

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th February 2011 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs N Stanley, R Small, H Mackintosh, P Ogle, M Goddard, I Stephens, CCllr J Hemsall, Pc Bailey and PCSO colleague. In attendance: Clerk, S Pickard. Members of the public: 3.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – were received from Cllr Mrs A Stanley.
- 2 **Minutes of meeting held on 18th January 2011** - were approved and signed.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Roads and footpaths

The Chairman advised he had been unable to contact Mr Gordon Albery, but was successful in speaking to Mr Johnny Davis. He met the Chairman later in the day, with a local engineer and their village tour had resulted in all the potholes being mended, including driveways and damaged footpaths. Cllr Small added that the drains were still blocked near his property, but it was felt there was little more the County Council could do to rectify the situation.

b) Snow clearing

Cllr Stephens thanked the Council for the letter he received.

c) Village Signs

The Clerk circulated two proposed sketches and it was agreed to use the sign with multiple depictions of country life, but swapping the anonymous church for St Peter's Church, as used on the other suggested sign. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

d) Notts Police Authority and Stakeholder Public meeting

The Chairman attended the meeting held on 10th February 2011 and he gave a brief outline as follows:

- Basically technology will take over manpower.
- Compulsory redundancy for those Police with 30 years' service
- 294 Police officers are to leave – Police staff to be cut by 25%
- Cutting buildings down from 80 to 42
- Crime rate in the county is down by 25% - expects to be best-performing county
- Beats will be 'clustered'
- Front-line policing is still intact.
- Notts Police have to save £25m over five years.

The Chairman added that at the meeting he asked if the Police Authority would agree to liaise with Parish Councils when considering the cuts. It is understood Pc Bailey currently oversees 32 villages and has to clock-on at Harworth and attend briefings, seemingly involving unnecessary travelling.

d) Communal snow plough blade and gritter

The Clerk read out an email she had received from Mr Neal Mapletoft at Community Consultation Ltd, the Council's insurers:

The owners/operators of the vehicles must have their own motor insurance for the vehicles used and their policies must have a clause to say they can be used for snow clearance. I believe on Agricultural Vehicle policies this is a standard wording but each operator would need to check their own individual policies. We are still awaiting guidance from insurers re: gritting of footpaths. I will contact you further when this information is to hand.

CCllr Hemsall added that he has a meeting next week to discuss the purchase of 2/3 snow plough blades and gritters. He is keen to use funds allocated to him, but insurance issues have to be addressed. Item to be retained on next month's agenda.

4 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations.

5 Correspondence

Bassetlaw District Council:

a) Bassetlaw Spring Clean/Big Tidy Up 7-21May 2011; In circulation folder.

NALC:

b) East Midlands Planning Aid to lose funding; In circulation folder.

c) Northern Area Committee meeting minutes held on 6th September 2010; In circulation folder.

General:

d) BBC – Switchover Help Scheme leaflets; In circulation folder.

e) Rural Community Action Notts – Free training on dealing with funding cuts. Discussed, but felt not applicable to East Drayton.

f) Rural Voice magazine from Rural Community Action; In circulation folder.

g) Community Forum meeting minutes, held on 13th January 2011; In circulation folder.

h) Independent Custody Visitor Recruitment Campaign (poster); For village notice board.

i) Elkesley PC Bio Mass Power Generation – Approach from the Action Committee; Discussion followed, but it was AGREED the matter could only be commented upon by individuals; Information to be placed in the circulation folder and Mr Steve Ellis AGREED to include the information on the Council website. Elkesley Action Committee to be advised accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

j) Invitation to attend pre-consultation engagement meeting as part of the Bassetlaw and Doncaster Clinical Services Review, Wednesday, 16th February at The Crossing, Newcastle Street, Worksop between 1pm and 3.15 pm. In circulation folder.

At this point Pc Bailey and local PCS Officer arrived. Pc Bailey continued the discussion concerning proposed cutbacks within the Force and the possibility of his beat covering the whole of East Bassetlaw. Funding was in place for PCSOs for the next two years, but this is now in question. On a local level Pc Bailey was pleased to report only three crimes in East Drayton village for the whole of 2010, whereas Rampton and Dunham were experiencing 20-30 crimes a year. The Chairman commented on recent daylight lampers and Pc Bailey said they do target this issue, but not always with success. Heating oil, diesel/petrol tanks and scrap metal continue to be high priority. The new texting system has been superseded by a website to encompass Neighbourhood Watch (where you can sign up for alerts and specify which information on which you wish to receive information; the aim being to push more towards emails than the old Ringmaster system: www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

6 Planning – There were no planning matters.

7 General Business

8 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

i) Mrs Ogle asked if consideration was being given to organising an event to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Cllr Stephens said he understood the village hall committee hoped to organise something.

ii) Mrs Shreeve asked if the people involved in clearing the footpaths of snow had been thanked and the Chairman confirmed a letter of thanks had been sent to Cllr Stephens.

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council APPROVED payment of £ 59.59 being NALC subscription.
ACTION: S Pickard.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 15th February 2011 were: £

Nottingham BS	1,896.37
Lloyds TSB	<u>406.57</u>
	2,302.94

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Internal Audit – It was AGREED to ask Mrs Jose Ellis if she would kindly consider undertaking the internal audit of the Council's accounts. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 **Urgent Business**

- i) Long Service Awards: CCllr Hemsall presented the certificates to Mrs Muriel Ogle and Cllr Small and thanked them for all their hard work over the last 35 years. Mr Steve Ellis took photographs and will contact the Retford Times. The Chairman then read out an email received from NALC inviting Mrs Ogle and Cllr Small to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of their work. The Clerk to feedback to NALC necessary information for Mrs Ogle and Cllr Small's attendance on 29th June and 19th July 2011. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Dates of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting were confirmed as 19th April and 16th May respectively.

11 **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 15th March 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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