

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllrs N Stanley, A Stanley, H Mackintosh, P Ogle, M Goddard and I Stephens. In attendance: Clerk, S Pickard. Members of the public: 0.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – were received from Cllr R Small and CCllr J Hemsall.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011** - were approved and signed.

## 3 Matters Arising

a) Village Signs - The Clerk read out an email received from Ian Fielding at Malcolm Lane & Son Ltd, inviting Councillors to the premises to see the new signs being produced. Councillors agreed to visit and suggested perhaps Mr Ellis may like to join them to take photographs for the website.

### **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Best Kept Village Competition – The Clerk read out the Judges' comments and various points were made: *Most of the gardens were pretty good. Church grounds were neat and quite tidy. Litter bins OK and very little litter around the village. Grassed triangle at centre of village had scraps of litter where this had been cut by the mower. Some unkempt verges. Bus stops and shelters OK. No effort to outside of Village Hall. Notice board OK. No evidence of community activity. Not apparent telephone kiosk had become PC property (no effort made to make some use of this street furniture). Benches OK. All farms seen were neat and tidy. Leisure facility and associated area was very neat. The Blue Bell Inn had a lovely colourful display. No map supplied for judges.*

c) Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Cllr Ogle, Chairman of the Village Hall/Parish Council sub-committee, reported that Cllr Small had kindly agreed to offer a barn for a ceilidh (Pinch O' Snuff booked at £400; they will require a deposit). There will be sufficient lavatories as Cllr Small has some and the mess room facilities will be available by then. A cold buffet - ticket price £8/10 to cover costs only, for 100 people+. The Blue Bell Inn will provide the bar. To be advertised in the village newsletter and everyone was asked to 'spread the word'. On Bank Holiday Monday there will be a children's event on the sports field with a BBQ. The Landlord of The Blue Bell is aware of all the proposed events. There will be a village scarecrow competition. Arrangements to be stepped up Jan/Feb, but the venue/band/bar needed to be booked in good time. Concerning financial outlay, the Chairman proposed that Parish Council funds be used to enable organisation of the event and these be recouped from ticket sales. ALL AGREED.

d) Grass cutting – The Chairman had contacted Jeanne Wallace who advised the village will receive one cut, which was carried out the day after. The state of the gutters was also raised and although there were no plans to spray these at present because of cutbacks, if the situation changes East Drayton will be top of the list.

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

## 5 Correspondence

### Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) Street lighting energy saving proposals (and poster); In circulation folder.

b) Retford Household Waste & Recycling Centre – information on 3-month closure. Notice to be placed on notice board, entrance to the pub and website. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Street lighting – cutback proposals. Letter and poster for notice board.

### Bassetlaw District Council

d) Code of Conduct Training – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at Worksop Town Hall. The Chairman AGREED to attend.

### General

e) Invitation to visit Idle Valley Nature Reserve or for a representative to attend the PC meeting to give a brief talk (cost £25). Cllr Ogle suggested this may be of interest for the Fish and Chip evenings. Information to be sent to Cllr Ogle. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- f) Letter of thanks received from Mrs H Shreeve for the £200 cheque received for the Village Hall funds (from DCllr Isard).

## 6 Planning

- i) Location: Ash trees in Blue Bell Inn Car park, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Pruning works to three Ash trees (Application 15/11/00007/T). The Council had no objections. Comments sheet to be returned to the Planning Dept, Bassetlaw DC. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Location: Broadlea, North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Conversion of stable and garage to form part of house, erect single storey link extension and extension to form garage (Application No: 15/11/00008). The Council had no objections. Comments sheet to be returned to the Planning Dept. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

## 7 General Business

- i) Overhanging branches near the village sign on Retford Road. The Chairman AGREED to contact Mr Graham Small.
- ii) Mr Steve Ellis sent his thanks for the gift received as a token of the Council's appreciation concerning the internal audit and village website.

## 8 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion – no members of the public were present.

## 9 Finance

- a) Income - None.
- b) Accounts for Payment
- i) The Council AGREED payment of £60.00 to Clement Keys for external audit of the Parish Council accounts. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) The Council AGREED payment of £74.08 to Mr Steve Ellis re web hosting and domain name registration of village website. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- c) Balance of Accounts
- The account balances as at 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were: £
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| Nottingham BS | 1,907.93      |
| Lloyds TSB    | <u>907.33</u> |
|               | 2,815.26      |
- d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.
- e) External Audit
- The Clerk advised Clement Keys had completed the external audit with no problems and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit form was completed and will be displayed on the village notice board for 14 days.

## 10 Urgent Business

- i) Central Networks – Unmetred Supply Inventory; A request was made for an update, despite the Parish Council having sent a cheque to cover the cost for the electricity supply to the 'phone kiosk. The Clerk advised she had contacted Western Power to confirm there had been no changes and a new Unmetred Supply Certificate has been issued.

## 11 Date and time of next meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7.30 pm.

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