

East Drayton Parish Council

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

Present:

Cllr M Ogle, Chairman

Cllrs D Allen, J Jones, J Parker, H Shreeve, J Goddard and R Small

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk).

Members of the public: 3 (R Hardy, A Butler, M Lewis)

1 Apologies for Absence

CCllr J Hemsall and Cllr J Jones

2 Minutes of meeting held 1st December 2003

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

3 Matters Arising

a) Dog Fouling

The Clerk reported she had contacted Mr Nigel Barton, BDC's Animal Warden and he had confirmed the leaflet drop had taken place. He agreed to contact the Environment Department (Mrs Pat Wilkinson) to chase the two bins required at each end of the lane and then he would post the appropriate sticker on them. It was noted that the bin sited near the Church had not been placed on the Stokeham side of the road, but it was felt in retrospect, the present site was the best.

b) Manor House Farm, East Drayton

The Clerk reported she had heard no further from Bassetlaw District Council concerning the felled tree at the entrance to Manor Farm and they should be contacted again for an up-date (and also return of the photograph sent by the Chairman). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) The Limes, Low Street, East Drayton

Mr Butler advised the Parish Council that he had received a letter of authorisation from Bassetlaw District Council concerning the kennels at this property that are for his personal use. No planning permission is required.

d) Traffic through the village

The Clerk advised a letter had been received from Nottinghamshire County Council concerning a request for new signage to the other entrances to the village. However, there was no funding available, but a bid for funding for 2004/2005 would be made. Cllr Allen reported a large hole in the road leaving the village on Low Street and several others also in the vicinity. Bolham Lane to be contacted. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) Request for gritting of side roads

Discussion followed concerning the recent Kettlewell's school bus accident and how important it was for all roads used by buses to be gritted. Cllr Goddard had taken the matter up with Patrick Mercer MP and Cllr Hemsall and he is due to meet Cllr Hemsall shortly to put the case for gritting to him.

4 Declarations of Interest

Mr Butler declared an interest in item 8 Planning (v) of the Agenda.

5 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

i) Manor Park, Darlton Road, East Drayton

Mr Hardy inquired as to the type of shop proposed and commented on the large amount of car parking spaces provided. Discussion followed and Mr Hardy was informed that the Parish Council had expressed their concerns to Bassetlaw District Council re the altered proposal, the large amount of car parking (no planning permission is required) and the rather industrial-looking approach to a residential village.

ii) New village noticeboard

The Chairman thanked Mr Hardy for providing the new noticeboard. There are two keys for the Parish Council side (one to be retained by the Chairman, and Cllr Allen to take the second one).

iii) Dykes around The Limes, Long Lane, East Drayton

Mr Butler asked who was responsible for maintaining the dykes surrounding his property. Discussion followed and Mr Butler agreed to contact the Highways Authority and then a follow-up letter from the Parish Council if necessary.

6 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Reply re new signage request for East Drayton village. In circulation folder;
- b) Roads in Winter, Salting Routes in Nottinghamshire 2003/04. In circulation folder;
- c) Travel & Transport Briefing, December 2003. In circulation folder;
- d) Countylink, December 2003; In circulation folder;
- e) Planning & Property Briefing, December 2003. In circulation folder;
- f) Environment Department, Annual Report 2202-03. In circulation folder;
- g) By the Way, Winter 2003/04; In circulation folder;
- h) Replacement Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan. In circulation folder;

Bassetlaw District Council:

- i) Reply re request for gritting side roads (letter passed to Chairman);
- j) Reply re The Limes, Low Street, East Drayton. In circulation folder;
- k) Public Diversion Order re Footpath No 8, Notice of Making. In circulation folder;
- l) Register of Electors 2004. In circulation folder;
- m) Saturday Morning Collection of Bulky Domestic Refuse; collection dates poster compiled and sent to Cllr Jones for village noticeboard 17.12.03. In circulation folder;
- n) Parish Council Funding, notes of meeting held 3rd December 2003 (sent to Chair man 17.12.03).
- o) **Special Parish Council Liaison Group meeting, Wednesday, 14th January 2004, Worksop ;**
Cllr Allen and the Chairman attended the above meeting. Cllr Allen reported that he felt BDC had picked out figures to justify their actions in cutting the concurrent grant. They quoted one parish council having reserves of £129,000 in 2001/2002 to prove the point that there was no good reason for the DC to keep the concurrent grant going. Another was mentioned as having a reserve of £1,500 (similar to East Drayton). Cllr Allen felt there was much dissatisfaction in the way the matter was being handled. The Finance Director did however indicate that other grants could perhaps be applied for. If approached directly he intimated he would look at ways they could help subsidise and provide other financial help. It was therefore AGREED to contact Mr John Brooks to request a meeting with him to discuss the budget and to see if he could be persuaded to help in any way. It was further AGREED the completion of the precept and contributions application form for 2004/05 be deferred until the meeting had taken place.
- p) Addendum to the Best Value Performance Plan 2003/04. In circulation folder.
- q) Planning for the Future – Issue 1. In circulation folder;

NALC:

- r) Countywise Newsletter, December 2003, AGM notes and 58th Annual report. In circulation folder..

General:

- s) Defra – Equine issues. In circulation folder;
- t) East Midlands Development Agency, email December 2003. In circulation folder;
- u) East Midlands Ambulance Service – Estates Strategic Review. In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- v) NHS, Rampton Hospital, Forum meeting notes from 8.12.03. In circulation folder;
- w) Bassetlaw Voice for the Over 50's. In circulation folder and poster on village noticeboard;
- x) Mobile Rural Contact Point – laminated poster for village noticeboard.
- y) The Rural Voice, Notts RCC, Winter 2003. In circulation folder.

DCllr Sutton arrived at 8.05pm.

7 Finance

a) Accounts for Payment

None.

b) Income

The Clerk advised the Council that with effect from last September Lloyds Bank were no longer to pay interest on the account held. The Clerk had not received a letter to this effect, but on querying the situation, the bank sent out a print out from the web site to explain they now provide free banking and as a result no interest is credited.

c) Transfer of Funds

None.

d) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 20th January 2004 were:

	£
Lloyds Bank	73.49
Nottingham Building Society	<u>1,519.50</u>
	1,592.99

8 Planning

- i) Location: Poplar Farm, North Green, East Drayton. No objections and the Clerk confirmed Bassetlaw District Council had been e-mailed to this effect.
- ii) Amendment to Manor House Farm, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect two storey extension and conservatory, demolish a small section of an outbuilding. No objections and the Council AGREED to the amended proposal. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) Kushti-Tan, North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Demolish existing storehouse/workshop. No objections and the Council AGREED to the proposal. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iv) Kushti-Tan, North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect new storehouse/workshop. No objections and the Council AGREED to the proposal, but comment to be made that although no objection to another workshop, concerns raised as to why the building needs a chimney and clarification requested. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

In accordance with his Declaration of Interest, Mr Butler left the room.

- v) The Limes, Long Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect extension to form utility and cloakroom, and convert attic into bedroom and bathroom. No objections and the Council AGREED to the proposal. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Mr Butler rejoined the meeting.

9 Lytchgate

- i) The Chairman advised that the lytchgate was now fully paid for. A small grant was still awaited, which would bring a total remaining of almost £2,000. The Chairman suggested £500 be left in the account to purchase two hooks to secure the gates for funeral processions and any future upkeep. The remaining money could be used to set up a trust fund and Councillors were asked to think about the matter and make any suggestions at the next meeting. The money awaited is extra grant money and is not money given or raised by villagers.
- ii) Nicholas Hawksmoor plaque. The Chairman advised that recognition could be made in the form of something framed (cannot be a fixture because of new Church ruling, must be moveable) and hung in the Church. Councillors AGREED this in principle and the Chairman would take the suggestion to the next PCC meeting.

10 Urgent Business

- a) Bassetlaw District Council - Parish Precent and Contributions 2004/05
Councillors discussed the situation and the cutbacks that have had to be made over the years. It was noted that at one time there was money available for Churchyard maintenance, Church clock maintenance and the senior citizens, but now only Neighbourhood Watch received a donation from the Parish Council. The proposed figures were passed around the table, but it was AGREED a meeting be sought with Mr John Brooks, BDC Finance Director before the application form was returned. (As minuted earlier in item 6 Correspondence (o).
- b) Chevrons
Cllr Small reported chevrons knocked down on the roadside opposite Strawsons's and on Retford Road (where the school bus went into the dyke). **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- c) Riddings Lane
Cllr Small advised he had had to help pull out two cars recently on this lane that is not meant for vehicles. Discussion followed and as it is a parish lane cannot be fully blocked or have a gate across it. However, a trailer strategically parked to enable horses to pass may be the answer.
- d) Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr Goddard advised that all crime calls now go to Harworth as there is not enough manpower in the immediate area. Discussion followed concerning the ongoing rural crimes and the Chairman stressed the importance of being vigilant.

11 Date and time of next meeting

The Council AGREED to alter next month's meeting to **MONDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2004 AT 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2004