

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st November 2006 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, H Shreeve, P Ogle, J Goddard and DCllr M Jenkins. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 2.

1 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Parker, R Small, CCllr J Hemsall and PC Bailey.

2 Minutes of meeting held on 17th October 2006

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 had not received a reply to the letter sent to Severn Trent Water concerning the results of the camera investigation, despite a request for a reply before November's meeting. The situation has been ongoing for three years and there is no resolution in sight as all authorities deny responsibility. Discussion followed and it was AGREED the Parish Council contact OFWAT to enquire whether they could investigate and similarly Cllr Ogle would write.

ACTION: S Pickard.

b) Central Networks: Chance of funding for Christmas lights

The Clerk reported that if the Parish Council had applied and won funding for Christmas lighting for the village, Central Networks would expect to gain publicity. There is a letter on file from Nottinghamshire County Council stipulating that any Parish Council wishing to display such decorations need to apply for a licence to do so 6-12 months beforehand. It was therefore felt not possible to pursue the offer as East Drayton does not hold such a licence and one could not be ascertained before the Festive Season this year.

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

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) List of available Social Care Publications (leaflets); In circulation folder.

b) Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy and Development Control Policies – In circulation folder (any comments required by 8th December 2006)

NALC:

c) Northern Area Committee meeting minutes of last meeting and Agenda for 20th November 2006 at 7.30 pm at Retford Town Hall; In circulation folder.

d) Countywise, October 2006 issue; In circulation folder.

e) Legal Briefing: The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order and The Employment Equality (Age) Regulations; In circulation folder.

Nottinghamshire Healthcare:

f) Notice of next Rampton Hospital Community Forum Meeting to be held on Thursday, 7th December at 2.30 pm (notice of members to attend by 24th November). Cllrs Ogle and Goddard to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

General:

g) Fledgelings Pre-School Playgroup, Dunham-on-Trent – seeking financial assistance. Retained by Clerk. See 7 General Business.

h) Countryside Alliance – demise of village Post Offices – poster enclosed; For notice board.

i) Request from Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd to display poster re Retford Christmas market and Civic tree lighting ceremony; For notice board.

6 Planning/Street Naming & Numbering

i) Location: Field Farm, Church Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Installation of 20m x 40m ménage with fencing and sand/rubber surface. No objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) **DECISION NOTICE:** The Ashes, Top Street, East Drayton; Erect rear porch and dining room extension. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 General Business

i) Continuation of discussion from last meeting regarding possible support by Parish Council of village projects. The Chairman commented that the precept had been set to enable contributions to be made to worthwhile causes for the benefit of the community. Discussion followed and it was AGREED, in principle, to support the following projects:

- Fledgelings Pre-School Playgroup, Dunham-on-Trent. It was felt this was a good investment in the future for young families within the village. A letter should be sent to the treasurer advising that support would be forthcoming in due course. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- Cricket Club. This is run as a charitable organisation by Mr and Mrs Bingham in the village. Currently they are in the process of applying for planning permission to erect a permanent building on the site and they are also seeking grant aid. It was felt the Bingham family do much for the good of the village and they are hoping to expand the range of sports facilities on offer. A letter should be sent to Mr and Mrs Bingham offering support and suggesting a meeting to discuss ideas. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- Children's Christmas Party. The Chairman reported he is awaiting a reply concerning this. Possibly the Parish Council could pay for the hire of the village hall for the party.

iii) Report from PC Bill Bailey. The Clerk had received an email from PC Bailey in which he reported no crime in the last month. There had been incidents in surrounding villages and therefore villagers should not be complacent about crime.

8 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

- i) The Chairman asked for comments from the two members of public present, in particular concerning the proposed donations to village organisations as discussed above – both were in agreement.
- ii) Mr Drake commented that he had heard of incidents in Laneham involving youths from Tuxford.

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment – The Council approved payment of £58.75 to Hacker Young, Chartered Accountants, being the Audit fee of the Annual Return. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21 st November 2006 were:		£
	Nottingham BS	2,724.66
	Lloyds TSB	<u>111.25</u>
		2,835.91

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Completion of Statement of Assurance on Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect Annual Return: Both forms were duly signed. **ACTION: Chairman** (to retain Annual Audit for inspection) **S Pickard**: Statement of Assurance to be returned to Hacker Young.

f) Cllr Ogle confirmed that Mrs Josie Ellis would be prepared to audit the accounts in future.

10 Urgent Business - None.

11 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19th 2006 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____