

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th June 2009 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley (Chairman), Cllrs P Ogle, M Ogle, J Parker, R Small, CCllr J Hemsall and Pc Bailey. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 0.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – received from Cllr D Allen and Cllr H Shreeve.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 19th May 2009** - were approved and signed.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Drainage issues in the village

The Clerk advised an email response to the letter sent to Mr Ian Davies had been received regarding the Flood Resilience package. Mr Davies confirmed a container would be available over the next few weeks. He will make an inspection of its proposed siting beforehand. Cllr Small agreed to accept the container at his premises initially, but commented it may be better situated nearer the source of flooding. Once delivered, the container will be the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was AGREED to contact Mr Davies to thank him and request he liaises with Cllr Small regarding delivery. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Village Hall situation

Cllr Muriel Ogle advised that the parishioner who volunteered to undertake an in-depth survey of the re-development of the village hall had now done so. Cllr Ogle added that she was awaiting forms to apply for planning permission. No grants can be applied for until planning permission has been granted. Cllr Hemsall has been involved in funding information and he agreed that RCAN (Karen Tarburton) were the right people to use.

c) Storehouse/Workshop at Kushti-Tan, North Green, East Drayton

Painting of the above storehouse/workshop has been completed. To be taken off the Agenda.

d) Tithe Barn Cottage planning refusal to retain boundary wall

No further response has been received from Mr Ian Boothby or Mr Terry Wells and it was AGREED to contact them again requesting the situation be resolved and they should refer back to the Parish Council as soon as possible. **ACTION: S Pickard.** To be retained on next agenda.

e) Back Lane update

The Chairman and Cllr Small met Laura Summers from Nottinghamshire County Council on 29th May. Ms Summers advised that there was little that could be done to the lane, a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) unless it was extremely damaged (a temporary closure notice could then be served, but this was virtually impossible). Ms Summers offered to return in February to inspect again.

f) Yorks & Humber Wind Farm Conference

The Chairman will attend on 23rd June.

g) Building Better Communities Workshop

The Chairman advised this had been postponed.

h) Parish Council's involvement in redefining of village envelope boundaries

The Clerk advised a telephone response to the Parish Council's letter had been received from Gill Davies from the Planning Policy Unit. They will make further contact in due course regarding attendance at July or September's Parish Council meeting to explain the process.

i) Incident at recent Village Hall event

Pc Bailey confirmed he had spoken to the party involved and advised them accordingly.

4 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

5 **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday, 12th July 2009 at Southwell Minster; (held over from last month). Cllrs M Ogle and H Shreeve to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

General:

b) Pc Bailey – Crime Report: Theft of lead from Church on 20th May. Pc Bailey said the rising price of scrap metal had resulted in a resurgence of thefts from surrounding villages and he urged everyone to be aware of suspicious vehicles.

c) Mobile Rural Contact Point; poster for notice board.

d) East Midlands Regional Assembly; Regional Partial review: Options Consultation Launch. No-one available to attend; to be advised accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Correspondence received after Agenda sent out:

e) BDC: Planning Application 15/09/00007 at North Beck (see Agenda item 6ii) Planning

f) Children's Play Builder scheme; Discussed, but no space in the village; reply accordingly.

ACTION: S Pickard.

g) Sherwood Foresters Western Front Memorial Committee invitation to unveiling of Memorial in Ypres, Belgium. No one available to attend; reply accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

6 Planning

i) Location: Hardings Farm, North Green, East Drayton; *Proposal:* Demolition of existing garden room and erect two storey extension. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Location: North Beck, East Drayton; *Proposal:* Retain Portacabin used for general storage. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 General Business

a) **Rural Community Action in Nottinghamshire (RCAN).** The Parish Council does not subscribe to the organisation, but the Chairman commented that it might be beneficial for Parish Council representation at the next meeting.

b) **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NALC);** The Clerk had enquired regarding training opportunities for the new Chairman; Mrs Lynda Ogilvie will advise when a course will be organised.

c) **Liaison with Laneham Parish Council:** The Clerk confirmed she had emailed the Clerk offering East Drayton working more closely together on certain issues and suggesting a visit to each other's meeting. No response to date has been received. It was AGREED this would be a good liaison and contact should be made again. Cllr Hemsall said he believed Laneham would support this idea. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

d) **Website:** The Chairman discussed the possibility of a village website and it was AGREED to insert a note in the next village newsletter asking for a volunteer to design one. Several names were suggested. Also the Chairman AGREED to place a notice on the village notice board. A website address would ensure greater transparency of the Parish Council which would meet the needs of the Freedom of Information Act. To be considered again at next month's meeting.

e) **Grass Verges:** Cllr Ogle said she had been approached concerning the overgrown roadside verges. The Chairman explained that he had been involved in this matter recently: Gaia Wind had placed a sign on the A57 that had obstructed vision at the junction. The Chairman removed the sign, re-sited it on the opposite side of the road and informed Strawson's accordingly. At the same time he was aware of the overgrown verges and contacted the Highways Dept to request they urgently mow them.

f) **Phone Box:** Cllr Ogle reported the 'phone box needed cleaning inside and the Chairman agreed to attend to this. **ACTION: Cllr Stanley.**

g) **Offer from Strawsons':** Cllr Ogle advised she had been asked to pass on the offer that Mr David Strawson has agreed to make available two rooms twice a year for fund raising for the benefit of the village.

h) **Chairman's meeting with Mr John Strawson:** The Chairman said he had requested a meeting with Mr John Strawson in the light of various rumours that had been circulating the village recently. The following points were raised:

- A restaurant had been mentioned, but this will not go ahead due to positioning of the lavatory facilities. The manager of the gym intends to hold an open evening and is considering opening up the gym to the village at concessionary rates.
- Concerning the siting of the wind turbine, Mr Strawson regretted not holding a preliminary meeting with the Parish Council. There are no plans for expansion at the moment.

- BBC television are planning a successor to Renovation SOS, called Rural Revival and they require a 'rural champion' as a representative – Luke, the manager of the gym has been approached by Bassetlaw District Council to be a 'rural champion' because he has moved to a rural area. £1/2m is available, but there is no clarification on the type of projects envisaged. The Chairman asked if the Parish Council should put forward an idea (village hall redevelopment?) and it was AGREED. The Chairman will investigate further. **ACTION: Cllr N Stanley.**
- The Chairman asked if any members of the Parish Council would be interested in a tour of the site at Strawson's and he offered to arrange a visit if required. To be discussed at next month's meeting.

i) **Lane between the Church and Tythe Barn Cottage:** Cllr P Ogle reported that the lane was in need of cutting and he agreed to trim it in due course. **ACTION: Cllr P Ogle.**

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion – No members of the public present.

9 Finance

- Income - None.
- Accounts for Payment
 - The Council APPROVED payment of £270.55 for Clerk's for salary & expenses.
- Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 16th June 2009 were: £

Nottingham BS	2,407.91
Lloyds TSB	<u>476.04</u>
	2,883.95

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Internal Audit of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2009

The Clerk advised Mrs Jose Ellis had now completed the audit and the accounts were ready for submission to Clement Keys, Chartered Accountants. It was AGREED to send a bottle of wine as a token of appreciation to Mrs Ellis. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) New mandate forms for new signatory re banking details

The necessary forms were partially completed concerning adding Chairman Stanley as a new signatory for the Parish Council at Lloyds Bank and the Nottingham Building Society. The Chairman to complete accordingly. **ACTION: Cllr N Stanley.**

10 Urgent Business

- Parish Grant Scheme: BDC is offering £300 grant for a specific project in the village. Closing date for applications is March 2010. Possible ideas: Hedge cutting and tree maintenance on Back Lane (possibly a letter from Laura Summers to support this). The Chairman added that before any decision is made on an application he would approach Strawson's re maintenance of Back Lane, and new hedging and fencing to the far side of the Churchyard. Cllr Small suggested Strawson's be asked to trim the hedge back on Back Lane and the Chairman AGREED to contact Mr John Strawson. **ACTION: Cllr N Stanley.** Grant Scheme to be discussed again at next month's meeting.
- Cllr Muriel Ogle said the Parish Council should congratulate Cllr Hemsall on his recent victory at the Local Elections. CCllr Hemsall represents 41 villages and he regularly visits East Drayton for which the Parish Council is appreciative. CCllr Hemsall thanked Cllr Ogle for her comments and said he enjoyed attending East Drayton meetings.

11 **Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 21st July 2009 at 7.30 pm. Advance apologies were received from Cllr D Allen and CCllr Hemsall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____