

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, H Shreeve and P Ogle. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 14.

1 **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr R Small and DCllr K Isard.

## 2 Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 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 advised no reply had been received from Mr David Hunter the Chief Executive at Bassetlaw District Council requesting Bassetlaw and Severn Trent Water work together in mapping the old village drains. The Consumer Council for Water had been informed of the position and pointed out that the process the Parish Council was employing is called 'vesting'; ie the Parish Council would like to vest the responsibility of these sewers with the water company. The Chairman briefly explained the situation to date and said this would be more fully discussed at the Public Adjournment.

### b) Rampton Hospital Community Forum meetings

There was no-one available to attend the last meeting, held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, but Cllr Ogle had heard that only three people attended.

### c) Nottinghamshire County Council request re Back Lane

The Clerk advised there had been no response to date concerning the requests to Nottinghamshire County Council to repair the surface of Back Lane and it was AGREED to further contact CCllr John Hemsall to ask for a named contact at the County Council for another letter to be sent. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### d) Blue Bell Inn

The Clerk read an email from DCllr Isard in which he advised that Jamie Elliott at the Planning Department was in correspondence with Ian Baseley Associates last April regarding works to the pub. One of issues was that it was now intended to retain the toilet block but with a pitched roof. Jamie Elliott informed them that the changes were okay in principle but planning permission would be required. No application has been submitted to date.

### e) Grass verge cutting

Parish Councillors confirmed grass cutting of the verges had now been carried out.

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

## 5 Correspondence

### Bassetlaw District Council:

a) Parish Councils Liaison Group meeting, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (Chairman advised previously). Subsequently cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

### Nottinghamshire County Council:

b) Travel & Transport Briefing, May 2007; In circulation folder.

c) Planning & Property Briefing, June 2007; In circulation folder.

d) Notice of alterations of visits by Retford Mobile Library; In circulation folder.

### Standards Board for England

e) The Code of Conduct: Guide for Members and pocket guide. In circulation folder.

### **Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:**

f) Mobile Rural Contact Point poster (for village notice board).

g) Notice of NALC AGM, Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at Brackenhurst College at 7.30 pm. In circulation folder.

## 6 Planning

- i) Location: 2 South View, Church Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect front storm porch and single storey rear extension. The Council had no objections, but comment be made that there is concern about some of the detail to ensure that it does not interfere with some of the neighbours. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Location: Whimpton Moor Ground, South Beck Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Retain change of use from agricultural land to sports field, portable buildings Used as changing rooms, tea room, toilet, secure container, scorers hut and construction of a new access. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) Location: Manor Farm Business Park, Manor Farm, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect renewable energy centre to provide offices, conference facility, demonstration area and exhibition area, erect new manager's house and alter existing access. Due to the complexity of the application, it was AGREED to hold an Extraordinary Public Meeting to fully inspect and comment on this application (the meeting to be advertised to parishioners on the village notice board in due course). **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iv) DECISION NOTICE: Drayton Farm, Low Street, East Drayton; Remove condition 10 of PA 15/03/4 (footway to the site's frontage shall be widened to 2m). The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- v) DECISION NOTICE: Ashdowne, Church Lane, East Drayton. Erect detached garage/garden store and convert existing garage into utility room. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- vi) DECISION NOTICE: Land off Greengates Lane, East Drayton. Extend existing barn for storage of hay and farm implements including 2 lambing pens and erect new loose boxes. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- vii) DECISION NOTICE: Ashkeys, Low Street, East Drayton. Lower kerb. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- viii) DECISION NOTICE: Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton. Erect dwelling. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

## 7 General Business

- i) The Code of Conduct. This had been placed in the Circulation folder for Councillors to consider at this meeting. After clarification of paragraph 12, 2, by the Chairman, it was AGREED to defer a decision until next month's meeting after further discussion.

## 8 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

- i) The Chairman addressed the floor and said he had heard only last night that a flyer had been circulated regarding the recent flooding in the village and that it suggests people attend tonight's meeting. Mrs Jane Brown started the debate and said they had circulated the flyer because they were so fed up with the inadequate drainage in the village.

The Chairman gave a brief history of the problems encountered at Vine Farm/Low Street and explained the Parish Council's involvement in trying to persuade someone to accept responsibility. The matter was first placed on the Parish Council Agenda in July 2004 and has been an item ever since. Despite the involvement of DCllrs, CCllr, Patrick Mercer MP, Bassetlaw District Council (Environmental Health Dept and John Bowler, Head of Legal & Democratic Services) and Severn Trent Water Ltd (Coventry and Branton, Doncaster – Mr Geoff Betts, Reactive Manager) the matter has continued to be unresolved, most likely because of the huge cost that would be involved. The difficulty was in proving where the problem lay. Several years ago there had been extensive flood works undertaken in the village and the Chairman expressed his serious doubt that any further investigations would be carried out.

In November 2006 it was felt necessary to involve OFWAT and they passed the Parish Council's letter to the Consumer Council for Water (CCfW). Since their involvement matters had progressed for a time.

Individual members of the public related their experiences of the flooding last Friday evening and Mrs Sakellariou took the opportunity to thank all those who had helped them that night.

There followed a lengthy discussion of the situation and suggestions were sought by the Chairman as to what more the Parish Council could do on behalf of the village. The Chairman concluded that the heavy rain experienced last Friday was perhaps a 1 in 20 year's occurrence; the village had doubled in size over the last 40 years and there were more and more patios and drives being laid, that the water has less area to soak away. Also so much farmland is being drained and this is also adding to the sheer volume of water needing to get away.

Drawing the discussion to a close the Chairman said he felt fairly confident that Severn Trent had done all they could to clear all the drains that were mapped. There were problems at the top end of the village with trees growing in the ditch and they had severely hindered the free flowing of water on Friday evening. Every householder who backed on the beck had a responsibility to keep their piece clear; outside the village boundary it was the responsibility of Laneham Internal Drainage Board. Members of the public were asked for suggestions the Parish Council could act upon and it was AGREED to undertake the following:

1. A circular letter is sent to all parishioners requesting they keep clear any ditch or area that may be likely to flood. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
2. A letter is sent to Mr Geoff Betts at Severn Trent Water requesting further drainage investigation in light of the recent serious flooding problems. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
3. Consumer Council for Water is contacted to advise the village as whole still has problems with drainage and sewage contamination. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
4. Bassetlaw District Council is contacted to request clearing of rubbish and debris from culverts. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and said they were welcome to attend future meetings especially if they have any further suggestions.

ii) Mr Hardy said he felt the planning application at Whimpton Moor Ground should be refused as his proposal was refused because it was outside the village envelope. The Chairman said this was because there was a difference in use.

## 9 Finance

- a) Income - None.
- b) Accounts for Payment – The Council AGREED payment of £275.76 being Clerk's salary and expenses.
- c) Balance of Accounts  
The account balances as at 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were: £

Nottingham BS	2,196.58
Lloyds TSB	355.59
	2,552.17
- d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.
- e) Internal Audit  
The Clerk confirmed the Internal Audit had been completed by Mrs Josie Ellis and a letter of thanks would be sent, in addition to a bottle of wine. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

## 10 Urgent Business - None

## 11 Date and time of next meeting

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_