

**Minutes of the Measham Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 14th March 2013 at 7.00pm at the Board Room**

Questions from members of the public. – 2 Parishioner in attendance

A parishioner raised his concerns over the lack of notice for discussing the proposed Wharf Development and also noted that at a recent HS2 meeting it was raised that one of the fields along the route is an ancient furrow field and this should be taken into consideration when being discussed. Issues regarding the infrastructure of the village were also noted. It was asked if the Council would consider asking for an extension to the deadline and hold an open meeting to obtain the parishioners feelings on the development.

Resolved: The Clerk stated that she would be recommending to members to hold a meeting for the Public to view the plans and extend the deadline until the 12th April for comments to go to NWLDC

It was also asked if the Council would support parishioners in opposing the proposed HS2 scheme.

Resolved: As there had been no plans received only a preferred route members had not discussed the scheme as the route is not yet under consultation, they would however be discussing the Exceptional Hardship Scheme which was currently under consultation.

Cllr Summerfield took the Chair.

Present: Cllrs Boothroyd, Bricknell, Milner, Pallett, Hurd, Manifold, the Clerk, Clerks Assistant, Mr Rogers (Prospective Councillor), District Cllr Sheahan, County Cllr Jones and 2 Parishioners.

41/13 Apologies – Cllrs Banton (recovering from an operation), Williams (working), Oakes (working), Neilson (at another meeting) and the Police – accepted.

**42/13 Declarations of Interest –
Pecuniary**

Cllrs Bricknell - Item 9 Planning Matters – Proposed Wharf Development
Cllr Sheahan - Item 9 Planning Matters – Proposed Wharf Development

43/13 Police Matters

4 burglaries other than dwellings, enquiries are still ongoing with regards to Tesco, Co-op and Redfins angling. There had been 1 theft of a vehicle which was found partially burned out at Snarestone. ASB is ongoing at the Drs and the Library this area is now a beat priority. There have been no further issues with agricultural vehicles in the village

Crimes reported by MPC since last meeting - None

44/13 Confirm Minutes

To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 14th February 2013.

Resolved: Cllr Milner proposed and Cllr Bricknell seconded that minutes of the 14th February 2013 is approved and accepted. All in favour

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**45/13 Parish Clerk Report
Clerk Report March 2013**

SLCC conference

5th March, topics discussed included risk management, DPI's, Utility savings etc. I have asked the company who dealt with the utilities to get in touch with the Leisure Centre to see if savings can be made.

I also met with a company called Funding Doctors and discussed working with DE12 SK8 with a view to making funding applications.

Grit Bin updates

Reply from Jackie Cross they will NOT supply bins for either St Charles Croft/Bosworth Road or Fenton Crescent. And new requests will be dealt with later in the year.

AB Produce Update

AB Produce has not been able to dig out the lagoons due to the weather conditions; an application has been re-submitted to clear out by the end of the 2013 harvest. The levels of the lagoons have reduced and have had the tarpaulin replaced. A further application is being submitted to build a closed loop water treatment and recycling system which should reduce the odour further.

UK Coal Community Fund

This fund is now open, I have sent forms out to quite a few local groups, if anyone wants a form they are available on the PC website or I can get a hard copy.

Website Review

As part of the service from LCC the PC website has had an annual review and once again has been deemed as comprehensive

First Community Litter Picker

Mr Paul Elliott Atherstone Road

Dog Bins

The two dog bins on Orchard Way and Atherstone Road are continuing to be misused. I received a complaint from a resident on Orchard Way that the bin was overflowing and people had left bags lying by the side. On investigation, someone had tried to put a carrier bag full of dog mess in which jammed the lid, people assumed it was full and left their bags on the ground.

Resolved: It was decided to re-agenda this item for further discussion at the next meeting.

AMM Community Forum Budget 2013

Applications are again invited for projects for the Community Forum Funding. The closing date for entries is Tuesday 28th May. If you know of any groups who would be interested in applying the contact details are:

Website: www.leicestershireforums.org

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E-mail: leicestershireforums@leics.gov.uk

Tel: 0116 305 7034

Department for Transport Exceptional Hardship Scheme Consultation for HS2
Consultation information for members to take away ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Resolved: Cllrs Boothroyd, Manifold and Summerfield will form a working party to look at the consultation information.

Response from Highways over Atherstone Road Traffic Calming

LCC suggestion for Co-Location of Services

Following the recent consultation about the cost cutting needed within the Library Services division, the parish council are being asked if they would be interested in exploring the idea of sharing accommodation. If this is something members would be keen to look at, I can make an expression of interest and the matter can be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

Credit Union

I am meeting with two volunteers from the Credit Union tomorrow (15th) they are looking to relocate as the library are charging them to use their facilities. Speaking to Gloria at the Community Office, we are going to accommodate them somewhere in the building. The Credit Union is open every Friday 10 – 12.

Invitations:

Civic Dinner including Green Footprints Challenge awards 2013. Friday 26th April at Radisson Blu, East Mids. Tickets are priced at £37.50 – Cllr Bricknell to attend.

Rural Advice Seminar, Tuesday 16th April 5.15pm – 8pm at LCC Council Chamber. – The Clerk to attend.

Ashby Woulds Town Council Mayor Civic Service, Sunday 24th March 2.45pm at The Methodist Centenary Church, Measham Road, Moira. – Cllr Summerfield to attend.

St Giles Hospice Service of thanksgiving for 30 years of care. Sunday April 28th 3.30pm at Lichfield Cathedral. – Cllr Manifold to attend.

County Councillor Jones entered the meeting.

46/13 Ward Members Report

Cllr Sheahan has expressed his concerns over the delay from AB Produce.

A discussion on the HS2 took place at an AMM Forum meeting on the 5th March which was well attended. It was suggested that a motion be put to the Council to suggest moving the route to be in line with the A38 to Derby.

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The licences to cross NWLDC land has been suspended

47/13 Report from Groups and working Parties (for information only)
HOTFF – 02/04/13 at the White Hart.

48/13 Financial Matters

Statements as at 14th March 2013

- (a) **To authorise the invoices for the previous month** - Cllr Milner proposed and Cllr Bricknell seconded payment of invoices. All in Favour.
- (b) **Financial transference of budget headings** - none
- (c) **Financial Summary** – as attached.
- (d) **Bank Reconciliation** – for information only

49/13 Planning Matters

Cllrs Sheahan and Bricknell left the meeting.

Observations made by MPC

Measham Wharf and Housing Development

The deadline for comments to be sent to NWLDC for the application is the 27th March; an extension until 12/04 for this is to be requested. It was agreed to hold a public open meeting and for parishioners to be invited with a short questionnaire to be given. A working party of Cllrs Pallett, Summerfield and Manifold would look in detail at the application, draw up a questionnaire and report recommendations to the Council for a full response to the application at the next meeting.

Cllrs Sheahan and Bricknell returned to the meeting.

Remove existing conservatory and replace with new conservatory. 18 North Walk, Measham.

No Objections

Measham High Street Tree Preservation Order by NWLDC

No Objections

Change of use from residential (C3) to decent homes project site office (Sui Generis) for a temporary 3 year period. 63 Dysons Close, Measham.

Members object to this application due to the fact that there are approx 1400 people on the waiting list for a council property in North West Leicestershire and to take a dwelling away to use as a site office is unacceptable. It is suggested that contractors site a porta-cabin behind the play area at Dysons Close to use for this purpose.

Decisions made by NWLDC

Erection of a single storey front and rear extensions at 10 Fenton Close, Measham.

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50/13 Correspondence

1. Heart of the Forest Forum – Agenda & Minutes
2. Clerks and Council Direct – March 2013
3. Community Forum – Agenda & Minutes
4. Community First Responders – Thank you letter
5. St Giles Hospice – Thank you letter

51/13 Goal Posts Bosworth Road Recreation Ground

To consider quote for purchase of goal posts for Bosworth Road Recreation Ground.

Resolved: A quote has been received for £338 for posts and £47 for the sockets. It was noted that the posts from the Leisure Centre have disappeared and that this should be raised at the next Management meeting on the 21st March.

52/13 Purchase of Laptop

To consider a quote for the purchase of lap top from grant received.

A quote was received for £457.50 for a lap top.

Resolved: It was agreed to purchase the lap top using the grant money received.

53/13 Community Questionnaire

To consider producing a Community Questionnaire for NWLDC to present at the Heart of the Forest Festival.

Resolved: It was agreed to re-agenda this item for the next meeting.

54/13 Apprentice Scheme

To update members on progress.

Burton College are not running any course at this time and the Minimum wage for an apprentice is £2.65 per hour.

55/13 Garage Re-pointing

To receive a quote for works to the Cemetery Garage.

A quote has been received for £150 for the re-pointing of the garage and £330 for replacing the blown bricks and re-pointing.

Resolved: It was proposed and seconded to accept the quote for £330 for replacing and re-pointing. All in favour.

56/13 Greenfield Road Play Area

To consider quotes received for replacement equipment and Greenfield Road Play Area.

Resolved: It was agreed to accept the Play & Leisure designs, the Clerk is to post leaflets to the properties on the Greenfield Road estate and ask for a preferred selection of the two. An application is to be made to UK Coal for funding towards the project.

57/13 Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements

To agree arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 14th May.

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Resolved: It was decided to invite various groups to the meeting suggested groups were HS2, Wharf Development, Youth Club, UK Coal, Leisure Centre and Festival Group.

58/13 Co-option

To receive a councillor application form and consider co-option.

Resolved: It was proposed to co-opt the applicant by ballot. All in favour.

Mr Rogers left the meeting.

The ballot took place and it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr Rogers to be co-opted at the next meeting.

Pursuant to Sec 1 (2) of the Public Bodies Act 1960 it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the cost of living increase for members of staff.

59/13 Staffing Matters

Cost of Living Increase

To consider a cost of living increase for staff other than the Clerk as per employment contracts.

Resolved: It was proposed and seconded that a 3% cost of living increase be given to all staff other than the Clerk from the 1st April 2013 as per employment contracts. All in favour.

To consider appointing a Seasonal Worker

Adrian will be leaving the Council on 5/04/12. A notice is to be placed in the Messenger and around the village advertising the vacancy. Cllrs Manifold, Pallett and Bricknell would form an interviewing committee along with the Clerk to look at job description, interview questions and advert, it was agreed to delegate the final decision to appoint a suitable candidate to the working group.

A leaving gift is to be purchased using the Chairman's allowance.

60/13 Pot Kiln Fishing Pond

To further update members.

Resolved: The Clerk informed the Council that the recorded letter has been posted.

61/13 Date of Next Meeting

The proposed date of Thursday 11th April 2013 at 7.00pm at The Boardroom was accepted.

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