

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs H Shreeve, J Goddard, J Jones and R Small.

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

1 **Apologies for Absence.** Were received from Cllrs M Ogle and H Shreeve.

## 2 **Minutes of meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record after one amendment (5 Matters Arising (b) Lychgate Fund correction to read £574).

## 3 **Matters Arising**

### a) Village Sign

The Chairman advised that due to other commitments he had not made any further progress. He will liaise with Mr Jim Simpson regarding the timber and circulate a questionnaire within the village asking for suggestions for ideas to include on the village sign (up to six panels).

### b) Lychgate Fund

The Clerk had received an email from Mrs Jean Rider re the application made to claim the final grant money of £574. Discussion followed and although all the notes made at the time concerning work involved, no volunteer-time worksheets were available to be completed and submitted. Therefore it was AGREED that there was nothing further to claim for and the project should be closed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### c) Building Better Communities – street lighting

The Clerk advised that the plan siting six possible extra street lights had been submitted to Mr Tony Biondi, Lighting and Signals Department, Nottinghamshire County Council.

### d) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

The Chairman reported that Cllr Ogle had been in touch with Severn Trent Water Authority requesting a survey team be sent. Cllr Goddard added that the team had arrived today and the outcome is awaited.

### e) Replacement tree at entrance to Manor House Farm

Nothing further to report. It was AGREED to reassess the situation at next month's meeting.

### f) Dukeries Gliding Club

Councillors had all read the information supplied by the Club that was placed in the circulation folder and no further comments were made.

### g) Blue Bell Inn advertising sign

The Landlord had moved the sign away from the edge of the roadside and it was AGREED to remove the item from future Agendas.

### h) Planning status on land off Long Lane, East Drayton

The Clerk had received a copy of the Decision Notice to clarify the situation. It stated that permission had been granted to erect brick stables for the purpose of overnight stabling for two horses with secure tack room/feeding storage. This was dated March 2005 and it was noted that the Parish Council did not receive a copy of the notice at the time.

### i) Gritting

Nothing further to report. It was AGREED to retain the item on future Agendas.

### j) Waste bins

The Clerk had contacted Mrs Pat Wilkinson in the Environmental Health Department to request replacement bins (one near the village seat and the other near the telephone box) and subsequently emailed the department. It was AGREED to email again asking for progress.

### k) Lorries taking unnecessary route through village

Cllr Jones had seen the lorry again and managed to see 'Buxton' on the side of the cab, but nothing else and so until more information is to hand, the incidents cannot be pursued.

## 4 **Declarations of Interest.**

No declarations of Interest.

## 5 Correspondence

### Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) Travel & Transport Briefing, June 2005 (Carriageway surface dressing at East Drayton); Discussion followed and it was AGREED to write to Mr Alan Birt, Customer Services Manager at Bolham Lane, to point out that the village road surface has not been tarmacked for around 35 years and is now getting in a poor state of repair. It was also AGREED to mention the state of the grass verges being cut up by the buses in the winter leaving ruts and protruding manhole covers and also the lack of verge grass cutting in the summer months. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Planning & Property Briefing, May 2005; In circulation folder.

c) County Council Civic Service at Southwell Minster, Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 am. The Chairman agreed to check with Cllr Ogle to see if she would like to attend. In circulation folder.

### Bassetlaw District Council:

d) Reminder of South East Bassetlaw Forum meeting, Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 pm at East Markham Village Hall; In circulation folder.

### NALC:

e) Minutes of Parish Councils Liaison Group meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2005; In circulation folder.

### General:

f) Rampton Hospital Community Forum meeting, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005 at 3.00 pm (Minutes and agenda enclosed); No one available to attend on this occasion.

g) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust Newsletter, May 2005; In circulation folder.

h) Shaw's Books, Forms and Records catalogue; In circulation folder.

i) Emda News, May 2005; In circulation folder.

j) Age Concern Money Maze service (provides assistance to people who may have difficulty in coping with the changes to the benefits payment system); In circulation folder.

### **Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:**

k) Defra – new responsibilities for Parish Councils. In circulation folder.

l) Hacker Young: Acknowledgment of receipt of year end accounts. Retained by Clerk.

m) Planning & Property Briefing, June 2005: In circulation folder.

## 6 Planning

a) Location: Poplar Farm, North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Vary condition 2 of PA 15.3.9 to construct rooms in roof and gable windows. No further comments to be made.

b) Vine Farm, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Conversion of Farmhouse, redundant agricultural buildings and new build to produce four new dwellings and garages. The Council noted that the application had been withdrawn.

## 7 General Business

### a) South East Bassetlaw Forum

The Chairman attended the meeting, although he had concerns that the Forum was trying to do something that the newly convened NALC committee was already involved in. The evening was chaired by Mr Steve Brown, Customer Services Manager. The Chairman explained that the forum is an attempt to pull the villages together to get a broader view on matters. There was a broad policy idea to begin with at the meeting, but it ended in specific issues being discussed. DCllr Jenkins voiced his concern at the meeting that the forum was not working properly and he, East Drayton's chairman and one other may possibly have a meeting to discuss what the forum is actually trying to achieve and whether it is worth continuing.

### b) NALC meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2005

The Chairman reported this meeting was better attended and the two guest speakers were Sara Goodwin, Head of Law and Scrutiny and John Brooks, Head of Finance. Sara Goodwin spoke about the position of Parish Councils, how they should behave and areas that could be misconstrued as misuse of position or resources. The Chairman asked Ms Goodwin about the Declaration of Interest and use of dispensations concerning planning matters and the advice was to think very carefully before applying for a dispensation. Mr Brooks spoke about how the concurrent grant is being reduced and double taxation in areas such as grass cutting and road sweeping. One person who attended the meeting commented that he felt towns didn't actually

pay enough and villages pay too much. In conclusion, the Chairman felt the NALC committee was worth supporting and he AGREED to continue to attend the meetings and welcomed anyone else joining him. The next meeting is due on 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Chairman asked for comments about supporting NALC and all AGREED this was worthwhile.

**8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.**

- a) Mr Hardy suggested that the heavy lorries coming through the village could add weight to the request to Notts County Council for resurfacing in the village and it was AGREED this point could be made in the letter.

**9 Finance**

- a) Income  
None.

- b) Accounts for Payment –

i) Insurance – The Chairman confirmed that the new insurers were The Community Council of Lincolnshire (underwritten by Zurich) at a cost of £167.51. The new Employers Liability Insurance Certificate to be placed on the wall in the village hall. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) The Council AGREED the Clerk's salary and expenses amounting to £276.27.

- c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005 were:

£	
Lloyds Bank	1,908.00
Nottingham BS	<u>431.20</u>
	2,339.20

- c) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

**10 Urgent Business**

None.

**11 Date and time of next meeting**

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 7.30 pm. Cllr Shreeve sent advance apologies.

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

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