

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th March 2005 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen

Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, H Shreeve and R Small

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). No members of the public present.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from DCllr M Jenkins, CCllr J Hemsall, Cllrs J Jones and J Goddard.

2 Minutes of meeting held 15th February 2005

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

3 Matters Arising

a) Village Sign

The Chairman advised that a Declaration of Interest must be made by all Parish Councillors and the matter would be dealt with in Agenda item 6b) Planning.

b) Gritting side roads

No reply had been received from Mr Alan Birt, customer services manager at Bolham Lane despite an assurance from Mr Lightfoot. However, Cllr Small reported that gritting was now taking place.

c) Building Better Communities – application for grant aid

The Chairman advised that nothing had been heard. The item to be retained on next month's Agenda and the Clerk to liaise with the Chairman and a letter of enquiry be sent if no decision is made before next month's meeting.

d) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle advised the meeting that she had been assured that Severn Trent would be dealing with the problem that is situated near Cllr Goddard's property where the road has sunk and there is a complete blockage further down the road. The Chairman added that his architect had written to Severn Trent regarding their statutory rights and it is hoped the problem will soon be resolved.

e) State of road verges

The Clerk had received a reply from Mr David Skepper, Commercial Director at Lincs Road Car in which he agreed to ask the bus drivers to exercise care when the buses pass each other to avoid damage to the grass verges.

f) Byway 22 – Modification Order

The Clerk read out the letter received from Mr Tim Hart, Senior Definitive Map Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council in which he asked the Parish Council to reconsider its position and withdraw the comments made. The Chairman explained that Mr Hart was saying that if the Parish Council challenges the existing status it could create more problems that it would solve (the right of access for the public with vehicles already exists). It was felt that the Parish Council could pick up the matter again should the trail bike situation arise. All AGREED they did not wish to cause the holding of the public enquiry and on that basis the Parish Council would withdraw the comments made. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

g) National (now Nottinghamshire) Association of Local Councils

The Chairman attended the inaugural meeting of the Northern area committee on 21st February 2005. The Chairman reported that Councillor Hugh Burton was confirmed as Chairman and there were around 20 individuals from various parish councils present. The main objective of the committee was to have a worthwhile unified voice on matters, such as the double taxation issue. Parish Councils were urged to bring forward any points to the committee meetings for consideration to enable them to be dealt as one body. The Chairman listed the future dates (23rd May, 5th September, 21st November and 20 February 2006) and he would endeavour to support the committee and attend the next meeting. All AGREED East Drayton Parish Council should support the Northern Area Committee.

- 4 **Declarations of Interest** – All Parish Councillors present made a Declaration of Interest in Agenda Item 6 Planning b) Land at corner of Church Lane and North Green, East Drayton: Proposal: Erect oak signpost with carvings depicting village life.

5 Correspondence

- a) Nottinghamshire Healthcare, Rampton Hospital Community Forum meeting to be held on Wednesday 23rd March 2005 at 2.30 pm. The Chairman is unable to attend but Cllr Goddard will represent the Parish Council
- b) The Chairman advised that half the proceeds from a village quiz amounting to £170 had been sent to the Notts/Lincs Air Ambulance Association on behalf of the Parish Council and all AGREED this was most appropriate.
- Nottinghamshire County Council:
- c) Nottinghamshire County Council Statement of Community Involvement – Key Issues Consultation (Parish Council questionnaire); sent to Chairman 22.2.04 for consideration before meeting).
- d) Countylink, February 2005; In circulation folder.
- e) Travel and Transport Briefing, March 2005; In circulation folder.
- f) Planning and Property Briefing, March 2005; In circulation folder.
- Bassetlaw District Council:
- g) Community Engagement Best Value Review (comments required by 9.3.05) sent to Chairman on 25.2.05 and comments sent 1.3.05 (copy letter in circulation folder);
- h) Planning for the Future Issue 2 newsletter (explains the transition from the development of a Local Plan to Local Development Framework); In circulation folder.
- i) Use Your Vote poster (previously sent to Chairman 8.3.05);
- General:
- j) The Standards Board for England; An introduction to the review of the Code of Conduct for members (consultation document, deadline for responses 17th June 2005); In circulation folder.
- k) East Midlands Regional Assembly; Consultation on the Draft East Midlands Regional Freight Strategy and Consultation on the Draft East Midlands Regional Waste Strategy; In circulation folder.
- l) BT re siting of new BT telegraph pole and fittings; In circulation folder.
- m) A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd (an arms-length management organisation managing the Council's housing stock) poster advertising roadshows for tenants; In circulation folder.
- n) Glasdon catalogues; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- o) Bassetlaw District Council – Health & Safety on Safe Operation of Paddling Pools; In circulation folder.
- p) Defra – CDROM re broadband in rural areas; In circulation folder.
- q) Bassetlaw District Council: Standards Board for England Guidance – Lobby Groups, dual-hatted Members and the Code of Conduct; In circulation folder.

6 Planning

- a) Location: Bramble Lodge, Top Street, East Drayton; *Proposal:* Erect conservatory. Application sent to Chairman previously and circulated as reply required before monthly meeting. No objections. **Action: S Pickard.**

Parish Councillors signed the Declaration of Interest book to comply with regulations concerning the following item:

- b) Location: Land at the corner of Church Lane and North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect oak signpost with carvings depicting village life. The Parish Council had no objections. **Action: S Pickard.** The Chairman added that he had sourced the oak and if the proposal was approved, he and Mr Jim Simpson would go over to Corby Glen to collect the timber.
- c) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Lowe Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect cattle shed. The Parish Council noted permission had been granted.

7 General Business

- a) Nottinghamshire County Council Statement of Community Involvement – Key Issues Consultation (including Statement of Community Involvement, Parish Council questionnaire). This was discussed and completed during the meeting. Main comments included a request that for any future minerals or waste development all householders/businesses within a 2-mile radius should be informed. Planning applications for housing should be dealt with as at present. The Parish Council felt it distributed information appropriately on planning matters (limited access to computers within the village – therefore information via the internet not felt appropriate for such a rural area). The Parish Council holds reasonably effective and open parish meetings and that has proved to be the best forum for discussion. To be returned to Notts CC. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- b) Community Engagement Best Value Review: Previously sent to the Chairman. Comments sent to Anne Cocking, Performance Improvement Co-ordinator as follows: Community Forums: Whilst the village of Tuxford may be considered a worthwhile area, it is felt that East Drayton is too small for a community forum and there would be insufficient interest shown to make this viable. Quality Parish Initiative – The Parish Council would welcome a direct contact at Bassetlaw for the Clerk, in particular, to connect with to ascertain the relevant person/department with which to liaise on the many aspects dealt with by the district council.
- c) The Chairman reported the Lychgate Committee had met recently and a Local Heritage Initiative Completion report had been filled in. A copy to be held on file in the filing cabinet.

Finance

- a) Income – None
- b) Accounts for Payment –
 - i) Clerk's Salary and expenses. The Council AGREED payment of £281.74. **Action: S Pickard**
- c) Balance of Accounts
The account balances as at 15th March 2005 were: £

Lloyds Bank	79.75
Nottingham BS	<u>1,605.20</u>
	1,684.95
- d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £300 to the Lloyds Bank. **ACTION: S Pickard**

8 No parishioners present to enable public discussion.

9 Urgent Business

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday, 26th April 2005

The Clerk read out a list of parish organisations to whom an invitation to attend and present a report should be sent. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Date and time of next meeting

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 26th April 2005 at 7.00 pm with the Annual Parish Meeting to follow afterwards at 8.00 pm. The Clerk had produced a poster for the noticeboard advertising the Annual Parish Meeting at its later date.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____