Minutes of Measham Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 13th March 2008 at 7.00pm at St Laurence’s Church Hall

Cllr Bradley took the chair.

Present: Cllrs Manifold, Brown, Jones, Egan, Milner, Toon, Arcadio, Coates, Cllr Sheahan (County Council), the Clerk, Clerk’s Assistant, PBO S. Davis, and Mr D Pallett.

Parishioners – 6 in attendance.

44/08 Apologies
Cllr Neilson

45/08 Declarations of Interest
Personal
Cllr Brown, Item 9 – Planning Matters JS Bloor application as her partner works for the Company.

46/08 Parishioners Question Time
A complaint was made regarding tubs of used cooking oil being left behind the premises attracting rats; a complaint had been made to NWLDC. The council were asked if they would chase the matter.
Resolved: It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to NWLDC regarding the complaint.

It was also asked if a sign stating that no football or skateboarding is permitted on the Car Park in Fenton Crescent.
Resolved: The council agreed to look into this matter and get back to the parishioner.

A parishioner thanked the council for all their help and support regarding the planning application at Rosebank View/Hart Drive. Forms were completed regarding the conduct of the Chair of the Planning Committee; it was asked if the Council would support the complaint.
Resolved: It was decided that the councillor that attended the meeting would write to the Standards Board with respect to the unsympathetic treatment received by the parishioners.

It was also asked that if the Contractors did not adhere to the regulations set out on the application would the Council support the Parishioners if need be.
Resolved: It was agreed to fully support the parishioners if needed.

5 Parishioners left the meeting.

Cllr Manifold took the chair.

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The council was informed that an altercation involving a councillor had now been dealt with, and that the councillor concerned had reported it to the Standards Board.

47/08 Police Matters – report given by PBO Davis

12 Anti Social Behaviour warning letters had been sent, 1 CRASBO was to be given, 3 addresses had received warning letters, and 4 people referred to the Youth Offending Team.

Business Watch is now in place and information packs had been sent out to all members. A Business Watch sign was available for purchase at £6; one would be brought for the council to look at.

A meeting was being held on the 18/03/08 regarding the alleyway between the shops on the High Street and extra CCTV.

A second PCSO would hopefully be available for the area in a couple of weeks. It stated that a more visual presence was required especially in the evenings.

PBO Davis had been given permission for a councillor to be with him in the police vehicle to see what happens in the village. Cllr Coates volunteered to this.

48/08 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th February 08.
Resolved: The minutes of the 7th February 2008 were approved and accepted.

49/08 Parish Clerk Report

BCA Meeting.
Highways are going to look at the possibility of bringing in a traffic regulation which will prohibit loading and unloading, this could be restricted to certain times and in certain areas, however even if this is the desired route to go down it will take between 9 and 12 months to come to fruition. Highways are also going to assess the possibility of using the single white line in front of resident’s houses on the Riverway to try and stop visitors blocking drives.

BCA maintain that the park and ride scheme is quite well used with up to 50 people parking at the Ramada on sale days.

There was a representative from another company, I think it was ARP who has a small car park which could hold up to 25 cars, and this was offered to BCA for their use on sale days.

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The enforcement officer said that they are issuing 17 – 20 tickets each Tuesday and Friday and they are all being paid.

What was made clear was the fact that there is no parking made available by BCA for the general public, their main car park (which is mostly full of stock vehicles) and the small one opposite are reserved for badge holders only – basically it is a loyalty scheme. I can’t quite believe that such a business is not obligated to provide adequate parking for visitors.

**Annual Parish Council** meeting (when Chairman is elected and members on other groups and committees are chosen) will be held on May 8\(^{th}\) and the **Annual Parish** Meeting (meeting with parishioners) will be held on May 22\(^{nd}\).

**Award Winning Website** For the 3\(^{rd}\) year running our website has won an award from leicestershireparishcouncils.org, this year we won for best use of graphics.

**Cinema Evening** Please remember the cinema evening is on the 29\(^{th}\) March and the film to be shown is the blockbuster ‘Stardust’. Please try and come along and support this event. See Dawn for Tickets.

**View Planning Applications Online** Planning applications along with the drawings etc are now available to view online.

**Measham Museum and Local History Group** is holding their AGM on March 26\(^{th}\), 7pm at the Stable Rooms of St. Laurence’s Church.

**NWLDC Civic Charity Dinner and Dance** is to be held on Friday 18\(^{th}\) April, at the Best Western Hotel in Kegworth, tickets are priced at £35.

**Scope Charity** are looking for envelope collectors from 7\(^{th}\) – 27\(^{th}\) April.

**Letter from Resident Willow Close.**

Resolved: The parishioner was informed to leave the rubbish at the local bins on a Tuesday & Friday morning when the Sexton empties them. Number had been passed onto the Love Where you Live Campaign regarding a litter pick stick.

**Letter from Resident Atherstone Road.**

It was stated that Traffic Management would need to do a study regarding the speeding. Police should be enforcing the Wight Restrictions. A petition would be a good idea and Cllr Sheahan agreed to help wording it.

Resolved: Inform parishioner of outcome and copy to Cllr Sheahan.

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50/08 Financial Matters
Statements as at 13th March 08
Resolved: All financial reports were approved, accepted and filed with the minutes.

51/08 Correspondence

1) NWLCVS – Celebrating 25 yrs newsletter
2) Leicestershire Footpath Association – Annual Report
3) Travellers Round Table Meeting – Notes
4) The Clerk – Magazine
5) Ramblers Association – Walk Magazine
6) Trustees Voice – Magazine
7) LCC – A2B School Travel Plan News
8) Rural Community Council – Weekly Bulletin
9) Encompass – NWLCVS Quarterly newsletter of NWLCVS

1 Parishioner left

52/08 Planning Matters

Observations made by Measham Parish Council

Erection of 9no dwellings with associated parking and turning facilities following demolition of existing property (outline application with details of layout and means of access). 117 High Street, Measham. No Objections.

Erection of first floor extension to side conservatory to rear, and alterations to front porch. 43 Greenfield Road, Measham. No Objections.

Installation of 1 no. Internally illuminated sign in association with new Automated Teller Machine. 50-52 High Street, Measham. Measham Parish Council object to the above planning application as the footpath in front of the proposed automated teller is narrow and people queuing to use the machine would further restrict the width. Also that cars would park on the double yellow lines in front of the machine causing a traffic problem.

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Decisions made by NWLDC

Erection of Single Storey extension to form conservatory and erection of detached garage at The Oaks, Queen Street, Measham.

Planning Permission

53/08 Agency Accountability
It was requested that various agencies be invited to attend meetings to explain what plans they had for the local area if any, then to ensure that actions are met.

Resolved: After much discussion it was agreed to invite agencies in to discuss their accountability over the next 12 months.

A letter is to be sent to the Police, Housing Department and other local businesses stating what is being done in the village and enquire what help can be given in return.

54/08 Sports Court Widgeon Drive
Quotes had been received regarding the Hard Court. The best cost & spec was for £29,787.23 from Steelway Fence Secure.

Resolved: It was decided to appoint Steelway Fence Secure to provide the work. £5,000 had been budgeted towards this from the Parish Council.

55/08 Compiling an Action Plan of Current Projects
It was asked if any other project needed to be added to the action plan (attached).

Resolved: It was agreed to defer the Police Cabin for the time being also to formalise the Fixed Assets and Co-Option Procedure Committee in May.

56/08 Staff T-Shirts
Resolved: After some discussion it was agreed to purchase printed polo shirts for the Clerk and Clerk’s Assistant and printed high visual jackets for the Sexton and his Assistant. To be purchased from the Health & Safety Clothing budget.

57/08 Christmas Trees

a) LCC requirements for individual power supplies for the Christmas Tree Lights.

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Resolved: The Clerk to clarify regulations that apply and then place in the messenger and inform the shop keepers.

a) Ground Anchor for the main tree at the Church.
The Parochial Church Council had agreed to option A for the main tree.
Resolved: It was suggested to ask if a permanent tree could be placed on the grounds and the clerk to source the cost of a mature fir tree at approx 12 – 15ft high.

58/08 Councilor Training Opportunities.
The Clerk informed the councillors of what each course involved.
Resolved: The Clerk to enquire how many would need to attend for a course to be held in Measham also if the planning section could be included with the basic training.

59/08 Request from Parishioner for Skate Park.
The Clerk read the response from NWLDC on the matter.
Resolved: It was decided to put the parishioner in touch with the Parish Plan Group, inform them that the Community Bus is available for hire for a small fee, place the skate park dates in the messenger and ask for proof of requirement for a skate park re: petition.

60/08 Reports from Groups and Committees.
Parish Plan – 18th March 08 at 7.00pm at White Hart Meeting Room.
Festival Meeting – 2nd April 08 at 7.00pm at White Hart Meeting Room.

61/08 Date of Next Meeting
The proposed date of April 10th 2008 at 7.00pm at St Laurence Church Hall was accepted.

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