

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th January 2008 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, R Small, Cllr J Parker, Cllr H Shreeve and Cllr P Ogle. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 2

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting, in particular Mr Neil Stanley.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from DCllr K Isard.
- 2 **Minutes of meeting held on 18th December 2007** were approved and signed as a true record.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Travellers at Gamston Wood

The Chairman advised that he had been approached by a neighbouring Parish Council Chairman concerning the travellers who had now left Gamston Wood, but left a large amount of rubbish to be cleared away. It had been suggested to the Chairman that Parish Councils in the area write to their local MP to request they persuade the Government to act by ensuring the cost of clearing up such rubbish after travellers did not fall upon the local tax payer. It was AGREED a letter should be written to Patrick Mercer MP. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Noise disturbance at Strawson's

The Clerk advised she had received two letters from Bassetlaw District Council. The first was a holding letter and the second, from Mr Deakin, referred to the planning permission granted in 1991 for the use of the site for storage purposes. The condition attached to this permission sought to impose control hours of operation, but it was insufficiently concise to be enforceable and the Council's solicitor shared Mr Deakin's opinion. The Chairman commented that since the matter had been raised with Strawson's there had not been any further incidents and he felt the Parish Council had pursued the matter as far as it could at present. It was AGREED to take the matter off the Agenda, but should incidents occur again in the Spring, (as it appeared the issue was a seasonal one) then action would be taken immediately.

c) Pollarding of Churchyard trees

The Clerk advised she had received a cheque for £1,200 from the Electoral Divisions Initiative, provided by CCllr Hemsall for the pollarding of the churchyard trees. All AGREED this was very welcome and a letter of thanks should be sent to CCllr Hemsall and the Resources Department at County Hall. **ACTION: S Pickard.** The Chairman added that he was endeavouring to contact Andy Martin to meet him to discuss the project, which will be carried out in February/March.

d) Came & Co

The Clerk had received no reply to date concerning the alternative insurance inquiry despite a further email to them. It was therefore AGREED not to pursue the matter any further.

e) Footpath Obstructions

The Chairman confirmed that overhanging hedging and branches at Mr and Mrs Radford's property, Yew Tree Cottage, Top Street and Mr and Mrs Gillam's property at North Green had been attended to. However, trimming (leylandii obstructing light) had still to take place at The Laurels on Low Street and it was AGREED to write to Mr Keith Tully to request he carry out the work, otherwise the Highways Department may undertake the work and charge him accordingly. Letters of thanks should be sent to Mr and Mrs Radford and Mr and Mrs Gillam for their assistance in the matter. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) Code of Conduct

The Clerk advised she had contacted David Yates' office (Deputy Monitoring Officer at Bassetlaw District Council) concerning the statutory need for each parish council to advertise in a newspaper their adoption of the Code of Conduct. Mrs Janet Askew confirmed that East Drayton would be included in the public notice in the Retford and Worksop papers in due course at no cost to the Parish Council.

4 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

5 **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

a) Preventative Adaptations Service – General Information. In circulation folder.

General:

b) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council – change of company name to Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire. In circulation folder.

c) Clerks and Councils Direct, January 2008. In circulation folder.

6 **Planning**

i) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Glebe Bungalow, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect kitchen extension and detached double garage. The Council noted permission had been granted.

ii) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Ashlands, North Green, East Drayton. Erect single storey extension. The Council noted permission had been granted.

iii) Location: The Paddocks, Top Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Demolition of existing stables and erect new stable block. No objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 **General Business**

i) Casual Vacancy

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council could, in accordance with the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986, now co-opt a person to fill the vacancy. Mr Neil Stanley had come forward as a willing candidate and it was PROPOSED by Cllr M Ogle that Mr Stanley be co-opted on to the Parish Council, SECONDED by Cllr Small and ALL AGREED. Mr Stanley accepted. The Clerk confirmed she would write to Bassetlaw District Council accordingly and enclose the Notification of Financial and Other Interests form completed by Mr Stanley. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Drainage issues in the village

Mr Bowler had previously agreed to write to Mr Geoff Betts at Severn Trent to advise him there were further drains in the village and a copy would be sent to the Parish Council. The copy letter has still not been received and it was AGREED to write to Mr Bowler to request this and express concern in view of the current extremely wet weather and the fear of more flooding. Any further help Mr Bowler could offer to get Severn Trent to respond with regard to their replacing the pipe in question would be greatly appreciated. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion**

No public discussion.

9 **Finance**

a) Income - The Council noted payment of £1,200 from Nottinghamshire County Council Resources (funding for pollarding of churchyard trees). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Accounts for Payment – None.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 15th January 2008 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	2,466.58
Lloyds TSB	103.36
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d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch Association

The Clerk read out a letter received from Mrs Reynolds, Hon Sec, requesting the Parish Council give consideration to supporting the scheme when setting the precept for the coming financial year. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to continue to support the scheme for the good of the whole community and a letter should be written to Mrs Reynolds confirming provision would be made for them. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 **Urgent Business**

i) Parish Precept and Contributions from Bassetlaw District Council 2008-9

It was AGREED to hold a pre-budget meeting on Tuesday, 29th January 2008. The Chairman, Cllr M Ogle, Cllr H Shreeve and the Clerk AGREED to attend.

Cllr M Ogle asked if consideration could now be given to supporting the Cricket Club when discussing the finances. There is a reserve of £1,700 in the Lychgate Fund and although some money should be retained, it was AGREED in principle that a donation at some time in the future could be made to the Cricket Club. It should be made clear that any such donation of parish funds for the development of sports facilities would be made with the legal and binding proviso that the money is used solely for this purpose. It was AGREED to write to Mr and Mrs Bingham accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Village Hall

Cllr Ogle confirmed that the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee would take place on Monday and she had all the necessary information concerning possible funding of an extension. The Chairman said he felt he should point out that further to last month's discussions, should the Village Hall Committee feel more funding could be made available to them if they became a sub-committee of the Parish Council, this could be considered. However, it was not for the Parish Council to take over any decision making on their behalf. Cllr M Ogle AGREED to report back to next month's Parish Council meeting.

iii) Mrs Jean Day – Anglian Water

The Chairman had been contacted by Mrs Day who informed him she had experienced a third burst on the Marnham Water Main since 2004. On the previous occasion Mrs Day's horse had to be freed from the mud by three fire engines. Also she expressed concern that there is a footpath across the field and this could present a health and safety risk for anyone using it. It was AGREED to write to Anglian Water to express the Parish Council's concern in the matter (with a copy to Mrs Day). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 **Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 19th February 2008 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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