

**Minutes of Measham Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 12th February 2009 at 6.00pm at St Laurence's Church Hall**

Cllr Manifold took the Chair

Present: Cllrs Toon, Brown, Pallett, Coates, Egan, Bricknell, Arcadio, the Clerk and 2 representatives from the Neighbourhood Beat Team.

Parishioners – None in attendance

17/09 Apologies – Cllrs Milner, Neilson and District Cllr Holland. - Accepted

18/09 Declarations of Interest - None

19/09 Core Strategy Consultation

A discussion took place regarding the recent Public meetings that had been held. It was generally felt that they had been a waste of time with no real information being given. After further discussion Cllr Egan proposed Option 1 the Coalville Focus option, Cllr Brown seconded, all in favour and the statement to read:

Measham Parish Council wishes to make the following comments on the above consultation.

- The preferred option of the Parish Council would be for option 1 the Coalville Focus in line with the District Councils preferred option.**
- We are mindful of the possible detrimental affect to the River Mease, which is classed as a SSSI and as Option 1 would bring a small amount of dwellings to Ashby De La Zouch, this would limit the effect on the river.**
- The existing developments in Measham already overwhelm the sewage facilities on a regular basis and any development other than option 1 would only exasperate the situation further.**
- In the Parish Plan Survey carried out in 2005, 90% of villagers responded that they wished to be protected from further housing development.**
- Existing health facilities would require massive expansion if more than the preferred number of dwellings were planned requiring possible relocation and/or multiple sites being made available and a requirement for dental provision which would be difficult to attract.**
- For a considerable amount of new development it is felt that even through provision of Sec 106 agreements there would still be need for an extra school in the village.**

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- We have serious concerns that large scale development would bring a dramatic increase in traffic to Measham which is already a concern and at times a major problem.**
- Measham is already overstretched in areas of Policing and youth services, which could not be improved upon with further housing.**
- As the village is heavily promoted as a tourist area being in the Heart of The National Forest and with the planned redevelopment of the Ashby Canal it is felt that overdevelopment would be contradictory to the concept of Measham being a Model Village.**
- The retail provision is currently full to capacity with no empty premises available for more outlets, and we feel that there is no way this can be expanded upon and would not be able to cater for an increase in population.**
- There are no jobs currently available in Measham and there are concerns that the village would become even more dormitory than it is now.**
- With reference to the provision of a gypsy site, Measham already has this facility under planning application number 06/00694/ful granted on 19th July 2006; therefore another site would not be required for the village.**
- Finally, Measham Parish Council feels that by choosing the preferred option 1 the Coalville focus, this would bring a huge benefit to Coalville Town, enabling some much needed regeneration.**

20/09 Parishioners Question Time – None in attendance

21/09 Police Matters

5 burglaries had taken place on the Poets Estate, witness appeals have gone out. Damage to vehicles on Bosworth Road has occurred. The Clerk reported that she had invited Sgt Paul Clarke to a meeting to discuss the new policing pledge. Cllrs raised other issues for the attention of the Beat Team which were duly noted.

22/09 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2009

Resolved: Removal of the second paragraph on item 14/09 as this was not discussed therefore inaccurate and 09/09 should read £12.5k not £10k. Cllr Egan proposed and Cllr Arcadio seconded that subject to changes the minutes of the 8th January 2009 were approved and accepted. All in favour.

23/09 Parish Clerk Report

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Adopt a site recycling Library Car Park

No other suitable space on car park to re-site the containers. 2 community groups have come forward for the adopt a site scheme if successful they will be required to keep area tidy and inform NWLDC when bins need emptying. The Scheme under review currently and the annual payout to the group is likely to be between £100 and £300 per year for the group

Cleansing currently takes place on Tuesday and until the site is adopted it will also be checked on a Thursday.

Resolved: Cllr Toon proposed and Egan seconded asking for the recycling bins to be totally removed out of the village.

Fenton Crescent Shops

I have been in touch with environmental health as there are several problems in the area. The matters are all being dealt with and not resolved in two weeks I have been asked to get back in touch.

Resolved: It was decided that if nothing was done in 14 days, then the Parish Council would have the items removed and the bill sent by recorded delivery to the premises owner. Arrange to agenda for next month.

Request for dispensation

This issue is still dragging on, though I think the end is in sight as it seems there was some slight misguidance given by a previous monitoring officer in how to handle this case and I think the District Council have now accepted that it is the Parish Council that is the trustee and not the individual councillors. So I am just waiting for a response from the Standards Committee as to whether a dispensation is required or not and will update in due course.

Allotments

As we have 5 people on the waiting list for allotments I have written to current holders to see if anyone was willing to share, those that got back to me so far are not interested in taking this up.

Battery Recycling

Through the Parish Plan Group Battery recycling is now available in the Community Office and at Tesco.

Cemetery Lodge

The Lodge is now rented and the tenant moved in last Saturday.

Riverview Estate

I have made a request to the District Council to consider what they will do with the fencing on the estate that runs alongside Tamworth Road as it is in a poor state of repair, I have had acknowledgement of my request and am waiting an official answer.

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Street Manager

The Street Manager for Measham will be leaving post at the end of this month, and as such I have requested from NWLDC when a replacement will be found, again I have had an acknowledgement and am waiting an official answer.

Office Move

The move to the new office is now complete and looking very good, thanks to Cllr. Brown and husband for arranging new desks. The new sign should be up within the next week and I have put a piece in the Messenger about the move. The visitor stats for the first week were 32.

Community Crime Fighters

Both the Chairman and myself attended a Community Crime fighters training day in Birmingham where we attended workshops looking at various aspects of crime, legislation and services.

I have notes from the day if anyone would be interested in seeing them.

Complaint about Golf Playing

I received a complaint from a resident about people playing golf in the field behind them on Leicester Road; I have passed this matter to the land owner.

Scrutiny Examination of Parking on Footways

Following our response to the consultation about parking on footways I have been informed that the first meeting of the Parking on Footways Working Group will be held on Wednesday 11th March 6.30pm at the Council chamber. This meeting is public and we are welcome to attend.

Mantle Arts....A Celebration

We are invited to send two representatives to an exhibition of Mantle Arts work and find out more about their projects and services on 26th February 6 – 8pm.

Ashby Area Community Forum

The next Forum is on Monday 23rd February at Ivanhoe College starting at 6pm.

Clerks and Councils Direct

Following our representation to Licence Review for Tesco Express there was a small article in the Clerks and Councils Direct magazine.

Annual Leave

Both I and Adrian will be on annual leave next week. Anthea will be manning the desk on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday 9am till 11.30am.

24/09 Financial Matters

Statements as at 12th February 09

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- A) To authorise the invoices for the previous month – Cllr Egan proposed and Cllr Pallett seconded payment of invoices. All in Favour.
- B) Financial Transference of budget headings – None.
- C) Financial Summary – as attached.
- D) Bank Reconciliation – as attached.
- E) Internal Auditors Interim Report – noted and attached.
- F) Level of Financial Support for Measham Leisure Centre 09/10 – re-agenda until MPC has met with the Management Committee.

Resolved: All financial reports were approved, accepted and filed with the minutes.

25/09 Correspondence

- 1. Rural Community Council – Village Voice
- 2. CPRE – Fieldwork Magazine
- 3. Clerks & Councils Direct – Magazine
- 4. LCC - Leicestershire Matters
- 5. NWLDC _ Culture News
- 6. Community Forums – Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 7. Ashby Canal Trust – Agenda & Minutes
- 8. Leicestershire Footpath Association – AGM Agenda & Annual Report

26/09 Planning Matters

Observations made by Measham Parish Council

Erection of one no. dwelling, 23 Ashby Road, Measham.

No Objections

Extension to existing porch on the side elevation, 22 Mease Close, Measham.

No Objections

Renewal of external render and repair of cracked lintel in external brickwork. 1 Saracens Row, Measham.

No Objections

Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to residential accommodation. 2 Milton Close, Measham.

No Objections

Erection of dwelling with double garage. 123 Atherstone Road, Measham.

No Objections

Erection of two storey extension to side of dwelling. 27 Wordsworth Way, Measham.

No Objections

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Retention of change of use of land to lorry park and lorry sales and siting of temporary building without compliance of condition 4 of planning permission ref: 00/00194 which shall now provide for "No alterations to levels of surface materials as shown on plan ref: 1410a, Drawing No; C777/10, dated July 2008 and headed "Axis Survey" shall be carried out without the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority". The Old Sewerage Works, Off Huntingdon Way, Westminster Industrial Estate.

No Objections

Decisions made by NWLDC

Erection of single storey dwelling with associated garaging/parking at 45 Wilkes Avenue, Measham

Planning Permission

Erection of a two storey rear extension (Revised Scheme) to (i) provide an additional window into ground floor extension, (ii) reposition two windows on ground floor extension, (iii) reposition velux windows to first floor extension and (iv) insert new velux into first floor bathroom (In comparison with scheme approved under ref: 05/01381) at Keepers Cottage, 65 Ashby Road, Measham, Swadlincote.

Planning Permission

27/09 Use of Parish Council Boardroom

Resolved: The asset committee are to pursue quotes for the repair and renewal of the boardroom and to get quotes for new garage doors.

28/09 Agency Accountability

Nothing to report

29/09 Report from Groups and Committees

Festival Meeting – 25/02/09 at The Swan at 7.00pm

Parish Plan Meeting – 03/03/09 venue to be confirmed

Riverview TARA Representative – 19/02/09 Cllr Neilson and Manifold to attend.

Ashby Area Community Forum

Love Measham – A litter pick is being carried out on Riverview Estate on 14.02.09 which is being sponsored by McDonalds.

16/09 Date of Next Meeting

The proposed date of 12th March 2009 at 7.00pm at St Laurence Church Hall was accepted.

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