

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr M Ogle, Chairman

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

In attendance: Sue Pickard (Clerk);

Also present: PC Graeme Waters

Cllr Ogle opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

## 1 Apologies for Absence

CCllr J Hemsall (ill health) and DCllr R Sutton. Mr R Hardy.

It was decided to send a letter to CCllr Hemsall conveying the Council's good wishes for a speedy recovery. **ACTION: S PICKARD**

## 2 PC Graeme Waters gave his **Crime Report for the period 1.12.02 to 21.1.03.**

- i) Overnight on 9.12.02 Manor Farm buildings were broken into and the locks forced off, but nothing appeared to have been taken.
- ii) PC Waters said he was pleased to report all other surrounding villages were quiet at the moment, but there was no need for complacency.
- iii) PC Waters invited Council members to The Plough Inn at South Leverton on Saturday, 1 February when he hopes to raise more money for his charity challenge on behalf of the NSPCC.
- iv) It was noted that PC Waters' had been very pleased to receive £127.50 from Mr Roy Hardy who had collected the sum for PC Waters' charity challenge.
- v) Cllr Jones queried the whereabouts of iodine tablets in case of nuclear fall-out. PC Waters to look into this.

PC Waters left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

## 3 Minutes of meeting held 17th December 2002

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record after an amendment concerning the bus shelter. Cllr Jones had cut the hedge and Cllr Jones had agreed to purchase the paint. AGREED 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003 that the paint should be brown, and not green as discussed. (ref: Matters Arising 3b).

## 4 Matters Arising

### a) Speed Limits

There has been no further progress.

### b) Bus Shelter

The Clerk reported she had contacted NCC to request prompt action concerning the two framed timetables required for the bus shelters and the removal of the old metal timetable located on the grass triangle in the village. The Clerk was advised the work should be done within the next week.

### c) Planning Appeal at Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton

The Clerk reported she had received a letter from Bassetlaw District Council advising that the Informal Hearing is to take place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003 at Retford Town Hall. Cllr Jones may attend this meeting, but suggested as he had a vested interest, someone should attend as a representative for the

Parish Council and Cllr Ogle agreed to attend.

d) East Drayton Flood Alleviation Scheme

The Clerk reported she had received a reply from Carl Bro Consultants which gave more in-depth details of the proposed works. The information was passed around for discussion and it was AGREED to send a letter commenting: i) that the pipe is not big enough at the rear of Poplar Farm. This used to be an open ditch and ever since it has been piped-in there has been water damage, and ii) the open ditch beyond the pipe is blocked and needs cleaning out and that should alleviate much of the problem. **ACTION: S PICKARD.**

e) Paper Recycling Bin

The Clerk reported she had contacted BDC and they had made a site visit and suggested two possible areas for siting the bin. They raised points for concern regarding proximity of house windows looking onto the bin and general security as more people would be attracted to the area. In addition, the Clerk was advised the price of paper had slumped and a cheque was not necessarily to be expected for the paper recycling efforts. It was therefore AGREED not to pursue this matter. **ACTION: S PICKARD.**

## 5 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 6 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

No members of the public present.

## 7 Correspondence

### Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Planning and Property Briefing, January 2003. In circulation folder.
- b) Parish Defect Report response cards re defective lights. In circulation folder.

### Bassetlaw District Council:

- c) Parish Precept and Contributions from BDC 2003/2004 applications forms (retained by Clerk for completion by 24.01.03)
- d) Notice of Informal Hearing re Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton. In circulation folder.
- e) Decision Notice: Shandu, Top Street, East Drayton. In circulation folder.
- f) Parish Councils Liaison Group meeting – Wednesday, 22 January 2003 at Worksop Town Hall. Cllrs Ogle, Allen and Clerk to attend.
- g) Town Planning – Training and Discussion Event – Thursday, 16 January 2003 at Clayworth Memorial Hall. Cllrs Ogle and Allen attended. Cllr Allen reported the meeting was concerned with how planning decisions work and how they are structured although he found it rather complicated. He was astonished to learn that it is not illegal to build without planning permission. An information pack is being produced for Parish Councils in due course.

### NALC:

- h) Notice of New Councillor Roadshows. In circulation folder.
- i) Children's Playgrounds Annual Inspections 2003. In circulation folder.

### General:

- j) EMDA – Local Alchemy: Re-inventing local economies. Enterprising Communities Conference: East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham – Tuesday, 25 February 2003 (all day). In circulation folder.
- k) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council newsletter: Winter 2002
- l) Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2003 and Clerks & Councils Direct suppliers guide and yearbook.

- m) Bassetlaw Voice for the over 50's questionnaire and leaflet. Questionnaire to be completed and returned **ACTION: S PICKARD**. Leaflet and letter in circulation folder.
- n) Brainwaves – Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Newsletter – December 2002. In circulation folder.
- o) Running Imp guide/catalogue for club and event organisers. In circulation folder.  
Correspondence received after agenda prepared:
- p) Routine Highway Inspection Patrols within East Drayton; envisaged for January and July. Mr Dave Lightfoot of the Highways Department to be advised of the following: **ACTION: S PICKARD:**
  - i) Request for chevrons on Darlton Bridge
  - ii) Tarmac wearing away around manhole cover, Low Street, near Ashlea Farm
  - iii) Buses severely cutting up grass verges in and around the village
- q) Travel & Transport Briefing – January 2003 (routine Highway inspections listed for East Drayton).
- r) BDC Cabinet Meeting – Thursday, 13 February at 7.00 pm, Elkesley Memorial Hall. No one available to attend. Poster to go on Parish notice board.
- s) Rampton PC – Defibrillator letter and poster asking for volunteers. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to raise this point again at the next meeting.  
**ACTION: S PICKARD**
- t) Poster advertising concessionary travel permit for gentlemen over 60. Smaller poster created by Clerk to be placed on Parish notice board.

## 8 Finance

- a) Accounts for Payment
- b) Income
- c) Transfer
- d) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003 were:

	£
Lloyds Bank (inc 2p December interest)	48.77
Nottingham Building Society	<u>1,470.16</u>
	<b>1,518.93</b>

## 9 Planning

- a) Shandu, Top Street, East Drayton. The Council noted that permission had been granted. To be filed.

## 10 Lytchgate

- i) Cllr Jones reported that he had now received permission from the Diocese concerning replacement of the wrought iron gates with oak gates.
- ii) Cllr Jones was pleased to advise that planning permission had been extended to 1 May 2003.
- iii) Cllr Jones was also pleased to report that the lytchgate was now included on a web site.
- iv) It was AGREED to hold a Lytchgate Committee meeting on Tuesday, 28 January to discuss various points including the requirements needed for the grant, list for Countryside Agency and project involvement for Dunham-on-Trent School children. Canon Jean Calvert is to take up the project with the headmaster as to the children's part in the project.
- v) Cllr Jones suggested the £100 required for the capsule from Meden Stainless Equipment Ltd be paid out of the Lytchgate Fund. To be discussed in greater detail at Lytchgate Committee meeting.

## 11 Urgent Business

- a) Parish Precept and Contributions from Bassetlaw District Council 2003/04 Cllr Ogle advised that BDC were considering two options; a) the same contribution as received last year ie £621, or b) 50% of last year's contribution, which would amount to £311. The remainder of the budget to be precepted (currently £10 per household). Cllr Ogle advised that over one quarter of the parish residents are elderly and many are single householders which would inevitably cause financial hardship if the precept had to be raised. Much discussion followed and more information would be forthcoming after tomorrow evening's meeting with Bassetlaw District Council. However, if BDC decide to opt for the £311 contribution an agreed contingency plan would need to be made tonight to meet the deadline for the return of the application forms. In that case it was decided the precept would need to be raised to £13 per household and this was PROPOSED by Cllr Small and SECONDED by Cllr Allen – ALL AGREED.

The following figures were RESOLVED for the budget and parish precept 2003/2004 provided nothing unforeseen emerged at the BDC meeting tomorrow evening, Wednesday, 22 January:

Churchyard Maintenance	200.00
Clerical Expenses	175.00
Salaries and Allowances	865.00
Insurance	148.00
Audit	54.00
Subscriptions	45.00
Room Hire	60.00
Neighbourhood Watch	80.00
	<b>£1,627.00</b>

Application forms to be completed and returned by 24 January 2003 **ACTION: S PICKARD.**

- b) Bassetlaw Development Agency – Funding Seminars 5<sup>th</sup>/23 February 2003  
. **ACTION: S PICKARD** to advise no one available to attend..
- c) Cllr Shreeve enquired whether the Clerk had received plans for the proposed demolition of the bungalow at Fernlea and building of a house. She had not.

## 12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2003 at 7.30pm. At this meeting the dates will be arranged for both the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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