

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18th May 2004 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr M Ogle, Chairman

Cllrs D Allen, J Jones, J Parker, H Shreeve, and CCllr J Hemsall

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 1 (R Hardy)

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Goddard (work), Cllr R Small (work), DCllr K Isard and Pc P Gilbert

2 Election of Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Ogle and SECONDED BY Cllr Jones that Cllr David Allen be elected Chairman. ALL AGREED.

3 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Allen and SECONDED by Cllr Parker that Cllr Ogle be elected as Vice-Chairman. ALL AGREED.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office book was signed and completed by all Parish Councillors present.

Chairman Cllr Allen took the opportunity to thank Cllr Ogle for all her time, hard work and effort over the years as Chairman, not only on behalf of the Parish Council but also that thanks should be from the parishioners. Cllr Allen added that he hoped Cllr Ogle would continue as a valued member of the Parish Council in the years to come. Cllr Ogle responded by saying she would add her comments at the end of the meeting.

4 Minutes of meeting held 20th April 2004

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

5 Matters Arising

a) Dog Fouling

The Clerk confirmed the two bins at either end of Back Lane were now in place.

b) Costings re suggestions for remaining Lytchgate funds

Cllr Jones had not taken his enquiries re a flagpole any further. Cllr Allen had contacted Kirk & Bills re their quote of £650 if the Council erected the sign. The difficulty is obtaining naturally dried oak. His enquiries are on-going and he added that he believed the project could still be done at a reasonable price.

c) Manor Park, East Drayton

The Clerk reported she had not received a reply to the recent e-mail sent to Mr Deakin concerning the matter of planning permission for change of use.

d) Manor Farm – felled mature tree

The Clerk reported she had not received a reply to the recent e-mail sent to Mr Dean concerning the mature tree felled. Discussion followed concerning items c) and d) and it was AGREED to write to Bassetlaw District Council advising them that the Parish Council is disappointed at the lack of progress and may consider contacting the Local Ombudsman. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) The Local Channel – Running a Website for your Community

The Clerk advised the Council of an article in the recent edition of Clerks & Councils Direct in which an Administrator had been appointed for Worth Parish Council in Essex in connection with their website being set up by The Local Channel. The Clerk had downloaded the home page of this site and printed a copy for Parish Councillors to consider.

6 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

7 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

- i) Mr Hardy enquired about the type of spray used around a nearby field of rape as he had noticed a variety of dead birds in the hedge bottom. He was assured the spray, Round-Up, had been rigorously tested and should not kill livestock.
- ii) Mr Hardy commented on the poor attendance at a recent meeting in the Blue Bell Inn in aid of Church funds. The Landlord had been disappointed with support as he had put much effort into the raffle, but he had however sent £120 for the Church.

8 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Village Gateway signs for Church Lane, North Green and Low Street. The Council was delighted to note the imminence of these new signs. In circulation folder;
- b) Brochures re Music in Quiet Places and Celebrate Festivals; In circulation folder.
- c) Countylink – April 2004; In circulation folder;
- d) Planning & Property Briefing, May 2004; In circulation folder;
- e) Travel & Transport Briefing, May 2004; In circulation folder;

Bassetlaw District Council:

- f) Annabel Elliott, Rural Development Officer with Notts Rural Community Council re production of Lytchgate Trail (meeting organised for 7th May 2004 at the Chairman's home) In circulation folder;
- g) Notice of Parish/District Council elections (sent to Chairman 30.4.04 for inclusion on village noticeboard);
- h) Ballot Box poster; for village noticeboard;

NALC:

- i) Bassetlaw Skills Fair, poster; To be placed on village noticeboard.

General:

- j) BCVS Community news, Spring 2004; In circulation folder.
- k) The Rural Voice, Spring 2004/Notice of AGM for Notts Rural Community Council, Tuesday, 19th October at 7pm; In circulation folder.
- l) The Countryside Agency; Vital Village scheme now closed to wholly new applicants; In circulation folder.
- m) The Boundary Committee; periodic electoral review of Notts CC; Final recommendations; In circulation folder;
- n) Clerks & Councils Direct, May 2004; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- o) Do You Need A Hand: Practical help for elderly people (brochures); Each Councillor requested to hand out a couple of brochures each. In circulation folder;
- p) Notts Assn of Village and Community Halls (NAVACH) Conference on 22 June at Papplewick Village Hall (6.30pm – 9.00 pm); free, booking form enclosed; Cllr Ogle may attend, Clerk to complete form if needed, in due course); Letter in circulation folder;
- q) European/District/Parish Elections; 10th June 2004; Notices of Poll for noticeboard;
- r) Invitation to County Council Civic Service, Southwell Minster on Sunday, 11th July 2004 at 11.00 am (reply form enclosed); No-one available to attend.

9 Finance

a) Accounts for Payment

- i) The Council AGREED to the payment of £209.64 to Allianz Cornhill re insurance.

ACTION: S Pickard.

b) Income

The Council noted the receipt of £960.00 precept/contributions payment into the current account from Bassetlaw District Council.

c) Transfer of Funds

It was AGREED to transfer £400 from the current account to Nottingham Building Society.

ACTION: S Pickard.

d) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 18th May 2004 were:

	£
Lloyds Bank	1,027.65
Nottingham Building Society	<u>1,355.20</u>
	2,382.85

e) Completion of Statement of Assurance for year ending 31st March 2004

Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31st March 2004 was completed by the Council members and signed by the Chairman in preparation for the internal audit by Mr Bert Neate and then on to Hacker Young before 30th June 2004.

10 Planning

- i) Location: Field Farm, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect extension and alter existing outbuildings to form agricultural worker's dwelling. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Location: Field Farm, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect extension and alter existing outbuildings to form agricultural worker's dwelling and remove steel-framed building. The Council had no objections and comments to be added on the reply form to the effect "The Parish Council supports the application because it believes it will benefit the family business in the long term". **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) Location: The Old Manor House, Church Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect detached garage. The Council had no objections. (Reply form sent).

11 Urgent Business

a) Lytchgate

Parish Councillors read through the minutes of a Lytchgate Committee meeting held on 7th May at Vine Farm, East Drayton with Annabel Elliott, Rural Development Officer at Notts Rural Community Council concerning the completion of a Lytchgate Trail booklet. The minutes were signed as a true and correct record. Cllr Ogle advised that a teacher acquaintance of Cllr Jones may possibly be able to undertake this project if deferred until July. ALL AGREED. It was suggested a tree be planted in the Church grounds on the first anniversary of the completion of the Lytchgate.

b) Surplus stone in Church grounds

Cllr Allen commented on the large pile of surplus stones and it was AGREED to contact Ms Judy Walker to see if she is still interested in purchasing them. The money raised could then go into Parish Council funds. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Overgrown hedge at Dunham-on-Trent

Cllr Parker requested a letter be sent to Dunham-on-Trent Parish Council concerning the very overgrown hedge on the A57 opposite the turning towards the village hall at Cocketts Hill. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

12 Date and time of next meeting

New Chairman, Cllr Allen apologised that he had a previous engagement for the next scheduled Parish Council meeting. It was therefore AGREED to bring the meeting forward one day to Monday, 14th June 2004 at 7.30 pm.

There was no further business. Cllr Ogle thanked all the Parish Councillors for their work and support over the past years and the Clerk for her minuting. Cllr Ogle wished Cllr Allen every happiness in his new post as Chairman and offered her support as Vice-Chairman.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2004