

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18th September 2007 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs J Parker, J Goddard and M Ogle. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk).
Members of the public: 1.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from CCllr J Hemsall and Cllrs H Shreeve, P Ogle and R Small and Mrs Drake (member of public).

- 2 **Minutes of meeting held on 17th July 2007**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

- 3 **Matters Arising**

- a) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

The Clerk reported a letter had been received from Mr John Bowler at Bassetlaw District Council reiterating that the statutory responsibility for mapping of the public sewer systems lies with Severn Trent Ltd and not with the District Council (who are only obliged to keep records of the public sewers). Mr Bowler invited Parish Councillors to inspect the plans retained by his department. The Chairman commented that it would be beneficial to look at the plans before going back to Severn Trent and it was AGREED to take up the offer once Councillors were a little less busy. Cllr Goddard reported that work, as promised, had been carried out over the summer – two pipes in a ‘Y’ formation (one an old cast iron pipe) had been discovered and when jetted water came up the side of the kerb stones (a length had been cut out as there appeared to be nothing to connect the two). A bung had been put in the old cast iron drain and it has now been concreted in. No culvert was found. Cllr Ogle added that she had been awaiting notification from Mr Bowler concerning drainage maps. The Chairman said he felt all the Parish Council could do was to continue investigations and it was AGREED to raise the matter at next month’s meeting (when Cllr Small would be present to organise a visit to inspect the maps at Bassetlaw).

- b) Nottinghamshire County Council request re Back Lane

The Clerk advised an email and letter had been received from Laura Summers, the Area Rights of Way Officer. She had inspected byway No 22 on 17th August and concluded that its condition “is acceptable for this kind of public right of way” although there “were signs of rutting on a small section, but this was not serious” (photographs were enclosed). Cllr Goddard said he would talk to Ms Summers. It was also AGREED to write to Ms Summers pointing out that a request to inspect the lane was first made in February when the wet, wintry weather had had great effect on the surface. By the time the inspection was made, the surface had dried up and the grass grown.

ACTION: S Pickard.

- c) Rampton Community Forum

The Chairman referred to the meeting held on 13th September. The Parish Council was not represented at the meeting and the Chairman commented that from looking at the Minutes it would appear that the meetings were more concerned with issues regarding the Tenants’ Association. The low attendance appeared to confirm this.

- 4 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

- 5 **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

- a) Best Value Performance Plan 2007/8; (Giving details of Council’s key strategic priorities and objectives, performance during 2006-7, targets for next three years and details of Council’s structures and services. In circulation folder.
- b) Bassetlaw District Council Fact book (directory) 2007-8; In circulation folder.
- c) Notice of alteration to Electoral Register 2006-7. In circulation folder.

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- d) Transport to Health pilot scheme providing information about travel options to health services (provides one telephone number to access information about how people can travel to health care services by public transport, dial-a-ride, community transport and taxis. In circulation folder.

- e) Notts 50+ transport voucher pilot – due to overwhelming success of scheme this has been suspended pending a review. In circulation folder.
- f) Travel & Transport Briefing, July/August 2007; In circulation folder.
- g) Planning & Landscape Briefing, August & September 2007; In circulation folder.
- h) Countylink, July 2007; In circulation folder.
- i) The Casualty Report 2006 (Road accidents and casualties in Notts). In circulation folder.

NALC:

- j) Email from Lynda Ogilvie formulating a booklet on community leadership and engagement. Notice of NALC conference and exhibition – Bournemouth International Centre, 5-7 October 2007. In circulation folder.
- j) Minutes from Northern Area Committee meeting held 21st May and agenda for meeting held 10th September. In circulation folder.
- k) Crash Course on Planning, free training event being run by Planning Aid; Thursday, 18th October 2007 at Norwell Village Hall 7-9pm. It was AGREED that as planning issues form a large part of the Parish Council's business it would be beneficial for representatives to attend this course. **ACTION: Chairman & Cllr Goddard to attend/S Pickard (booking).**

General:

- l) Nottinghamshire Police Authority: Copies of summary of the Annual Policing Plan for 2007/8. In circulation folder.
- m) East Midlands Airport – Community investment report 2007. In circulation folder.
- n) Response, Summer 2007; Notts Fire & Rescue Service magazine. In circulation folder.
- o) Notts Rural Community Council – information and booking form re training opportunities. In circulation folder.
- p) Directory of Self Help and Support Groups within Bassetlaw 2007-8; In circulation folder.
- q) Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2007; In circulation folder.
- r) Bassetlaw NHS PCT Newsletter, August 2007; In circulation folder.
- s) Nottinghamshire Citizens Advice Bureaux newsletter, Summer 2007. In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- t) Email from Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council re Bidwriting and Fundraising course on Tuesday, 2nd October 2007 6.45pm to 9.00 pm at East Markham Village Hall. It was AGREED this could provide useful information when considering any future village projects and Parish Council representatives should attend. **ACTION: Cllrs M Ogle and J Parker to attend/S Pickard (booking).**

6 Planning

- i) APPEAL by: Mr & Mrs Hardy; Location: Millbeck Meadows, Southbeck Lane, East Drayton; Proposal: Erect two bedroom single storey dwelling. The Clerk advised a letter had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate requesting a copy of the decision letter. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton. Carry out alterations to existing public house and alter existing access. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Laurel House Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect domestic dwelling (resubmission of P/A 15/06/09). The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iv) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Laurel House Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Demolish existing brick built outbuilding. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- v) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Manor Farm Business Park, Manor Farm, East Drayton. Erect renewable energy centre to provide offices, conference facility, demonstration area and exhibition area, erect new manager's house and alter existing access. The Council noted permission had been granted with the exception of the building of the manager's house. Discussion followed concerning Condition 12 of the Consent and reservations were raised regarding any change of use applied for in the future. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- vi) Location: Southlea, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect single storey extension to bungalow. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 General Business

- i) Building Better Communities – it was AGREED to contact Mr Neil Hodgson, Communities Department at Nottinghamshire County Council to seek clarification regarding any priority areas

that might be eligible for funding, as had been the case in previous years. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Bassetlaw District Council/NALC Draft Parish Charter – there were no comments to raise.

8 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

i) Mr Hardy commented on the brick built building on the way to Laneham. The Chairman said this was a stable and planning permission had been obtained to erect it.

ii) Mr Hardy said he had noticed a lot of weeds on the kerb edge in the village, unlike neighbouring villages that were clean. The Chairman said that it was up to the individual to maintain their own patch.

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council APPROVED payment of £80.00 being subscription to Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch Association. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) The Council APPROVED payment of £267.92 being the Clerk's salary and expenses.

iii) The Council APPROVED payment of £20.00 being deposit for Cllr Allen and Cllr Goddard to attend the Planning Course (Minute ref Correspondence k). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 18th September 2007 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	2,196.58
Lloyds TSB	79.83
	<u>2,276.41</u>

d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £430.00 (FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY POUNDS) to the current account. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Urgent Business

i) Cllr Parker asked why phone calls from the Neighbourhood Watch scheme were received so late on a Saturday evening. Cllr Goddard said this was due to the programming of the automatic system and he agreed to look into the matter.

ii) Noise disturbance at Strawsons. The Chairman read out a letter received from Mr and Mrs Wray complaining about the noise going on as late as 3am and how it disturbed their sleep pattern. Also another parishioner had contacted the Chairman over the summer to register his complaint about noise. Cllr Goddard added that Mrs Mary Drake had asked if the business was now 24hr operational because there had been such an increase in night activity, involving large lorries. The Chairman added that only today he had seen two lorries coming through the village trying to get to Strawsons. It was AGREED to write to Mr Strawson to advise him of the complaints received, the effect it was having on villagers and what they could do to ensure that lorries do not come through the village. Also the Planning Department at Bassetlaw should be contacted (Mr Deakin) to request clarification on night time operations. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

iii) Cllr Parker reported a patch of sinking tarmac on Low Street near the pumping station and she agreed to monitor the situation.

iv) Cllr Goddard alerted the meeting that lampers were back in the area. Mr Hardy said he was aware of this and usually asked permission on their behalf to hunt rabbits on nearby land.

12 **Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 16th October 2007 at 7.30 pm. Cllr Ogle sent her apologies in advance.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____