

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th July 2008 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, P Ogle, N Stanley, R Small and PCSO Tony Ciacco. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 7.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Parker and Cllr Shreeve.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 15th July 2008

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

3 Matters Arising

a) Drainage issues in the village

The Clerk confirmed copy letters of the relevant correspondence to Mr Bowler and the Chief Executive at Bassetlaw had been sent to DCllr Isard for him to investigate. Also a letter of thanks had been sent to Mr Betts and a request for the name of his successor. No reply to date had been received. The Chairman requested the matter be kept on the next Agenda.

b) Road Defects in the village

The Clerk confirmed a letter itemising defects and a request for re-surfacing of Low Street had been sent to Mr Alan Birt at Bolham Lane. No reply, to date, has been received.

c) Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton

The Clerk advised a letter from Bassetlaw District Council stated the matter has been investigated and they confirmed a breach of planning control has been established. The Chairman pointed out to the meeting that several parishioners had commented on the height of the eastern boundary wall being over 4ft high; planning permission had only been passed for a small/medium height wall. Therefore the Parish Council duly wrote to the planning department with its parishioners' concerns.

d) Village Hall situation

Cllr Muriel Ogle advised it is hoped to hold an open meeting in September to gauge interest in building an extension onto the existing village hall.

e) BT's proposal to remove the village payphone

The Clerk advised a letter had been received from BT and the annual call usage from the telephone kiosk from September 2006 to September 2007 was 52 calls. Discussion followed and the Chairman opened the meeting for public debate. Cllr Stanley said he believed Askham (who are to lose their payphone) planned to hold a fund raise to enable them to keep their 'phone box in situ, as a village feature (probably worth £1,000). PCSO Ciacci added that since 1st June 11 hoax calls had been made from the 'phone box, but he felt that if only one of those calls made to the emergency services had been genuine, the need for a payphone would be justified. The Chairman closed the public debate and it was AGREED to write to BT to say that although only a small number of calls had been made, the Parish Council believes it is necessary to have this facility in the village for emergency calls (calls to 999 are free).

ACTION: S Pickard.

At this point the Chairman asked PCSO Ciacci if he would like to give a crime update and he reported the following incidents since 1st June:

- Theft of steel from a farm
- Stables broken into on Long Lane; nothing taken.
- In the area, £400 worth of oil had been drained from a tank at South Leverton; this type of crime is on the increase

The Chairman thanked PCSO for his report and for attending the meeting this evening.

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

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) A-Z Guide to Services 2008. In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

b) Poster: The Sir Stuart and Lady Goodwin Charity – reminder of existence of charity.

General:

c) Poster: Rural Bassetlaw Befriending – volunteers wanted. For noticeboard.

d) Community Lincs – street furniture available; In circulation folder.

e) Bassetlaw Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for grant consideration. It was AGREED to reply that after having considered their request, there were no funds available at present.

ACTION: S Pickard.

6 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

The Chairman declared the meeting open and said this was an opportunity for everyone to comment and express their views:

i) Strawson's Energy, Manor Business Park, East Drayton

The Chairman said all Parish Councillors had been circulated with the information received from Bassetlaw District Council and he gave some background information: It is proposed to site the turbine to the right hand side of the entrance gateway. It is constructed of tubular steel with a rotation speed of 56 rpm; the noise increases as the rotational speed increases. Noise output 40 dB(A) at 100 m from the tower. The turbine is expected to generate between 19,000 and 30,000 kW a year; this is the equivalent of the energy required to power approximately 4-5 houses when heating is provided by other means. The purpose of the turbine is for demonstration in conjunction with the Eco Centre and the power output will be used within this.

Discussion followed and comments were as follows:

- If the turbine was only for demonstration purposes, why does it have to be sited on the roadside?
- The turbine could be positioned in the far back corner of the site, so it is hidden by the buildings; it may not be as effective, but it is supposed to be for demonstration purposes.
- The turbine may discourage the younger generation from wanting to settle in the village.
- East Drayton is a Conservation village; parishioners do not want to see the turbine as they approach the village.
- It appears that no consideration has been given to residents living near the proposed turbine.
- The turbine should be sited away from private properties. It could be sited in the willows.
- If one turbine was successful, how many more would follow?
- Concern was raised over de-valuation of neighbouring property.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and all the members of the public (and PCSO Ciacci) left the meeting.

7 Planning

i) Location: Strawson's Energy, Manor Business Park, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect 18.3 m wind turbine supporting 2 blades with a rotor blade diameter of 13 m. Top of the rotor blades extend to 24.8m in height. Discussion followed and it was AGREED there was no objection to the proposal of a wind turbine, but there were concerns regarding its siting. Comments to be sent to the planning department as follows:

- Overall the Parish Council supports the development of renewable energy and in principle the Parish Council is not against the wind turbine for the village, but it is extremely concerned about the siting of it in a Conservation village.
 - The Parish Council strongly recommends the siting of the turbine be moved to nearer the buildings, away from the road, so as not to detract from the appearance of the village.
 - If it is for demonstration purposes, does the turbine need to be that big?
 - Concern for neighbouring properties being de-valued in price?
 - Several parishioners expressed their views and a number of people were most anxious about the siting.
- ACTION: S Pickard.**

- ii) Location: Land at Laurel House Farm, off Greengates Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect wooden loose boxes/tack room and storage/rug drying room and erect small wind generator to existing barn. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) Location: Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Vehicular access. The plans were inspected and it was AGREED to send comments as follows: The Parish Council objects to the proposal. Considering that the property is in breach of planning conditions regarding its boundary wall, the Parish Council would like to be sure there is a need for a further access, when the existing one has been there for many years. Sufficient thought has not been given to access when the property was first built. Views have been expressed by parishioners that certain aspects of the property are not in keeping with the overall character of the village. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- vi) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Vine Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Convert redundant farm buildings to form 3 dwellings, carry out alterations to the farmhouse and alter existing access. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- v) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Yew Tree Farm, Top Street, East Drayton. Install replacement timber windows, replacement of glazed frontage to rear porch in masonry with timber windows and doors, carry out internal alterations and replace external render with lime render. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- vi) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Woodbeck House, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect ground floor rear extension. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- vii) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2007: East Drayton Footpath No 10. Order un-apposed and now confirmed wef 24th June 2008. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 General Business

i) New Councillor Training

Cllr Stanley attended the NALC New Councillor Training on 26th June. Cllr Stanley said it had been very interesting and he commented on the positive number of younger participants on the course. Cllr Stanley advised that concerning Matters Arising in minutes of meetings, Parish Councillors were not allowed to make decisions in that section; rather they should be under a specific agenda item.

ii) Allegations by members of the public

Following the appeal by some householders for the Parish Council to request trimming of a hedge, the Chairman commented on members of the public who have alleged being bullied, harassed and picked-on by the Parish Council. The Parish Council refutes these allegations; they were requested in a polite manner to trim their overgrown hedge in regard for other footpath users.

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment – None.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 15th July 2008 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	2,052.62
Lloyds TSB	<u>247.32</u>
	2,299.94

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

12 **Urgent Business** - There was no urgent business.

13 Date and time of next meeting

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th September 2008 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 _____

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