circulated.
1324.2	Action points from 2 October 2024 (see sheet)
1325.0	PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS
1325.1	Cllr R reported on a recent HDC planning training session to promote take-up of Self-Build and Custom-Build opportunities in the Local Plan and in Neighbourhood Plans.
1326.0	CLERK & COUNCILLORS REPORTS
1326.1	Opinions on the potential for a 20-mph speed limit in the parish are being sought by end-November;
1326.2	The recent self-nominations received on help available at times of emergency help will be forwarded to CllrK; ACT MF
1326.3	News on the grant application for further replacements of street lighting and supplies are awaited – consideration of changing energy supplies will be picked up afterwards;
1326.4	An update on completing the ford repairs had been circulated.
1326.5	A letter has been sent to Platform Housing requesting a meeting to discuss the Garage Site Project.

- 1326.6 The new 'gov.uk' domain for the PC's website has commenced and new emails for Councillors 1 5 will be introduced shortly.
- 1326.7 It was agreed that the application for the new on-line banking account with Unity Trust should authorise any two signatories from CllrK, CllrE and CllrD. Once this is in place, the previous agreement to move funds from the NS&I account will authorise move funds to this Unity account.
- 1326.8 There was no other information to disseminate via Neighbourhood Link

1327.0 TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

1327.1 Village Hall

- It was noted that the nurse clinic service has recommenced but may require further promotion. CllrK agreed to help publicise its use.

1327.2 **MEF**

- Red Monkey Play have undertaken a renovation survey and produced proposals for changes and renewals.
- Two grant applications are being prepared, plus other ideas with the church.
- A note has been made on possible paperwork required to complete asset registrations along with the PC.

1327.3 Sports Club

There was no report to consider on the night.

1328.0 TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON PLANNING MATTERS

1328.1 Applications to HDC:

1328.1.1 Ref. No: 24/01188/FUL - 15 Hallaton Road Medbourne

(Replacement of windows, replacement of front door porch roof and inset roof solar panels to the front and side roof)

Councillors noted that an agreed 'no objection' had been sent to HDC.

1328.1.2 Ref. No: 24/01330/VAC - Medbourne Edge Hallaton Road Medbourne (Variation of Conditions, including removal of occupancy restriction to allow the lodges to be occupied as dwellinghouses)

Discussion noted some large and ranging concerns on the implications of responses to this application. It was agreed that CllrK & CllrD draft a potential response, and Cllr K also agreed to consider contacting adjacent Parish Councils for their own views.

ACT CllrK/CllrD

1328.1.3 Ref. No: 24/01350/LBC - 2 Old Green Medbourne (Erection of rear extension and internal changes)

Councillors agreed that 'no objection' can be sent to HDC.

1328.2 <u>Other planning matters:</u>

It was noted that HDC is holding a general Neighbourhood Plans meeting on Saturday 30th November – CllrK indicated he will attend.

1329.0 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Formal details of the NALC Pay Scales and advice have now been received for 2024-25. It was noted that this will involve a backdated payment of the Clerk's salary to 1st April 2024, but also that attention should be given to the current hourly rate of payment which is below the national rates. It was agreed that CllrK circulate some detail of how this might be amended and to agree at the next meeting. **ACT All**
- 1329.2 Correspondence had been received from Npower setting out its process for future charges and assessing requests for cost adjustments, with limitations on the timescales within which it will act.

1330.0 MPC 2024-25 BUDGET

- 1330.1 The following payments were approved for November 2024:
 - M Field (salary for November): £238.04
 - Autela Payroll (payroll services) : £81.86
- 1330.2 Bank reconciliations to 30 September 2024

All accounts were reconciled as previously circulated.

1330.3 **VAT repayment**

A claim for repayment of £7400 has been submitted for the first six months of the current year.

1331.0 2024-25 RISK ASSESSMENTS

- 1331.1 A draft of the proposed Risk Assessment process to be an integral part of MPC's awarding of Community Grants had been circulated.
- 1331.2 It was agreed that such assessments are more suitable for the leasees of PC assets, and that something less demanding is needed for Community Grants. CllrD agreed to propose some words. **ACT CllrD**

1332.0 2024-26 MPC WEBSITE POLICY

- A draft set of policy 'principles' for a new website policy that is for the PC's website alone, and that includes the new 'gov.uk' details had been circulated.
- It was agreed to approve the revised principles and include these within a completed new policy that also underlined all actions and authorisations of the website's managers are under the ultimate discretion and direction of terms set by Parish Councillors as a whole.

1332.3	It was also agreed that a visible 'archives' facility be created on the website in which can be placed the previous records that had been recorded on the joint village website. ACT MF
1333.0	GRANT APPLICATIONS
1333.1	An application for a Community Grant for £250.00 had been received from Medbourne Hollow – this was approved.
1333.2	An application for a Community Grant for £250.00 had been received from Medbourne Educational Foundation (MEF) – this was approved.
1334.0	QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR
1334.1	The Chair agreed to contact Hereward Homes to ask for details on the 'local connection' details are being verified of households wanting some of the current new affordable homes. ACT CIIrK
1335.0	ITEMS OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE
1335.1	The faulty light by the garages site (which appears to be a Highways responsibility) will be reported. ACT CIIrB
1335.2	The faulty drain at Manor Road has been reported.
1335.3	The faulty path at Hallaton Road by building works has been reported.
1335.4	The pothole on the towpath has been reported.
1335.5	The faulty sign by the Drayton Rd junction will be reported. ACT CIIrB
1335.6	CllrW agreed to share details of organising a 'leaf clear-up' ACT CllrW
1336.0	COUNCIL TRAINING AND RESOURCES

1337.0 <u>ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA</u>

None.

- MPC budget & precept for 2025-26
- Registration of MPC assets with Land Registry
- MPC Website Policy
- Salary Adjustments
- 1338.0 It was agreed to issue a further invite to HDC's Grant Officer to attend this meeting, since this had needed to be cancelled in November.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 4 December 2024, 7.15 pm, Medbourne Village Hall