

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003 in the Village Hall

## **Present:**

Cllr M Ogle, Chairman

Cllrs D Allen, J Jones, J Parker, R Small and J Goddard.

In attendance: DCllr R Sutton and S Pickard (Clerk).

Members of the public: 1

## **1 Apologies for Absence**

CCllr J Hemsall (holiday).

## **2 Minutes of meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

## **3 Matters Arising**

### **a) Allianz Cornhill Insurance**

The Clerk reported she had contacted Lynda Ogilvie at NALC and she confirmed other Councils were faced with a similar rise in premiums of 30-40%. She said there were only two insurance companies who dealt with parish councils; Allianz Cornhill and Zurich. It was AGREED to contact Zurich next year and ask them to quote. The Clerk passed the Insurance Certificate to Cllr Jones for insertion on the village noticeboard.

### **b) Carl Bro**

Discussion followed concerning the drainage works progress in the village. Cllr Allen advised they were using his yard for the storage of machinery and he had been told unofficially by the foreman that they hoped to be the other side of the crossroads in a fortnight, thereby opening up the road to Retford. Cllr Jones reported he had heard the work might be held up by EMEB's insistence of six weeks' notice to move some cables (Carl Bro are unable to go underneath these as they are bare). The redirection sign on the A57 at Darlton is badly positioned, and clarification is needed on Back Lane near Mr Strawson's corner. **ACTION: S Pickard** to contact David Lightfoot.

### **c) Village/30mph signs**

The Clerk reported she had spoken to Dale Swain in Traffic Management on 22 May and he advised a new signing scheme had been issued for East Drayton to consist of two village gateway signs saying: 30mph/East Drayton/Check your speed. These are to be placed before the bend, and also two large chevrons on the first bend. Due to fatalities on other roads and a heavy workload, Mr Swain could not give a date for the arrival of the signs. He said he would do his best to push the work to the top of the list as the scheme had been approved last November. It was felt the village signs needed to be placed as far as possible out of the village to forewarn motorists of the village. **ACTION: S Pickard** to contact Dale Swain.

### **d) Licensing Presentation Evening**

The Clerk reported she had received an e-mail from Mr David Yates taking up the council's offer to host a meeting on Monday, 22 September (suggested time of 7.30 pm) and he would be in touch in due course with further details.

## **4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

No comments were made.

Cllr Shreeve joined the meeting.

## 6 Correspondence

### Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Invitation to County Council Civic Service 2003, Sunday, 20th July 2003 at 3.15 pm at Southwell Minster (reply needed by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June); No one available to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard**
- b) Launch of 'Flexline' – Demand responsive bus service – actual service starting on 28 July 2003; Discussion followed and concern as to how the system would operate. **ACTION: S Pickard** to contact Lynne Adams at NCC to seek clarification.
- c) Travel & Transport Briefing, June 2003; In circulation folder.

### Bassetlaw District Council:

- c) Changes to Declaring an Interest at Meetings, and Declaration of Acceptance of Office/Declaration of Interest forms to be completed by all Parish Councillors; Letter and sample forms in Circulation folder.
- d) Minor Local Authority School Governors; In circulation folder.
- d) Parish Councils Liaison Group; dates for meetings for forthcoming year are Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2003 Worksop Town Hall and Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2004, Retford Town Hall and Minutes of Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> April 2003; In circulation folder.

### NALC:

- e) The Boundary Committee for England – Periodic Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire County Council: Draft Recommendations, inc poster (any views the parish council may have are required by 21 July 2003), and The Good Councillor's Guide; In circulation folder.

### General:

- f) Bassetlaw Self Help Link with 2003 edition of Self-Help Directory and wall chart; In circulation folder.
- g) Mobile Rural Contact Point – Police Unit in East Drayton on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2003 at 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm. (Poster sent to Cllr Jones for village noticeboard);

### Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- g) The Standards Board for England: The Code in Practice video and workbook. It was decided the Clerk should view and then report. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- h) Strawsons of East Drayton letter concerning dog fouling problem. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to write to Bolham Lane for advice and/or provide any signs and also to reply to Mr Strawson's letter advising of the action being taken. **ACTION: S Pickard.** Cllr Parker also suggested mentioning the problem in the next newsletter.

## 7 Finance

- a) Accounts for Payment
  - i) The Council AGREED payment of £252.33 for the Clerk's salary and expenses.
- b) Income
  - i) The Council noted the receipt of £0.36 interest (and £49.29 VAT repayment expected) into the current account.
- c) Transfer of Funds  
None.
- d) Balance of Accounts  
The account balances as at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003 were:

	£
Lloyds Bank	307.86
Nottingham Building Society	<u>1,449.50</u>
	1,757.36

## 8 Planning

### a) Planning Appeal at the Blue Bell Inn:

Discussion followed re the Appeal held today. Cllr Jones commented to DCllr Sutton that several amendments had been made to the proposed development and both he as an individual and the Parish Council had not been informed of the amendments and this was not the first occasion this had happened. Cllrs Ogle and Allen also stressed their dissatisfaction with the current procedure. DCllr Sutton noted the remarks and agreed to look into the situation of informing of any changes made to plans. Cllr Allen said that the critical point made by the NCC Highways Department had been the road safety/car movements aspect due to poor visibility at the access point. Cllr Allen then summed up by saying there had been a good selection of villagers present at the meeting and they had made a real effort to put a balanced view forward. They now awaited the outcome.

## 9 Lytchgate

Cllr Jones reported that on 10<sup>th</sup> June Kirk & Bills advised they were two weeks from starting. Mr Kirk and Mr Gordon Smith are to make a visit to the site beforehand. Unfortunately they had been delayed due to having to repair vandalised schools in the area.

The Chairman asked DCllr Sutton if he would like to speak to the Council.

DCllr Sutton began by saying how he thought his job would involve being available to help local people, but he had not realised the immense amount of paperwork involved. He found the Council's cabinet system of operating very frustrating by not being able to vote on matters and was disappointed at not helping more people. He had however helped with four cases to good results. DCllr Sutton commented on the gearing of Council Tax and how the bulk of money comes from Government (fixed amount) and the rest from Council Tax (which grew each year). Councillors expressed their concern regarding re-banding of properties and the imminent assessment for next year. DCllr Sutton agreed to obtain banding information for Cllr Jones. Regarding the phasing-out of the Parish Councils' grant DCllr Sutton said the policy had not yet been worked out. Cllr Allen commented on how the Parish Council had had to whittle away the reserves in order to keep the precept down and yet the District Council, who had used up their reserve of £1.5m had put up the Council Tax by 16% to replace theirs. Cllr Allen voiced the opinion held by all the Parish Councillors that there was a lot of unnecessary paperwork churned out by the District Council. This involved large numbers of staff, and vast amounts of paper, postage etc - it was all very wasteful and no one could ever hope to read all of it. DCllr Sutton noted the comments and said he would pass them on. DCllr Sutton added that he would be pleased if his details could be mentioned in the next village newsletter offering help to anyone who required it.

The Chairman thanked DCllr Sutton for attending the meeting and he left at 8.40 pm.

## 10 Urgent Business

a) Completion of Declaration of Office/Code of Conduct/Declaration of Interest forms:  
Were completed by all Parish Councillors.

b) Pc Graeme Waters' presentation and slide show:

It was decided to postpone Pc Waters' presentation until a later date. **ACTION: S Pickard** to contact Pc Waters.

## 11 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2003 at 7.30 pm.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2003