

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th July 2004 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen, Chairman

Cllrs M Ogle, H Shreeve, J Jones, J Parker, J Goddard and R Small

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 3

1 Apologies for Absence

DCllr Mike Jenkins

2 Minutes of meeting held 14th June 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 his enquiries re the flagpole would need to be directed towards the vicar and he AGREED to do this before the next Parish Council meeting in September.
- ii) The Chairman reported that he had contacted Mandy Freeman at Bassetlaw District Council concerning planning permission and he was advised to contact Bolham Lane to see if they would agree to a sign. Jeanne Wallace at Bolham Lane requested a sketch of the sign and its proposed siting and the Chairman had provided this information and in turn, requested a site meeting. If the Highways Department do not object, then Bassetlaw District Council can be contacted again and the Chairman thought the project might get through without formal planning permission.
- iii) Cllr Goddard AGREED to make enquiries concerning WREN (who were looking for groups to take up grants for small projects).

b) Felled tree at gate to Manor Farm

- i) The Clerk reported she had received a letter from Mr Bob Dean at Bassetlaw District Council advising that the landowner in question was unaware that the tree was within the Conservation Area and has agreed to replant with another ash. The District Council will ensure that the work is undertaken. Parish Councillors AGREED a reply was required to record their disappointment at the response and how they felt the landowner in question should have known where the Conservation Area is and know its boundaries. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

The Chairman declared an interest in Agenda item 3c) and signed the Declaration of Interest book.

c) Surplus Stone at Church

The Chairman advised that there had been no response to the letter inviting Ms Judy Walker to make an offer for the stone and therefore he and his wife had decided to put in an offer. The following evening Ms Walker contacted the Chairman with a view to making an offer and he advised her to put her offer in writing and send it to the Parish Council. The Clerk had received a letter from Mrs Allen offering £60 to purchase and collect the stone from the churchyard. No offer had been received from Ms Walker. The Chairman then asked Cllr Ogle, as Vice-Chairman to take the chair and offered to leave the meeting. It was felt unnecessary for the Chairman to leave the room. The Clerk advised Mrs Allen had made an offer of £60 for the stone. This was felt a very generous offer and Cllr Small proposed the offer be accepted. Cllr Parker seconded and all AGREED.

d) Overgrown hedge on A57

The hedge had not been cut to date. A letter to Dunham Parish Council had been sent and the Highways Department had been contacted. It was AGREED to leave the matter on the Agenda.

e) Overgrown hedge at The Poplars, North Green, East Drayton

This hedge had now been cut and Parish Councillors AGREED a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr and Mrs Gillam for their prompt action. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) New Village Gateways signs

The Clerk read out the letter received from Nottinghamshire County Council advising that the new village gateway signs could not be given any higher priority than any similar schemes, but that an order for the work would be issued shortly. Parish Councillors noted that some new poles had been put in place in preparation.

g) Mandates for Accounts

The Chairman confirmed that the necessary forms had been completed re signatures on Accounts (Cllr Small being replaced by the Chairman, Cllr Allen).

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jones declared an interest in item 6iv) Planning at The Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton. The Chairman felt Cllr Jones' declaration was made in the context that he lived nearby, but he believed Cllr Jones was entitled to stay in the meeting as they were only looking at the new plans. ALL AGREED.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Planning & Property Briefing, July 2004; In circulation folder.
- b) Travel & Transport Briefing, July/August 2004; In circulation folder.
- c) Countylink, June 2004; In circulation folder.
- d) **Participate!** (arts projects and events in Notts) July/September 2004; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- e) Best Value Performance Plan 2004/05; Discussion followed concerning this 84-page, glossy brochure and the expense incurred in its production which Parish Councillors felt was unnecessary. It was AGREED to write to the new DCllr Mike Jenkins to ask him to pass on the Parish Council's comments that it felt this document was a waste of time and money. In circulation folder.
- f) Open Space Assessment; Reply to be sent advising there are no such open spaces in East Drayton. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- g) Using Rural Community Consultation; In circulation folder.

NALC:

General:

- h) The Countryside Agency: Provisional map of open country and registered common land in East England (any appeal to be made in full by 7 September 2004); In circulation folder.
- i) Rampton Hospital, Community Forum meeting rescheduled to Monday, 26th July 2004 at 2.30 pm at Rampton Hospital (chairman previously advised); Chairman to attend.
- j) Flyer re the Workhouse, Southwell (live interpretation staged); In circulation folder.
- k) Local Alchemy (re-inventing local economies); In circulation folder.
- l) Clerks & Councils Direct, July 2004; In circulation folder.
- m) Hacker Young, Accountants (acknowledgement of receipt of year end accounts); In circulation folder.
- n) The Giraffe (East Midlands school for social entrepreneurs), issue 1; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- n) Nottinghamshire County Council campaign posters and bookmarks to celebrate and books and reading. Poster for noticeboard. Remainder in circulation folder.

6 Planning

- i) The Old Post Office, Top Street, East Drayton. (Permission granted to demolish existing garage and erect single storey annex for residential use). Parish Councillors inspected the amended plans as requested from Bassetlaw District Council.
- ii) The Old Manor House, Church Lane, East Drayton. The Parish Council noted that permission had been granted and noted an amendment had been made after the comments form had been sent to Bassetlaw.
- iii) Bramble Lodge, Top Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect conservatory. The Parish Council had no objection. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- iv) The Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Demolish existing two storey house and function room and erect five dwellings and alter existing access. The Chairman explained that interested members of the public present at the meeting were welcome to listen to the debate, but could not make any comment at this juncture. Parish Councillors inspected the plans and discussion followed. The Parish Council objected to the proposal on the following grounds: 1. Concern for roadway access not being wide enough (as the toilet block is not being demolished); 2. The proposal is secondary development and the issue of the village envelope is important and has been well exceeded; 3. Concern at the kitchen waste and storage area would cause nuisance to neighbouring properties; 4. The Parish Council does not believe there is adequate room on the site for five dwellings, they appear to be very close together. There are no dimensions on the plans. 5. Are they building on land that is not supposed to be built upon. 6. Concern about the level or levels of the houses. They appear to stand above the bungalows and therefore would be looking straight into them. This is a housing development within a bungalow area. 7. Concern re the lighting affecting surrounding properties. The Chairman commented that the applicants, having been refused at Appeal before, have sought to answer all the previous criticisms and attempted to design dwellings of a simple agricultural style.
- ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 No General business

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

Members of the public were invited to make any comments.

- i) Mr Hardy commented that he thought the proposed plan at The Blue Bell Inn would invade the privacy of the surrounding bungalows.
- ii) Mr Hardy enquired as to the type of spray used on fields near his property. He and his wife had suffered ill health and he had been in contact with the Soil Association and RSPB concerning the use of herbicides/pesticides. The Chairman assured Mr Hardy that any spray used in this country is trialled for seven years before approval and they are fully tested for compatibility for humans and animals alike.
- iii) Mr Hardy suggested a mature tree could be planted at the gate to Manor Farm, rather than a sapling that would take many years to grow to any substantial size. The Chairman thanked Mr Hardy for his contribution and requested this suggestion be made in the letter to Mr Bob Dean.

9 Finance

a) Income

None.

b) Accounts for Payment

None.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 14 th June 2004 were:	£
Lloyds Bank	221.57
Nottingham Building Society	<u>1,355.20</u>
	1,576.77

d) Transfer of Funds

Not required.

9 Urgent Business

a) Cellar situation at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle asked for support from the Parish Council concerning the sewage drain problem in her cellar at Vine Farm. Severn Trent had disowned the problem, Bassetlaw District Council were "sitting on the fence" and Environmental Health who was supposed to be in touch, had not made contact. There is constantly sewage in the cellar. It was AGREED to write to the Environmental Health Department of Bassetlaw District Council to alert them of a public health issue in East Drayton that requires urgent investigation. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Panel knocked out of bus shelter

Cllr Shreeve requested it be noted that this was not done deliberately and somebody had since repaired the panel.

c) Back Lane

It had been brought to Cllr Shreeve's attention that the grass in Back Lane is cut now with just one strip down the middle. Discussion followed, but as it was too much of a grey area the Chairman felt nobody would pick up responsibility.

d) Telephone Box

Cllr Parker requested the telephone box be repainted (not replacing, just an improvement on its visual appearance). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 21st September 2004 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2004