

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th February 2007 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, J Goddard, H Shreeve and R Small. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 3.

1 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from CCllr J Hemsall, Cllr P Ogle and PC Bailey.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 16th January 2007

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

3 Matters Arising

a) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

The Clerk read out a reply from Severn Trent Water stating they were "satisfied that the sewerage system is functioning properly and that the flooding issues at Vine Farm are a private matter", but agreed for Parish Councillors to view the video of the camera investigation and sewer records at their Branton Office, near Doncaster. The Clerk also read out a letter from the Consumer Council for Water urging the Parish Council to forward any further evidence to substantiate the claims. Subsequently after emailing the CCfW, they also urged the Parish Council to take up the invitation offered to view the camera investigation. Discussion followed and it was agreed to contact Severn Trent to arrange an appointment to do this. The Clerk confirmed she had emailed CCfW to inform the Parish Council would be requesting sight of the video. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Rampton Hospital Community Forum meetings

The Clerk advised no reply to date had been received to the letter suggesting the Forum meet less frequently.

c) Laurel House Farm

The Clerk reported a reply had been received from Bassetlaw District Council stating that although planning permission was recently refused for the erection of a dwelling in July 2006 and an associated planning application for conservation area consent for demolition was also refused, there are currently no planning applications in respect of this property. However it is likely that further applications may be made following discussion with planning officers and the Parish Council was assured it would be formally consulted in the usual way.

d) Fledgelings

The Clerk reported a letter of thanks had been received from the pre-school playgroup for the Parish Council's donation of £100.

e) Parish Precept and Contributions from Bassetlaw District Council

The Clerk reported Bassetlaw District Council had confirmed their contribution of £248 would be paid for the year 2007-2008 and therefore the figures submitted in the Precept and Contributions application form stood as agreed.

4 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of Interest.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Travel & Transport Briefing, January 2007; In circulation folder.
- b) Planning & Property Briefing, February 2007; In circulation folder.
- c) Building Better Communities; Annual Event on Tuesday, 12th June 2007 at Boughton Pumping Station 10am – 1.30 pm (including lunch). Event is an opportunity to find out more about the Building Better Communities initiative together with guidance on the types of schemes that could be considered and advice on how to make an application.

The Chairman and Cllr Ogle to consider attending and a reply to be sent accordingly.

ACTION: S Pickard.

- d) Adoption of the Nottinghamshire Statement of Community Involvement; In circulation folder.
- e) Local Government White Paper, Nottinghamshire County Council and Town and Parish Councils; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- f) Bassetlaw Spring Clean 16-29 April 2007 (application form to be returned by 30.3.07); In circulation folder.

NALC:

- g) Threat to Lottery Funding; The Clerk read out the letter requesting Parish Councils write to Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Ed Milliband the Third Sector Minister and Dawn Primarolo, the Paymaster General at the Treasury and local MP. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to write to the above to highlight the potential impact to rural communities from the possible loss of lottery funding as the Government seeks to find ways of financing the 2012 Olympics. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- h) Minutes from Northern Area Committee meeting held 20th November 2006 and Agenda for 19th February 2007. In circulation folder.
- i) Review of the Quality Town and Parish Council Scheme. In circulation folder.
- j) Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members; In circulation folder.

General:

- k) A1 Housing, issue Winter 2006; In circulation folder.
- l) Mobile Rural Contact Point Partnership (new vehicle and new officer awaited); In circulation folder.
- m) Central Networks – Power cut emergency pack! To be retained by Clerk.
- n) Report by email, from PC Bill Bailey, as follows:
 - 20th December 2006 Attempted burglary and theft at outbuilding on Retford Road.
 - 20th December 2006 Burglary and theft of mower on Southbeck Lane.
 - 18th January 2007 Theft of fencing from Long Lane.
 - 21st January 2007 Damage to container on Long Lane.
 - 7th February 2007 Damage to a motor vehicle on Low Street.

Cllr Goddard also reported a red vehicle parked suspiciously in the village and a young lad walking around the village trying to sell items at around the same time. The red vehicle, possibly a Ford Fiesta/Peugeot make had also been seen by other Parish Council members at different times. Also Cllr Goddard reported a van whose occupants set off the alarm when entering his farm stackyard. Cllr Goddard, who was able to obtain the registration number, contacted the Police on this occasion and the people involved were known to them.

The Chairman urged everyone to be vigilant as there seemed to be unwanted interest in the village at present.

6 Planning

- i) Location: Ashdowne, Church Lane, East Drayton; *Proposal:* Erect rear bedroom and kitchen extension. No objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Location: Ashdowne, Church Lane, East Drayton; *Proposal:* Erect domestic garage and convert existing garage into utility room. The Council strongly objected to the proposal as putting a double garage on the front of the property would not be in keeping with the other bungalows on that side of the road. All are open plan with gardens. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) Location: Footpath on land at Tithe Barn Cottage, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Footpath diversion. No objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iv) DECISION NOTICE: Howden House, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect rear conservatory and entrance extension. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- v) Location: The Limes, Long Lane, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect brick pillars and wing walls and replacement gates. No objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 General Business

i) The Chairman asked for Parish Councillors to give thought to possible donations to worthy organisations within the village. Donations so far this year had been made to Fledgelings pre-school playgroup (£100) and the Neighbourhood Watch Association (£80). The Chairman suggested funds be transferred from the Building Society to the bank in readiness for donations to be made and it was agreed to take up the matter at next month's meeting.

ACTION: S Pickard.

8 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

i) Mr Hardy commented that he was not happy with the comments made to Bassetlaw District Council concerning his application to erect a two bedroom single storey dwelling making reference to the minutes of last month's meeting. "No objections to application, but comment be made to Bassetlaw District Council that this was outside the parish boundary and all previous applications outside the village envelope have been turned down. " The Chairman commented that it was the job of the Parish Council to consider the plans and comment upon them; ultimately the decision would be up to Bassetlaw District Council.

ii) Mr Wilson reported quad bikes coming up past his property on to Leys Lane and then turning into a field owned by Cllr Goddard and churning it up. The Chairman advised that previously PC Bailey had been able to intervene concerning children riding dangerously on scooters in the village. If descriptions and/or names of people involved could be passed to the Parish Council, or directly to the Police, PC Bailey could investigate.

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment – The Council had approved payment of £51.69 to NALC for the annual subscription. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 20 th February 2007 were:	£
Nottingham BS	2,174.66
Lloyds TSB	123.96
	<u>2,298.62</u>

d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £600 (SIX HUNDRED POUNDS) from the Nottingham Building Society to Lloyds Bank (reference Agenda item 7). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Urgent Business

i) It was AGREED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 17th April (Parish Council meeting to follow immediately afterwards) and the Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 15th May.

ii) Cllr Parker queried whether or not a quantity of carpeting had been removed from the roadside and also some tyres had been dumped. Cllr Small agreed to collect the tyres.

iii) Cllr Small voiced his concern at the volume of 4 WDs and motorbikes cutting up Back Lane. Mr Strawson had previously maintained the lane, but Cllr Goddard reported that in January legislation had been passed to redesignate the lane as a BOAT (byway open to all traffic) and it should now be maintained by Nottinghamshire County Council. It was therefore AGREED to contact them to request they do so. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20th March 2007 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____