

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2004 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr D Allen, Chairman

Cllrs M Ogle, H Shreeve, J Jones, J Parker, J Goddard and CCllr J Hempsall

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 1

## 1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Small (work), DCllrs M Jenkins and K Isard

## 2 Minutes of meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004

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

## 3 Matters Arising

### a) Costings re remaining funds from Lytchgate project

- i) Cllr Jones advised that he had spoken to the PCC and there appeared to be no interest in having a flagpole. All agreed this was disappointing and the Chairman suggested Cllr Jones keep the quote on file.
- ii) The Chairman reported that he had contacted Bolham Lane (Jeanne Wallace) and she saw no problems concerning the village sign. She will help the Chairman complete the application form for 'Non-prescribed traffic signs and special directions'. It was hoped that if the Highways Department agreed to the design and siting, then planning permission would be easier. The mature oak panels could be sourced from Corby Glen and if the project went ahead, the Chairman and Mr Jim Simpson would see to this. **ACTION: D ALLEN**
- iii) Cllr Goddard commented that the enquiries concerning WREN (who were looking for groups to take up grants for small projects) had not been followed up as there was nothing to ask.

### b) Tree Planting to celebrate anniversary of completion of Lytchgate

Discussion followed as to the siting and Cllr Goddard, being the main grass cutter in the churchyard was consulted. It was AGREED to plant a Laburnum in the same position as the previous one. It was felt there was no need for a ceremony and it was AGREED the Chairman purchase the Laburnum and plant it. **ACTION: D ALLEN.**

### c) Felled tree at gate to Manor Farm

The Clerk reported there had been no reply to the letter sent to Bassetlaw District Council recording the disappointment at their response and the suggestion that a mature tree be planted instead of a sapling.

### d) Surplus Stone at Church

The Clerk advised that Mr and Mrs Allen's cheque for £60 for the stone had been received and paid into the bank.

### e) Overgrown hedge on A57

Cllr Ogle believed the hedge had been trimmed, but not sufficiently. It was AGREED to leave the matter on the Agenda.

### f) Telephone Box

The Clerk reported she had contacted BT and the telephone box was due for consideration for redecoration in the financial year 2005/2006.

## 4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Snow Warden Scheme – list of parish snow wardens; Cllr Small confirmed as the Snow Warden; In circulation folder.
- b) Community Transport questionnaire; To be completed commenting that Flexline works well for those using the service. **ACTION: S PICKARD.**
- c) Building Better Communities (initiative to improve local environment for communities – suggestion forms to be in by 30 September); Discussion followed and it was AGREED to complete the forms to try for extra street lighting and better road and pavement surfaces. **ACTION: D ALLEN.**
- d) Planning & Property Briefing – August 2004 and September 2004; In circulation folder.
- e) By the Way, Summer 2004; In circulation folder.
- f) Travel & Transport Briefing, September 2004; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- g) Poster for Sir Stuart and Lady Goodwin Charity (funds available for pensioners living within the old Retford Rural district who meet certain criteria); (sent to Chairman 10.8.04);
- h) Cabinet Meeting to be held Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at East Markham Village Hall (poster for noticeboard); In circulation folder.
- i) Guidance Notes in completing the Register of Interests form; In circulation folder.
- j) Personal computers on sale to Parish Councils (letter sent to Chairman 16.9.04);
- k) Invitation to Annual Civic Service, Grove Street Methodist Church, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2004 (Chairman advised previously as reply required by 23.9.04); In circulation folder.

NALC:

- l) AGM to be held on Wed, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at Minster School, Southwell commencing at 7.30pm; No one available to attend. In circulation folder.
- m) New Councillor Training/AQA training; In circulation folder.
- n) Countywise – July 2004; In circulation folder.
- o) Employment Update and Legal Topic Note re Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Payscales for 2004/05 for Clerks; In circulation folder.

General:

- p) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: A Model Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees, and Review of the Regulatory Framework Governing the Political Activities of Local Government Employees – consultation papers; In circulation folder.
- q) Mr D Strawson re green lanes in the village; retained by Clerk for further reply.
- r) Hacker Young audited Annual Return for year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004; retained by Clerk to settle account.
- s) Do You Need A Hand – practical help for elderly people (booklets); In circulation folder.
- t) Notes from Community Forum Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July at Rampton Hospital and Together We Can NHS Trust – July 2004; In circulation folder.
- u) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust AGM, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2004, Worksop (Chairman advised previously); In circulation folder.
- v) Invitation to attend the National Conference of Coalfield Communities – 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November 2004 in County Hall, Matlock; In circulation folder.
- w) Glasdon Environment brochure 2003/04; In circulation folder.
- x) Local Environment Focus, July 2004; In circulation folder.
- y) Emda News, August 2004; In circulation folder.
- z) Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2004; In circulation folder.
- aa) Mobile Rural contact point dates for Oct/Nov/Dec; poster for noticeboard;
- bb) HOPE (Rough Sleepers' survey on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November); In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- cc) BCVS Community News – Autumn 2004; In circulation folder.
- dd) Directory, leaflets and posters re Self Help and Support Groups within the Bassetlaw Area 2004/05; In circulation folder and on noticeboard.
- ee) Rampton Hospital Community Forum Meeting; notice that 23<sup>rd</sup> September meeting now cancelled. Now to take place on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm at Rampton Hospital (chairman previously advised); In circulation folder.
- ff) The Rural Voice – Autumn 2004; In circulation folder.
- gg) Notts Police fax re crime in Bassetlaw area; In circulation folder.

## 6 Planning

- i) Location: The Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Demolish existing attached two storey house, function room and flat roofed toilet block. (the Chairman having been advised previously – no further comments submitted) and:
- ii) Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Demolish existing two storey house and function room and erect five dwellings and alter existing access. Notice of Planning Committee Meeting to be held 22.9.04. The Chairman and Cllr Ogle attended the meeting and the Chairman reported that the proposal was largely the same, but shuffled around a little. He said he picked up an element of threat in that Ballard Fort said they had complied with all criticisms raised before and mentioned they could claim costs if they went to another appeal and won. The vote at the meeting was in favour of refusal again. The Chairman was in receipt of a document from Mrs Joyce Small concerning the sale of a parcel of land sold to a previous owner of the Blue Bell which states: (b) not to erect any additional building or erection nor make any alteration or extension to any building without the previous written approval of the Transferor such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld'. The Chairman felt this was a valuable document and wished it to be placed in the Parish records.
- iii) Low House, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect detached garage (amendment). It was noted a second amendment had been received by the Parish Council and it was understood the garage had had to be turned around. No objections. **ACTION: S PICKARD.**
- iv) Kushti-Tan, North Green , East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect new storehouse/workshop. The plans were passed around and the Chairman confirmed that no objections had been made to Bassetlaw District Council concerning such a replacement.

## 7 General business

### a) Green Lanes

The Chairman reported there had been concern in Clarborough about trail bikers wanting to use green lanes and he had been in touch with the PC Clerk to offer support. Mr David Strawson had seen the news item in the Retford Times and had written to the Parish Council offering to pay for gates to Back Lane and any other lanes adjoining his land to prevent the problem happening in East Drayton. CCllr Hempsall commented that they were having the same problem in East Markham and they were waiting to see what happened at the next Local Access Forum. His advice was that the best policy for protecting the status of the lanes would be to leave well alone. It was AGREED to reply to Mr Strawson advising him that the Parish Council has considered the situation, but because it is unsure of the legal status of the lane, it cannot be responsible for the blocking of any such lanes. **ACTION: S PICKARD.**

### a) Request for gritting side roads

Discussion followed and CCllr Hempsall urged that a letter be sent to Notts County Council, Mr Bob Hart, at Newark requesting the roads be gritted in the light of the school bus accident that happened last winter. Mention should also be made of various emergency personnel in the village who need to respond in the event of an emergency and must get to the A57. A request that the salt in the bin near the Church gate be replaced or broken up as it is a solid mass. **ACTION: S PICKARD.**

### b) Public perception of Parish Council Meetings

The Chairman voiced his concern over the idea that parishioners believed they were not allowed to attend Parish Council meetings. This had come to light recently in connection with the concerns some parishioners had about The Blue Bell Inn planning proposals, when although invited to attend the PC meeting, they did not appear believing it to be a 'closed shop'. CCllr Hempsall added that other villages were in a similar situation. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to hold the meetings in the main room of the village hall (as had taken place this evening) and the Chairman to produce a circular explaining how the Parish Council ran its meetings. The Chairman agreed to distribute it throughout the village and he also stressed he was keen for parishioners to attend and to use their right to speak at meetings at the given opportunity. **ACTION: D ALLEN.**

c) Rampton Hospital Community Forum Meeting Report

The meeting was held on 26.7.04 and the Chairman and Cllr Ogle attended. It was the Chairman's first Rampton Hospital meeting and he admitted he had been astonished at the statistics. Rampton Hospital costs £85m a year to run. There is one person in the hospital who should not be and he costs the unit £200,000 a year alone. He may be let out on his own, but will require constant supervision. There is planning permission for another 60-bed ladies' unit. A newly constructed unit, supposed to house 70 patients, has only two residents and they are destroying it. The comment was: that at least we are finding out the weak points before the other patients move in. On the positive side, mains gas is going to be supplied into Rampton (not East Drayton). Cllr Ogle added that she was surprised how few people attended the meetings.

**8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.**

There was no public discussion.

**9 Finance**

a) Income

The Parish Council noted the sale of surplus stone from the Churchyard had made £60.00 and this amount had been paid into Lloyds TSB.

b) Accounts for Payment

- i) The Council APPROVED payment of £58.75 to Hacker Young re the Annual Audit.  
**ACTION: S PICKARD.**
- ii) The Council APPROVED payment of £250.59 for the Clerk's salary and expenses.
- iii) The Council APPROVED payment of £25.00 to Images for the framing of the Nicholas Hawksmoor commemoration plaque.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2004 were:	£
Lloyds Bank	281.57
Nottingham Building Society	<u>1,355.20</u>
	1,636.77

d) Transfer of Funds

It was AGREED to transfer £200 from the Building Society account to the Bank.

**9 Urgent Business**

a) Hot tub cover at Pippins

Cllr Shreeve asked if planning permission was required for such a structure. There is a white cover over the hot tub to maintain heat temperature and it is lit. Several neighbours have concerns. Enquires to be made of Bassetlaw District Council. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Nicholas Hawksmoor

Cllr Ogle presented the tribute to Nicholas Hawksmoor for the Parish Councillors to inspect and it is to be placed in the Church.

c) Sewage problem at Vine Farm

Cllr Goddard enquired as to whether this matter was any nearer being solved. Cllr Ogle replied that it was not, although Severn Trent, Environmental Health, several fellow Parish Councillors, DCllr Isard and Patrick Mercer MP had been consulted, she did not know where to go. CCllr Hemsall AGREED to look into the matter on her behalf and the Chairman requested the item remain on the Agenda for next month's meeting.

**10 Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2004 at 7.30 pm. CCllr Hemsall and Cllrs Ogle and Shreeve sent their apologies in advance.

It was AGREED holding the meeting in the main room had been a success as it created a good atmosphere and although costing a little more to hire, future meetings should be in the larger room. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2004