

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2004 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr M Ogle, Vice-Chairman, Cllrs J Parker, J Goddard, J Jones and R Small

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk).

Members of the public: 1 (Mr R Hardy)

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone and in the absence of the Chairman, took the chair.

1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs D Allen, H Shreeve and DCllr M Jenkins.

## 2 Minutes of meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> November 2004

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

## 3 Matters Arising

### a) Costings re remaining funds from Lytchgate project – Village Sign

The Vice-Chairman reported that the Chairman had heard from Jeanne Wallace from the Highways Department and she had advised that a planning form would now have to be completed and there may be a fee. Councillors commented that the fee should come from the remaining lytchgate fund.

### b) Gritting side roads

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Chairman had made enquiries re the gritting via Mr David Lightfoot and the Clerk reported that DCllr Jenkins had contacted Mr Alan Birt the customer services manager at Bolham Lane (in the absence of Mr Bob Hart at Newark). Mr Birt had agreed to follow up the matter and contact the Parish Council. The Clerk had not yet received a reply.

### c) Building Better Communities – application for grant aid

No report back yet.

### d) Hot tub at Pippins

The Clerk reported a letter had been received from Bassetlaw's Planning Department stating no breach of planning control had taken place. It was AGREED the matter was at an end.

### e) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

The Vice-Chairman advised the meeting that the authorities had now admitted that tree roots in the pipes at Mrs J Smith's property were a part of the problem. Patrick Mercer MP had advised that the work would be done this week, or the week after Christmas (doubtful). Cllr Goddard advised that Severn Trent had, with equipment brought from Birmingham, been to the manhole and unblocked it in all directions. The Vice-Chairman commented how frustrating the situation was, as the various parties involved who come to inspect, fail to bring the right equipment and this must involve great expense. The vice-Chairman added that the Chairman had also been in contact with Mr Lightfoot to see what action he could take.

### f) Siting of BT poles in the village

Cllr Goddard reported that he had received a phone call in reply to his letter to say that someone from Tuxford would be coming out to inspect the pole in question. The Clerk reported no reply had been received to the Parish Council's letter.

### g) Flexline

The Clerk reported that DCllr Jenkins had made enquiries concerning the Flexline bus service. He had been advised by Marshall's that they had received a short term grant for the pilot scheme up until 31.12.04 and as the take-up had only run to a handful of people, the service would not continue. DCllr Jenkins had contacted the district and county councils, but he felt nobody wanted to take responsibility and unfortunately he did not know what the answer was. Cllr Jones queried the use of the community bus based at Dunham School, but this had to have a special driver and was not felt a suitable alternative.

### h) The Vice-chairman confirmed that the Chairman had spoken to Mr David Lightfoot concerning the issues raised at last month's meeting (ie Vine Farm, steel pole on South Beck Lane, manhole cover near Mrs Smith's property, sinking road on Bingham's Bend and removal of

tree after school bus accident last year)

**4 Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Goddard declared an interest in Agenda Item 6i) Planning. Location: Lowe Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Proposal: Erect cattle shed. The Declaration of Interest book was duly signed.

## **5 Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Travel & Transport Briefing, December 2004; In circulation folder.
- b) Planning & Property Briefing, December 2004; In circulation folder.
- c) Snow Warden Scheme; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- d) Addendum to Best Value Performance Plan 2004/05; In circulation folder.
- e) Planning Guidance on Planning Obligations; In circulation folder.
- f) Register of Electors 2005; In circulation folder.
- g) Video conferencing service; In circulation folder.

NALC:

- h) Guide to Becoming a Quality Council booklets; In circulation folder.

General:

- i) Police press release re Security over the Festive period; In circulation folder. Cllr Goddard advised that he now had a contact number for Pc Pete Gilbert as he had been issued with a police mobile phone.
- j) The Standards Board for England;  
Guidance notes for monitoring officers and standards committees; AND  
Guidance notes re Lobby groups, dual-hatted members and the Code of Conduct; In circulation folder.

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

- k) Bassetlaw District Council: (Planning matter) Field Farm, East Drayton  
(Planning matter) The Paddock, land off Long Lane, East Drayton.
- l) BDC: Saturday morning Collection of Bulky Domestic Refuse notice; Poster prepared for noticeboard.
- m) Notts CC Countylink newsletter, November 2004; In circulation folder.
- n) BCVS Funder Fair, Tuesday, 8 February 2005, Carlton-in-Lindrick Parish Centre 6pm to 9pm (free event); No one available to attend, Clerk to apply for press pack. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- o) NALC: 59<sup>th</sup> Annual report, Countywise newsletter December 2004. Legal Updates: Environmental Information regulations, and Freedom of Information Act, General Right of Access, January 2005; In circulation folder.
- p) Notts Fire & Rescue Service update newsletter, Winter 2004; In circulation folder.
- q) Letter from PCllr Hugh Burton re possible reinstatement of the Northern and North Eastern NALC area committee; Discussion followed and it was AGREED to send a letter of support to Cllr Burton. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- r) Bassetlaw District Council Precept and Contribution Application Form 2005/06 (Forms to be passed to Chairman via Vice-Chairman in preparation for sub-committee meeting prior to 28.1.05).

**Cllr Goddard left the room to comply with Declaration of Interest in Agenda item 6i).**

## **6 Planning**

- i) Location: Lowe Farm, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect cattle shed. The Parish

Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

**Cllr Goddard rejoined the meeting.**

- ii) Location: The Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton. The Clerk reported that Notice of Appeal had been received. The Vice-Chairman added that the applicants could not appeal again for another five years should it be turned down again.
- iii) Decision Notice: Fairfield Bungalow, Low Street, East Drayton. Remove condition 1 of PA no N15/100 to remove the agricultural occupancy restriction. The Parish Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- iv) Decision Notice: Autumn Lea, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect attached garage. The Parish Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- v) Location: Field Farm, East Drayton. Erect extension and alter existing outbuildings to form agricultural workers' dwelling and remove steel framed building. The Parish Council noted that the planning application had been withdrawn.
- vi) Location: The Paddock, land off Long Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect brick stables for the purpose of overnight stabling for two horses with secure tack room/feeding storage. The Parish Council had no objections, but were concerned about the entry onto the road. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

## 7 General Business

### i) Community Forum Meeting at Rampton Hospital

Cllr Goddard advised that he and the Chairman attended the meeting. The proposed new development, with new access road off the already very busy Stokeham crossroads, should be completed by 2006. Concern was raised regarding the traffic situation and the Chairman had asked about the possibility of traffic lights. Dr Harris had approached the Police authorities and they said they saw no reason why they (traffic lights) or a speed restriction were necessary. Cllr Goddard added that the price of the last addition to the hospital had an overspend of £20m and eventually all the old red brick buildings would be demolished. There had been a good turnout to the meeting.

## 8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion

- i) Mr Hardy commented that he had heard of gypsy interest in purchasing the paddock, off long Lane in the village (ref Agenda item 6. vi) Planning.

## 9 Finance

### a) Income – None

### b) Accounts for Payment –

- i) Hire of Village Hall. The Council AGREED payment of £67.00.
- ii) Clerk's salary and expenses. The Council AGREED payment of £245.53.

### c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21<sup>st</sup> December 2004 were: £

Lloyds Bank	208.23
Nottingham BS	<u>2,055.20</u>
	2,263.43

- d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £200 to the Lloyds Bank. **ACTION: S Pickard**

## 10 Urgent Business

- i) It was pointed out that the street light at No 2 Low Street had gone out. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) The leylandii trees at Mrs Judy Walker's property are in need of a trim and it was AGREED to have an unofficial word with Mrs Walker.
- iii) Cllr Goddard reported a hydrant marker post laid in the floor opposite the dog fouling bin on Darlton Road and this should be attended to. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iv) The origins of a letter circulated to residents headed East Drayton Against Gypsies was discussed. The letter, that has nothing whatsoever to do with East Drayton Parish Council, is ambiguously worded. It urges parishioners write to Mr Elliot, at Bassetlaw District Council objecting to a planning application on land west of Cocking Lane, Treswell for change of use of agricultural land to private caravan site. It was AGREED to telephone Mr Elliot to advise the suggested letter of objection does not originate from East Drayton Parish Council (and confirm by letter with a copy of the correspondence sent to parishioners). **ACTION: S Pickard.** Also a note to be added on the next village newsletter to this effect.

## 11 Date and time of next meeting

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2005 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year. The meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm.

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