

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th January 2006 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs M Ogle Vice-Chairman), J Parker, J Goddard, J Jones and R Small. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public 1.

1 **Apologies for Absence.** Were received from the Chairman, Cllr D Allen.

2 **Minutes of meeting held 20th December 2005**

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

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle reported that Severn Trent Water Authority had promised to take up part of the road to inspect a cross section in the pipe that may be causing the trouble. If this is not the problem they will investigate further.

b) New Rural Beat Officer

The Clerk confirmed she had contacted Pc Bill Bailey, but he was unable to attend the February meeting. He had however agreed to drop in at some time and introduce himself.

c) Request for deer signs

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Statham at Bolham Lane stating that they have no up to date information on the matter as the Police do not now record such accidents. Due to lack of funds for traffic management measures in Bassetlaw next year, he could not justify installing deer signs in the area.

d) Phone Box light

The Phone Box is now lit.

e) Pre order Consultation Document re East Drayton footpath No 10

Cllr Goddard confirmed he had spoken to Laura Summers, Area Rights of Way Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council (who will reply to the Parish Council's letter shortly). It had been decided to leave the footpath at 2m width (rather than the 1.5 m requested by the Parish Council with a stile at each end) because she suspects a fence is to be erected. There will be staggered bollards at each end to prevent the entry of motor vehicles.

4 **Declarations of Interest.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5 **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) Nottinghamshire Statement of Community Involvement Pre-submission draft – November 2005 (consultation period 6th January to 17th February 2006); In circulation folder.

b) Planning & Property briefing, January 2006; In circulation folder.

NALC:

c) Northern Area Committee meeting minutes (held 21st November 2005); In circulation folder.

General:

d) Nottingham East Midlands Airport Draft Master Plan public consultation; In circulation folder.

e) The Rural Voice, Winter 2005/06; In circulation folder.

f) Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2006; In circulation folder.

g) Trent NHS: Consultation on new primary care trust arrangements in Trent: Ensuring a patient-led NHS; In circulation folder.

h) South Yorkshire NHS: Ensuring a Patient-led NHS; In circulation folder.

i) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

j) Mobile Rural Contact Point poster (for village notice board)

k) Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, January 2006; In circulation folder.

6 Planning/Naming & Numbering

v) Location: Land at Drayton Farm, Long Lane, East Drayton. Street naming and numbering proposal: Four new dwellings, to be known as 1 Homefield Close; The Cottage, 2 Homefield Close; The Archway, 3 Homefield Close; and Homefield House, 4 Homefield Close, East Drayton. Parish Councillors noted the naming/numbering had now been confirmed.

At 7.45 Pc Bill Bailey arrived.

Cllr Ogle welcomed Pc Bailey to the meeting and he explained how the Police force had been restructured in this area. Pc Bailey had only recently gained East Drayton. He took over the Tuxford beat in 2002 and was working from the North Leverton Police Contact Point. At the time there were ten officers covering an area from Misterton to Tuxford. In the last four years officers had moved and not been replaced. They were now down to four officers covering the same area (Tuxford, Grassthorpe, Bevercotes, Rampton, through to Retford) and the workload had gone up. He added that in 2006 recruitment will be 40 additional officers for Nottinghamshire, but he believed they would all go to the city. The North Leverton contact point was now closed to all intents and purposes and he is based at Harworth. Pc Bailey stressed that he did try to pass through the village every shift he worked. Discussion followed concerning the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Pc Bailey was in favour of this, although he would have preferred that any incidents in his area be fed straight to him, rather than him having to check with the Scheme.

Cllr Ogle thanked Pc Bailey for his input and he hoped to drop in again at the March meeting.

7 General Business

i) The Local Development Framework

The Clerk confirmed she had now received the Consultation Draft on the Core Strategy and these were distributed to each Parish Councillor. It was AGREED Parish Councillors should study these carefully and think about any questions or comments they would like to make. The Clerk will contact Mr King concerning a second meeting with him which would probably take place before next month's meeting as the consultation period ends on 20th February. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Community Speed Watch

Cllr Ogle asked Pc Bailey to comment on the scheme. He said although it was still in its infancy in this area, he did think it was a useful deterrent. No further volunteers had come forward, but Cllr Shreeve agreed to make enquiries regarding two possible volunteers. **ACTION: Cllr Shreeve.** It was AGREED to retain the matter on the Agenda and the Clerk to contact Mr Jonathan Tonks, the Community Safety Officer, to see whether neighbouring villages have signed up. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion

i) Mr Hardy produced photocopied newspaper cuttings concerning untoward profit being made from speed guns. Cllr Ogle asked for the cuttings to be included in the Circulation folder for Parish Councillors to read. Pc Bailey assured the meeting that in Nottinghamshire this was non-profit making and money taken from fines was used for the maintenance and running costs of the scheme. Any funds remaining went to Central Government.

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment - None

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 17th January 2006 were:

Nottingham BS	£ 2,258.00
Lloyds TSB	69.53
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d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

10 Urgent Business

i) Parish Precept and Contributions from Bassetlaw District Council 2006/07

The Vice-Chairman advised that a pre-budget meeting was held yesterday evening, 16th January to prepare figures for the precept and contribution for the year 2006-2007. The costings were looked at in great detail and the following points were suggested for discussion to enable the 2006-2007 figures to be arrived at:

Concerning this financial year 2005-2006 the Vice-Chairman proposed that Cllr Goddard receive £50.00 for cutting the hedges as part of Churchyard Maintenance. All AGREED. Also the Vice-Chairman proposed that £150 be donated to the Village Hall committee to go into a cooker fund for a replacement cooker. All AGREED.

Cllr Ogle advised the meeting that Bassetlaw District Council's plan to phase out the concurrent grant over a five year period is currently on hold, and therefore East Drayton's concurrent grant for the year 2006-2007 remains at last year's figure, ie £248. The proposals were discussed and the following figures were RESOLVED for the budget:

Churchyard Maintenance	100.00
Public Clocks	100.00
Village Hall hire	100.00
Senior Citizens	80.00
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	80.00
NALC Subscription	50.00
Audit fee	65.00
Insurance	175.00
Village Hall – Running costs	<u>100.00</u>

£1,947.00

Therefore the Precept requirement for 2006-2007 is £1,699. The application forms to be completed and returned to Bassetlaw District Council by 27th January 2006. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Cllr Jones requested enquiries be made concerning Parish Councillors visiting a recycling centre to see what happens to the contents of the 'blue bin'. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21st February 2006 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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