East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th May 2008 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, H Shreeve, P Ogle, N Stanley and R Small. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

1 Apologies for Absence – There were no apologies.

The Clerk took the chair and asked for nominations as follows:

2 Election of Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Ogle and SECONDED by Cllr Shreeve that Cllr Allen be re-elected Chairman. ALL AGREED.

3 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Allen and SECONDED by Cllr Parker that Cllr Ogle be re-elected Vice-Chairman. ALL AGREED.

The book of Declaration of Office was duly completed and signed and Cllr Allen took the Chair.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the lack of public attendance and suggested next year thought should be given to advertising the Annual meeting around the village.

4 Minutes of meeting held on 15th April 2008

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

5 Matters Arising

a) Drainage issues in the village

The Clerk reported no reply to date had been received from Mr Geoff Betts. After further discussion, it was AGREED to contact Mr Betts again to express disappointment at the lack of response, advising him that if he is not prepared to discuss the matter, then regretfully the Parish Council would be forced to approach the Consumer Council for Water for their support again. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Cllr R Small joined the meeting.

b) Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton

The height of the boundary wall on the roadside was debated. The plans held by the Parish Council refer to "a low wall or fence" whereas the wall constructed appears to be 2m high. It was AGREED to contact the Planning Department for confirmation that planning permission had been granted for a wall of that height to be constructed (which is out of keeping with other boundary walls in the vicinity). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Community Forum Meeting at Rampton Hospital

The next meeting will take place on 26th June. No-one is available to attend; apologies to be sent. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

d) Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

The Chairman advised that Mrs Janet Goddard has passed a letter to him concerning the 12th Annual General Meeting to be held on 28th May at Kelham Hall. Cllr P Ogle agreed to attend if this was an evening meeting.

6 **Declarations of Interest**.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr M Ogle and Cllr P Ogle, declared an interest in Agenda item 8 Planning; i) Vine Farm, Low Street, East Drayton; Proposal: Convert redundant farm buildings for form 3 dwellings, carry out alterations to the farmhouse and alter existing access. An entry was made in the Declaration of Interest book and signed by Cllrs M and P Ogle. Cllr R Small

declared an interest in Agenda item 8 Planning; iii) 3 South View, Church Lane, East Drayton; Proposal: Alteration to garage door to small bay window. An entry was made in the Declaration of Interest book and signed by Cllr Small.

7 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Flooding (Drainage & Watercourses) Select Committee request for information to learn about the effect of the floods on particular localities. It was AGREED to place this in the circulation folder for consideration by Parish Councillors to be debated at next month's meeting.
- b) Planning & Landscape Briefing, April 2008. In circulation folder.
- c) Travel & Transport Briefing, April 2008. In circulation folder.
- d) Communities Department, Business Plan 2008/11 (giving an overview of the department, highlighting some of its achievements over the last year and summarises priorities for the coming years). In circulation folder.
- e) County Council Civic Service, Sunday, 13th July at 11am Southwell Minster. No-one available to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Bassetlaw District Council:

f) Consultation exercise re Summary Statement of Accounts. After discussion and a brief chance to consider the options, it was AGREED to reply stating that the Parish Council felt the general public would be more likely to respond better to the simplest and briefest presentation. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

NALC:

- g) Parish Flood Resilience Package and survey. Discussion followed and Cllr Small AGREED to offer storage facilities for one pack. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- h) Countylink, April 2008. In circulation folder. General:
- i) Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire notice of AGM at Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford on Thursday, 6th November 2008 at 6.30 pm. In circulation folder.

8 Planning

Clirs M and P Ogle left the room to comply with their Declarations of Interest.

i) Location: Vine Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Convert redundant farm buildings to form 3 dwellings, carry out alterations to the farmhouse and alter existing access. The Council had no objections and commented that it was in complete approval with the scheme. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Cllrs M and P Ogle rejoined the meeting.

ii) Location: Woodbeck House, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect ground floor rear extension. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Cllr Small left the room to comply with his Declaration of Interest.

iii) Location: 3 South View, Church Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Alteration to garage door to small bay window. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Cllr Small rejoined the meeting.

- iv) Location: Yew Tree Farm, Top Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Install replacement timber windows, replacement of glazed frontage to rear porch in masonry with timber windows and doors, carry out internal alterations and replace external render with lime render. The Council had no objections and commented it welcomed the applicants' efforts in restoring the property. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- v) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Broadlea, North Green, East Drayton. Retain change of use of land to domestic garden and turning area. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

9 General Business

i) East Drayton Sports Club

Cllr Muriel Ogle briefly reported the Planning Policy Officers had not been in favour of a new village hall being sited on the sports field, reasons included:

- Accessibility problems
- No street lighting/footpaths
- Requirement of traffic management support

Speed restrictions not likely to be enforced

The Chairman advised that the Sports Club lease is being modified at present to include the whole field and Mr Bingham has seen a draft copy of the agreement. In the light of this development the Chairman sought views on handing over the cheque for £250 previously agreed upon. Discussion followed and it was AGREED the cheque should now be presented to Mr and Mrs Bingham. **ACTION: The Chairman.**

It was also AGREED to donate £500 to the Sports Club from the Lychgate Project Fund and £1,000 to the Church Fund (towards a replacement roof). On behalf of the PCC Church Fund, Cllr Ogle thanked the Parish Council for this.

ii) Recent Election results

It was AGREED to seek clarification from Bassetlaw District Council as to who now represented the village. DCllrs M Jenkins and K Isard stood down from office at the last Elections and the Parish Council had not been informed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

There were no members of public present at the meeting.

11 Finance

- a) Income The Council noted £1,143.00 precept/contributions payment into the current account from Bassetlaw District Council.
- b) <u>Accounts for Payment</u> The Council AGREED payment of £145.93 for insurance with the Community Consultation Ltd. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 20th May 2008 were: £

Nottingham BS 1,152.62
Lloyds TSB 1,423.47
2,576.09

- d) <u>Transfer of Funds</u> It was AGREED to transfer £900 (NINE HUNDRED POUNDS) from Lloyds TSB to the Nottingham Building Society. **ACTION: S Pickard** .
- e) Completion and Signature of Annual Governance Statement Year Ending 31st March 2008 Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending March 31st 2008 was completed by the Council members and signed by the chairman in preparation for the internal audit, by Mrs Jose Ellis. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her efforts in preparing the accounts for audit. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

12 Urgent Business

- i) Cllr Philip Ogle commented that the village notice board was in need of repair or replacement. Cllr Stanley AGREED to attend to this and it was AGREED any costs incurred would be met by the Parish Council.
- ii) Cllr Stanley commented that the guttering work at Laurel House Farm had now been carried out.
- iii) Several Parish Councillors commented on road defects and the Chairman suggested these be raised at next month's meeting, by which time a more detailed inspection could be made.

13 Date and time of next meeting

Next month' meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17th June 2008 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

