

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th November 2007 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, H Shreeve, R Small, P Ogle, CCllr J Hemsall and DCllr M Jenkins. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 1.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr J Parker.
- 2 **Minutes of meeting held on 16th October 2007** The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising

a) Bidwriting and fundraising course

The Chairman asked for any comments Cllr Ogle would like to add following Cllr Parker's report at the last meeting. Cllr Ogle commented that £50m was available for building/extension projects. The village hall committee would like to extend the village hall, but initially an architect would have to be employed to draw up plans and it was a case of when and where to apply to get the project off the ground. This could cost anywhere from £20/30,000 upwards. DCllr Jenkins said time could be saved by getting the right advice on where to obtain funding and both he and CCllr Hemsall AGREED to make enquiries. Also the Chairman asked about grant aid for pollarding of the Churchyard trees (estimated at £1,200) and CCllr Hemsall AGREED to look into this matter.

ACTION: DCllr Jenkins and CCllr Hemsall.

b) 'Crash course on Planning'

The Clerk advised she had contacted Sue Budden at Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council concerning the length of time before the next planning course. Notts RCC are in the hands of Planning Aid who organise the courses and they have to fit in with them.

c) Noise disturbance at Strawson's

The Chairman informed the meeting of the position so far, for the benefit of those who had been unable to attend recent meetings. The Clerk read out a letter received from Mr Deakin at Bassetlaw District Council advising that he had looked at the planning history of the site and at restrictions imposed on previous planning permissions. He was now seeking advice from the Council's solicitors and would write again after a response from them. A letter had also been received from Mr Gordon Albery, Principal Technical Services Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council agreeing to investigate further signage, although it would be subject to financial restrictions. Mr Albery requested a named contact at Strawson's to enable him to approach them direct concerning possible finance of such signs. It was AGREED to reply to Mr Albery, naming Mr John Strawson as a contact. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- 4 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Travel & Transport Briefing, October 2007; In circulation folder.

NALC:

- b) New Councillor Training (5th December, Epperstone Village Hall). Mr Phillip Ogle to attend.

ACTION: S Pickard.

- c) Notice of NALC AGM held on 29th October 2007. In circulation folder.

d) Email print out from Lynda Ogilvie at NALC re Came & Company, Insurance Consultants. It was AGREED to contact Lynda Ogilvie and make enquiries about the company. If there is positive feedback, then a copy of the 2007 renewal form to be sent to Came & Company asking them to quote. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- e) NALC Northern Area Committee Agenda for next meeting to be held on 19th November 2007 at 7.30 pm at Retford Town Hall. In circulation folder.

f) Second letter re Dual Taxation (enclosing Mattersey PC accounts that were omitted from original letter). In circulation folder.

General:

g) Fledgelings Pre-School Playgroup – request for financial assistance. It was AGREED to write to the playgroup advising their request would be considered in due course. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

h) Emda news, October 2007. In circulation folder.

i) Bassetlaw PCT newsletter, October 2007. In circulation folder.

j) Nottinghamshire Police Authority Volunteers – Independent Custody Visiting Scheme. Posters for noticeboard.

6 Planning

i) Location: Ashlands, North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect single storey extension. The

Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Location: Glebe Bungalow, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect kitchen extension and detached double garage. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

iii) DECISION NOTICE: Southlea, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect single storey extension to bungalow. The Council noted permission had been refused. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 General Business

i) Casual Vacancy

The Clerk advised that she had received the notices to advertise the Vacancy on the Parish Council and these should now be posted on notice boards within the Parish for 14 days. A By-election to fill the vacancy will be held if, within 14 days from the date of the notice, ten electors for the Parish give notice claiming such an election to the Returning Officer. If no such notice is given, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option. The Chairman said he felt the Parish Council should be pro-active in finding someone who would have a long term interest in the village. Various names were suggested (Mr Mike Goddard, Mr Hugh MacIntosh, Mr Mike Reay, Mr Neil Stanley, Messrs Derrick and Graham Smalley, Mr and Mrs Gillam) and Parish Councillors agreed to approach them informally. **ACTION: Chairman, Cllrs M & P Ogle. (S Pickard to advise Stephen Phillips at Bassetlaw of the date posters placed on notice boards).**

ii) Footpath obstruction

The Chairman reported he had been approached by one parishioner who was concerned about the overhanging hedging and branches to the side of the village hall. It was AGREED to write to Mr and Mrs Radford of Yew Tree Cottage, Top Street, to request they trim back some of the growth. It was also AGREED to write to Mr and Mrs Gillam at North Green and the Occupier at The Laurels on Low Street (leylandii obstructing light). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

iii) Drainage issues in the village.

The Chairman updated CCllr Hemsall and DCllr Jenkins on the drainage problems within the village. It was AGREED contact should now be made with Mr John Bowler at Bassetlaw District Council to arrange a meeting to view drainage maps. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

i) Mr Hardy commented that he was pleased to see the kerb edges were now tidy as the sweeper had recently been through the village.

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment – The Council approved payment of £58.75 to Hacker Young, Chartered Accountants, being the Audit fee of the Annual Return. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 20th November 2007 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	2,866.58
Lloyds TSB	166.94
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- d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.
- e) Completion of Statement of Assurance on Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect Annual Return: Both forms were duly signed. **ACTION: Chairman** (to retain Annual Audit for inspection) **S Pickard:** Statement of Assurance to be returned to Hacker Young.
- f) Additional signatory for bank/building society accounts
Due to the death of Cllr John Goddard, another signatory is required for the Nottingham Building Society and Lloyds Bank accounts. Discussion followed and Cllr Small agreed for his name to be added to the Lloyds Bank and Nottingham Building Society accounts as the new signatory. All AGREED. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 **Urgent Business** – None.

11 **Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 18th December 2007 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, in particular DCllr Jenkins and CCllr Hemsall, and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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