

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 in the Village Hall

## Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, R Small, J Parker, H Shreeve, P Ogle and N Stanley, and CCllr J Hemsall. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 0.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – None.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008** were approved and signed as a true record.

## 3 **Matters Arising**

### a) Travellers at Gamston Wood – clearing of rubbish

The Clerk advised a letter had been received from Patrick Mercer MP in which he stated he had written to the responsible Minister on the Parish Council's behalf and that he would be in touch again after a reply has been received.

### b) Pollarding of Churchyard trees

The Chairman advised this had now been completed and some extra tidying work. Mr Martin had submitted an invoice for £1,615.63 (including £240.63 VAT element). It was AGREED to settle the account in full, using the funds secured by CCllr Hemsall (£1,200) and the Council will in due course be reimbursed with the remainder from the funds raised in memory of Cllr John Goddard.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

### c) Footpath obstructions at The Laurels

There has been no response from Mr Tully concerning the request to trim the leylandii obstructing the street light. It was therefore AGREED to bring the matter to the attention of the Highways Department and advise Mr Tully that this course of action would be taken. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### d) Drainage issues in the village

The Clerk had received no reply to date from Mr Bowler concerning the request for a copy of the letter he agreed to write to Mr Geoff Betts at Severn Trent advising him there were further drains in the village. It was AGREED to write to the Chief Executive at Bassetlaw District Council expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at the lack of response and request some action be taken to resolve the issues. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### e) East Drayton Sports Club

The Clerk read out two letters from Mrs Jean Bingham outlining the current situation. Change of use was granted by Bassetlaw District Council last July subject to a number of conditions and she had enclosed a copy of the decision notice. The main condition was the creation of a new entrance and car park. The Highways Department is to make the entrance at a cost of £5,950. The proposal to install a lockable barrier-type gate has also been approved. The Sports Club intend to pay £3,500 towards Highway costs and CCllr Hemsall has offered £2,000 from his community funding. Mrs Bingham said that the hope for the future "is that once we have adhered to all the conditions of the change of use, we will be in a position to apply for funding to upgrade and improve the club's facilities".

In her second letter, Mrs Bingham stated that currently the sports field is owned by the Bingham family and the club has no long term tenure on it. "However, it has always been intended that once we had secured the change of use from Bassetlaw Council, the club would be given a long term lease on the ground. This would be the first requirement of any source of funding that we want to pursue". Consideration of donations to village organisations was due to be discussed in 9) Finance, but the Chairman asked for a discussion at this stage, concerning the Sports Club.

All AGREED once a copy of the lease agreement had been received by the Parish Council (or letter from Mr and Mrs Bingham's solicitors confirming this was being drawn up would suffice) a donation of £250 could be made from the current financial year. CCllr Hemsall said he too would require sight of same to enable him to release funds. It was therefore AGREED to contact Mrs Bingham to request this as soon as possible. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) Village Hall

Cllr M Ogle confirmed that the Trustees had met and they now needed to go back to the village hall committee with their proposal. Therefore Cllr Ogle was unable to comment further, but agreed to report back to the Parish Council in due course.

g) Anglian Water – Marnham Water main

The Clerk advised she had telephoned Claire Harrison, Network Manager, Anglian Water Services Ltd, Lincoln and confirmed the details in a letter re Mrs Day's concern. Ms Harrison had subsequently emailed the Clerk confirming she would register the Parish Council's comments to enable her to build a case to put to the asset planners to obtain funding for renewal. It was AGREED to send a copy of the email to Mrs Day to keep her fully informed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

4 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

5 **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Draft Guidance on the Validation of Planning Applications – Consultation. In circulation folder.
- b) Nottinghamshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan. In circulation folder.
- c) Travel & Transport Briefing, January 2008. In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- d) Planning in Bassetlaw – A guide for Members and Parishes. In circulation folder.
- e) Bulky Refuse Collection notices (for village notice board).
- f) Bassetlaw Spring Clean – 20 April - 4 May 2008.

General:

- g) Bassetlaw Mind – request for financial support. It was AGREED to reply saying that regretfully Parish Council funds are limited to the needs of the village. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- h) Focus, Local Environmental newsletter, Winter 2007. In circulation folder.
- i) Rural Voice, newsletter, No 4 2008. In circulation folder.
- j) Nottinghamshire Healthcare, Rampton Hospital Community Forum Minutes (with dates for future meetings) e-mail print out. Next Meeting Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 2.30 pm Community Centre. In circulation folder.
- k) Email print out re Planning course on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at Epperstone Village Hall to be attended by the Chairman and Cllr P Ogle.
- l) Crime Report received via email from Pc Bill Bailey:

*In relation to crime it is pleasing to see we've only recorded one crime so far this year; that was a burglary to a farm store, but nothing stolen. Looking back at how much crime was reported in the village for 2007 we recorded the following:*

*Burglary and Theft related matters - 7 Crimes  
Criminal Damage - 4 Crimes  
Harassment - 1 Crime*

6 **Planning**

- i) DECISION NOTICE: Location: South Lea, Low Street, East Drayton. Erect single storey extension (resubmission of PA 15.7.16). The Council noted permission had been granted.
- ii) Street Naming & Numbering: Location: Land east of Laurel House Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Detached dwelling to be known as The Leat, Low Street, East Drayton. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton. Parish Councillors had received several comments from parishioners concerning the size of the property. The approved plans were inspected, but Parish Councillors did not feel they could pursue the matter, although the property does now block the view of the Church, as it commented on at the time.

7 **General Business** - None.

8 **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** - No public discussion.

9 **Finance**

a) Parish Precept and Contributions from Bassetlaw District Council 2008-2009

The Chairman confirmed the pre-budget meeting had been held on 29<sup>th</sup> January to prepare figures

for the financial year 2008-2009. These proposals were discussed and the following figures were RESOLVED for the budget:

Play Facilities	100.00
Churchyard Maintenance	100.00
Public Clocks	50.00
Senior Citizens	50.00
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	80.00
Sports Club	150.00
NALC Subscription	60.00
Audit fee	55.00
Insurance	180.00
Village Hall – Running costs	270.00
Training	40.00
Clerk's Salary	1,000.00
Clerical Expenses	150.00
	<b>£2,285.00</b>

The concurrent grant is confirmed at £253, this involves a precept requirement of £2,032. Application form to be completed accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Income - None.

c) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council APPROVED payment of £55.65 for NALC subscription.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) The Council APPROVED payment of £1,615.63 for tree work at Churchyard.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

h) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	2,466.58
Lloyds TSB	103.36
	<u>2,569.94</u>

d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £1,000 (ONE THOUSAND POUNDS) from the Nottingham Building Society to the Lloyds TSB. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) Consideration of donations to village organisations

Discussion followed concerning donations to village organisations. It was AGREED to make donations as follows:

- Clock Fund £ 50
- Fledgelings £ 50
- Senior Citizens £ 50
- Churchyard Fund £ 50
- Hedge cutting £ 50
- Parish Clock Fund £ 50
- Village Hall committee £150

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) Internal Audit

It was AGREED to write to Mrs Ellis to ask if she would undertake the internal audit of the Parish Council accounts in due course. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 **Urgent Business** - It was AGREED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April (Parish Council meeting to take place beforehand at 7pm) and the Annual Parish Council meeting to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

11 **Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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