

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st June 2011 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs N Stanley, A Stanley, R Small, P Ogle, M Goddard, I Stephens, CCllr J Hemsall and Pc Bailey. In attendance: Clerk, S Pickard. Members of the public: 0.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – were received from Cllr M Goddard and Cllr H Mackintosh.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 17th May 2011** - were approved and signed.

3 Matters Arising

a) Village Signs - The revised drawing was circulated showing agricultural scenes with St Peter's Church and all AGREED this was acceptable. Mrs Jan Pauley at Nottinghamshire County Council to be advised accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Communal snow plough blade and gritter - CCllr Hemsall assured the Council that funds would be available for Cllr Small and Cllr Goddard to use their tractor buckets to clear snow. An allowance will be lodged with the Council for Winter-orientated materials, eg snow clearing, grit etc.

c) Parish Council signing up to www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk. Individual Council members have signed up, but the Chairman was still receiving unnecessary alerts. The old Ringmaster system is still running. Bassetlaw District Council is considering signing-up in times of emergency situations.

d) Best Kept Village Competition – The Chairman advised this had been a topic of conversation in the village. The decision had been taken to enter this year to 'test the water' for future years, when perhaps a working party could be set up.

e) Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Cllr Ogle reported that at the last Village Hall Committee meeting it had been agreed that a joint event be organised with the Parish Council. Discussion followed and Cllr Small kindly offered a shed as a venue for a ceilidh on the evening of Saturday, 2nd June 2012. Also a sports day for the children could be organised in the afternoon with a scarecrow competition (royalty theme). The Blue Bell Inn could be approached to run a bar and a decision would have to be made regarding whether the event is run to make a profit (proceeds to charity) or just to cover costs. Mr Chris Ashton at the Elkesley Pottery was also suggested as a contact for commemorative pieces to give to the children. It was AGREED to hold the first discussion meeting on 11th July 2011 at Cllr Ogle's house and the Chairman, Cllr A Stanley and Cllr Stephens will also attend.

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

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) Revamped village sign suggestion.

Bassetlaw District Council:

b) Parish Councils Liaison Group – next meeting 13th July 2011 7pm Worksop Town Hall. In circulation folder.

c) Review of Polling Stations: Comments by 19th August 2011. It was AGREED to reply stating that in East Drayton the arrangement to use the Village Hall (with disabled access) works very well. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

General

c) Response – Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue, May 2011. In circulation folder.

6 Planning

i) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Tree in garden opposite Beehive Cottage, Top Street, East Drayton. Fell one Sycamore tree. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 General Business

a) Douglas Tonks Ltd re payment of Clerk's salary – the Clerk advised she had contacted the company who had confirmed all the arrangements were in hand concerning the first payment under the new PAYE system, in due course.

8 Crime Report

Pc Bailey reported there had been two recent crimes in the village: A car had been stolen and a garden ornament (theft of the latter usually co-incides with local antique fairs).

Concerning the Police budget cuts, Pc Bailey said the future was grim. He felt community policing would go and rural areas would just be left with PCSOs – staff were needed in town. Discussion currently is for Retford Station to open Monday – Saturday, 8am-8pm. There is no Traffic Department in Nottinghamshire – that disappeared in 2002. There has been a freeze on PC and PCSO recruitment for the last 12 months and for a further two years.

9 **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** – no members of the public were present.

10 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council AGREED payment of £20.48 to Eon for the 'phone box lighting.

ACTION: S Pickard.

ii) The Council AGREED payment of £34.54 being the Clerk's expenses for the quarter. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

iii) A cheque for £200 was made payable to the Village Hall Trust Fund (received from DCllr Isard earlier, but had been made payable to the Parish Council).

ACTION: S Pickard.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21 st June 2011 were:	£
Nottingham BS	1,907.93
Lloyds TSB	1,428.87
	<u>3,336.80</u>

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Audit of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2011 The Clerk confirmed that Mrs Jose Ellis had now completed the internal audit of the Council's accounts and these had now been sent to Clement Keys, Chartered Accountants, Birmingham, for external audit. It was AGREED to send a small gift to Mrs Ellis as a token of the Parish Council's appreciation for completing the audit. Also, it was agreed Mr Ellis should receive a similar gift, as thanks for all his work in creating and maintaining the village website. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Urgent Business

- i) The book of Declaration of Office was duly completed & signed by Cllr A Stanley, who was absent at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
- ii) Grass cutting – is required; visibility is becoming a problem. CCllr Hemsall AGREED to contact the department and the Chairman also AGREED to contact Jeanne Wallace at Highways, Ollerton.

12 Date and time of next meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 19th July 2011 at 7.30 pm. CCllr Hemsall sent his apologies in advance.

The Chairman thanked CCllr Hemsall and Pc Bailey in particular, for attending.

Signed _____ Date _____

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