

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, J Goddard, J Jones, H Shreeve and R Small.

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 5 and Mr Martin Hubbard (Martin Hubbard & Associates Ltd).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 **Apologies for Absence.** Were received from CCllr J Hemsall.

## 2 **Minutes of meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

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

## 3 **Matters Arising**

### a) Village Sign

The Chairman read out a draft circular for villagers concerning ideas for depictions on the proposed village sign. All AGREED to the wording and this will now be distributed.

### b) Building Better Communities – street lighting

Nothing further to report.

### c) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle reported that she had still not received the letter promised eight weeks ago from Severn Trent Water Authority. They had advised they would send a letter explaining why they would not take action and until this arrives Cllr Ogle cannot go back to Bassetlaw District Council. This situation has been ongoing for over a year as no one will accept responsibility. It was AGREED to write to DCllr Isard and CCllr Hemsall to ask them to use their best endeavours to bring to bear some pressure. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### d) Replacement tree at entrance to Manor House Farm

No further progress has been made since the matter had been passed to Mr John Whittles, Senior Planner in the Policy & Implementation Unit. It was AGREED to write to Mr Whittles to remind him. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### e) Gritting

Two letters had been received from bus companies and the Clerk read out one from Lincs Road Car (their drivers report difficulties and the Highways managers are contacted to arrange for gritting at specific points) and one from Marriott's (they withdraw services during extreme weather conditions). It was AGREED to let CCllr Hemsall have photocopies of these letters for his information and a letter be sent to Nottinghamshire Education Department advising them that the school buses will be withdrawn on untreated roads in icy conditions. Also it was AGREED to acknowledge the two bus companies' letters. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### f) South East Bassetlaw Forum

The Chairman AGREED to contact DCllr Jenkins to find out the position.

### g) Ideas for future funding of community projects – village hall

The Chairman asked if a date for a village meeting had been arranged, but Cllr Ogle had not yet produced a newsletter. She will try and get this circulated before the November meeting.

### h) Dog nuisance

The Clerk reported she had contacted Environmental Health who had advised the matter was considered 'noise nuisance' and any individual who wished to make a complaint could do so to that department and they would contact the owners.

### i) Community Speed Watch

The Clerk advised she had contacted Mr Jonathon Tonks, the Community Safety Officer at Bassetlaw District Council and he, or a colleague in the Police Force, had agreed to attend next month's Parish Council to explain the scheme and hopefully bring along a speed gun.

### j) New Rural Beat Officer

The Clerk reported she had left a message on Pc Bill Bailey's mobile phone, but to date had not received a phone call. It was AGREED to contact him again to ask if he would like to attend

a future Parish Council meeting to introduce himself. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

k) Pavement outside The Old Manor House

The Clerk reported she had contacted Bolham Lane for repairs to the pavement and was advised they had been notified three weeks earlier by the owners. Parish Councillors confirmed the work had now been undertaken.

l) Overcrowding on school bus

The Clerk read out two emails received from Mr Clive Greyson, Passenger Transport at Nottinghamshire County Council (Education) in which he explained how the seats were allocated on the 730 service and that CCTV is fitted. The second email advised an inspector had travelled on the bus and he confirmed everyone had a seat. It was AGREED to acknowledge Mr Greyson's comments and explain that the concerns had arisen in the first few days back at school in September and the matter appeared to be resolved by the introduction of another bus. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

m) Land Registry – Butts Lane

The Chairman pointed out that at last month's meeting the ownership of this lane had been raised as there was an opportunity of voluntary registration of title. On checking the Parish Council files there has been 20-30 years research, but despite this, ownership is vague. Cllr Shreeve AGREED to contact Mr Bert Neate to see if he had any paperwork on the subject. **ACTION: Cllr Shreeve.**

4 **Declarations of Interest.**

Declarations of Interest were made concerning Agenda Item 6i) and ii) Planning: Location: Vine Farm, Low Street, East Drayton by the following Parish Councillors: Cllr Ogle (applicant), Cllr Allen and Cllr Goddard (immediate neighbours).

5 **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) By the Way, Summer 2005; In circulation folder.
- b) Participate Oct-Dec 2005; In circulation folder.
- c) Countylink, October 2005 (including County Councillor guide); In circulation folder.
- d) Planning & Property Briefing, October 2005; In circulation folder.
- e) Travel & Transport Briefing, October 2005; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

f) Presentations to Parish Councils on the Local Development Framework; The Clerk read out the letter received from Mr John King, Planning Officer (Policy and Implementation Unit). It was AGREED this was a most important issue and as there is already a speaker arranged for next month, a suggestion be made that East Drayton Parish Councillors join a neighbouring PC meeting on the subject. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

g) Airport Consultative Committee (new forum aimed at focus on marketing and promotional activity to attract new businesses and investment into the district, particularly in relation to opportunities arising from Robin Hood Airport); It was felt the airport was too far away for concern at East Drayton. AGREED to acknowledge Sandra Withington's letter and advise her of the Clerk's email address should anything specific need bringing to the Parish Council's attention.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

General:

- h) The Countryside Agency – Conclusive map of registered common land and open country; In circulation folder.
- i) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council – 81<sup>st</sup> AGM, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at Calverton Miners' Welfare at 7.00 pm (and The Rural Voice, Summer 2005); In circulation folder.
- j) Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS invitation to become a Trust member (and leaflets); In circulation folder. Discussion followed and the Chairman commented that this could just become a pressure group.

6 **Planning**

The Chairman advised that he had recently been challenged by a parishioner on the question of secondary development in relation to planning matters. He contacted the planning department at Bassetlaw District Council and was told that the policy was actually contained in Policy 5/7 of the Bassetlaw Local Plan. Quote:

"New housing development, including where appropriate alterations and extensions to existing

buildings, will be permitted only where it:

- a) respects, complements, and is compatible with the existing character and environment of the area in which it is located; and
- b) protects important features within the site worthy of retention (eg trees and hedges); and
- c) does not damage the amenities of adjoining land and premises; and
- d) provides a pleasant, safe, convenient and interesting environment for people to live in; and
- e) is designed so as to encourage good access to public transport and ease of movement for cyclists and pedestrians.

5.35 Considerations regarding layout and design go beyond the physical form of the development and the manner in which it relates to neighbouring buildings. The functioning of space between dwellings within the development and links to adjoining land need to be given careful attention.....” end quote.

Re Conservation villages, with an envelope around, in general linear development is accepted, back land or secondary development is not, but this can be overruled by the planning committee.

**Parish Councillors M Ogle, D Allen and J Goddard left the room, together with Mr P Ogle. Cllr Ray Small took the chair.**

i) Location: Vine Farm, Low Street, East Drayton, *Proposal*: Conversion of farmhouse, redundant agricultural buildings and new build to provide four dwellings and alter existing access. The Clerk read out the Written Supporting Information submitted with the application and Mr Martin Hubbard, the architect, offered to explain the plans to Parish Councillors in further detail. After discussion the Parish Council’s decision was to object to the proposal as the development involved secondary development which is contrary to the policy on planning in the village.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Location: Vine Farm, Low Street, East Drayton; *Proposal*: Demolish part of single and attic storey leg of redundant outbuildings. The Parish Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

**Parish Councillors M Ogle, D Allen and J Goddard returned to the meeting, together with Mr P Ogle. Cllr Allen took the chair.**

iii) Location: Land adjacent North Beck, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal*: Erect dwelling and construct new access. The Parish Council’s decision was to object to the proposal as it was considered secondary development, which is contrary to the policy on planning in the village.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

iv) Location: North Green, East Drayton: Confirmation of street naming and numbering: Broadlea, North Green; Poplar Farm, North Green; Ashlands, North Green; and Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green.

v) Location: Poplar Farm, North Green, East Drayton: *Proposal*: Street naming and numbering: New four bedroomed detached dwelling, to be known as – North Green House, North Green, East Drayton. (Subsequently confirmed).

vi) Location: Shalborn, Top Street, East Drayton. Confirmation of street naming and numbering: To be known as Chimneys, Top Street, East Drayton.

vii) Location: Westholme, Top Street, East Drayton. Notice of invitation to speak at Planning Meeting to be held Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

## **7 General Business**

None.

## **8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.**

### **a) Police Visit**

Mr Henderson queried the validity of the speed cameras as noted in the Press and the suggestions that they may not be accurate. The Chairman explained that in most cases anyone caught speeding would be sent a warning letter in the first instance, not a fine.

b) Mobile Phone Masts

Mr Hardy said he had heard of clusters of cancer reported up to 300m away from phone masts and he questioned the Parish Council's decision not to object to the proposal of a mast in the village. The Chairman replied that the matter had been fully debated and that was the opinion of the Parish Council. He also mentioned a comment he had heard that Manor House Farm was up for sale. This was not considered Parish Council business.

c) Agricultural pesticides

Mr Hardy commented on Press reports that farmers are required to leave a 5m perimeter strip around fields unsprayed and he believed this was because the sprays used are unsafe. The Chairman reiterated his comments that all sprays are fully tested and approved, and farmers are required by law to keep records that log wind direction/speed and type of spray used on each field.

9 **Finance**

a) Income - The Parish Council noted £991.00 precept/contributions payment into the current account from Bassetlaw District Council.

b) Accounts for Payment – None

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2005 were:	£
Nottingham BS	1,608.00
Lloyds TSB	<u>1,062.93</u>
	2,670.93

c) Transfer of Funds – it was AGREED to transfer £900 (NINE HUNDRED POUNDS) from the current account to the Building Society account. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 **Urgent Business**

None.

11 **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 7.30 pm when Mr Jonathon Tonks, Community Safety Officer from Bassetlaw District Council (or a colleague from the Police Force) will visit to explain the scheme.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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

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