

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th November 2015
in East Drayton Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman

Cllrs A Stanley, M Goddard, D Jopling and Cllr R Small.

In attendance: The Clerk. Members of the public: 1 (Mr Steve Ellis)

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr H Mackintosh and Cllr I Stephens.
2. **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 15th September 2015** – were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - i) BKVC plaque in the village hall – at the last meeting Cllr Stephens AGREED to make enquiries about updating. To be raised at next month's meeting.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item** – no declarations were made.
5. **Planning**
 - i) Location: Ashlea Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Proposal: Change of Use of Land to Residential Curtilage. Application No: 15/01291/COU Planning Portal Ref: PP-4501083. (Previously circulated). The Clerk confirmed a decision of 'no objection' had been recorded via the Planning Portal.
 - ii) Location: Land to the Side of Damon, Low Street, East Drayton. Proposal: Outline Planning Permission with All Matters Reserved for the Erection of One Detached Dwelling with Associated Entrance Driveway and Drainage. Application no: 15/01328OUT. Planning Portal Ref: PP-04517940. (Previously circulated) The Clerk confirmed a decision of 'no objection' had been recorded via the Planning Portal.
 - iii) Location: Ashlea Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Proposal: Allocate new addresses – Plot 2 to be West Barn and Plot 3 to be East Barn. The Council had no objections.
ACTION: S Pickard.
 - iv) Location: Ashlea Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. Confirmation received that the following current addresses are now in use: The Granary, Low Street DN22 0LN and Baytree Barn, Low Street DN22 0LN.
6. **Correspondence**
Nottinghamshire County Council:
 - a) Supporting Local Communities Fund (designed to help communities deliver projects that will offer environmental, economic and community benefits). Closing date for applications 18.12.15. In circulation folder.
 - b) Invitation to attend Digital Champion coffee mornings. In circulation folder.
 - c) Your Life, lifestyle magazine. Copies in circulation folder.

- d) Latest news from the Better Broadband for Notts. In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- e) Rural Conference – due on 23rd March 2016 at Retford Town Hall. Notice previously circulated via email. In circulation folder.
- f) Local Plan Process starts for Bassetlaw. In circulation folder.

NALC:

- g) DIS Extra – Info from Notts ALC – circulated via email weekly.

Police:

- h) Update on Rural Crime Initiatives in Nottinghamshire. In circulation folder.
- i) Safer Neighbourhoods Agenda 14.10.15 and minutes from meeting held 8.7.15 (previously circulated). In circulation folder.
- j) The Beat, Notts Police newsletter, October 2015. In circulation folder.

RCAN:

- k) Update on the Local Enterprise Partnership D2N2. In circulation folder.
- l) Community Greenspace Grants to Launch Shortly. In circulation folder.

General:

- m) BCVS Weekly Bulletin– previously circulated via email on a weekly basis.
- n) CVS Team – Invitation to attend event: What Services are available for Veterans in Nottinghamshire? Civilian Life, Thursday, 12th November 2015, 9.30am to 1.05 pm at County Hall. Previously circulated via email.
- o) RSN (Rural Services Network) - Rural Vulnerability Service: Rural Transport – September 2015 – circulated via email.
- p) RSN – Weekly Email News digest (circulated weekly via email)
- q) Nottinghamshire Together – (single point of access for all information relating to the Voluntary and Community Sector, Social Enterprise and Job Vacancies in Nottinghamshire). Circulated via email on a weekly basis.
- r) Shale gas exploration in North Nottinghamshire. In circulation folder.
- s) Royal voluntary Service – poster for noticeboard. In circulation folder.
- t) Local Green Spaces funding available. In circulation folder.

7. General Business

- i) Best Kept Village Competition – The Chairman referred to the judges' comments concerning the village bus shelter and he confirmed that this had now been re-painted, boarding attended to and new Perspex windows fitted. The Clerk reported there had been no reply to the letter written to Mr Thelwell concerning the state of the public footpath from the main road leading through The Paddocks. It is envisaged Tuxford YFC will be collecting the BKVC signage in due course to re-site it at Linby village. With reference to the noticeboard windows, the Chairman had sought a quote of £90.00 plus VAT (fitted) to replace the Perspex and all AGREED for the replacement to go ahead.

Concerning entry into the competition next year, the Chairman felt a decision should be made at a later date. Whatever was decided, the Chairman advised he would continue

to mow the grass verges, but currently this had grown too much for the mower to handle and Cllr Goddard AGREED to help out and undertake this. All AGREED the mower should receive a winter service and the Chairman will contact Mr Steve Bartle to action this. **Action: Cllr Goddard.**

- ii) Interactive speed sign – the chairman referred to the sign that EDF had paid for and confirmed that they had contacted him to offer to fund a second one for the village. Most probably these would be sited at the same time now, as the first one was scheduled to be erected last month. Discussion followed regarding siting of the second sign and Parish Councillors had been circulated with the information prior to the meeting. It was AGREED to place the sign along North Green and Cllr Jopling and Mr David Stone had been in consultation and checked visibility and suggested it be moved just a little further into the village, just after the telegraph pole. The Chairman agreed to pass on Cllr Jopling's comments and did not think this would present a problem. **Action: Chairman.**

Cllr Ann Stanley asked if another traffic survey would be undertaken once the signs had been installed but it was the signs were a permanent fixture and there would be no need. The Chairman confirmed there would be no cost to the Parish Council; Nottinghamshire County Council would be responsible for installation, electricity and maintaining the signs (contract length 8-10 years).

8. **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** – Mr Ellis reported that the light had gone out in the phone kiosk and he AGREED to replace the bulb. **Action: Mr Ellis.**

9. **Finance**

- a) Income – None.
- b) Accounts for Payment
- i) The Council APPROVED payment of £165.00 to the Village Hall Committee Trust Fund for hire of the village hall for meetings. **ACTION: S Pickard**
- c) Balance of Accounts
- The account balances as at 17th November 2015 were:
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| | £ |
| TSB | 3,692.18 |
| Nottingham BS | <u>1,855.99</u> |
| | 5,548.17 |
- d) Transfer of Funds – not required.
- e) Official Receivers for Douglas Tonks - The Clerk reported she had contacted Mr Eric Yarwood, to reiterate in the strongest terms that the money owed to HMRC should be re-couped from the Receivers acting for Douglas Tonks. To date there had been no reply. To be retained on the Agenda.

10. **Urgent Business**

- i) **Clerk vacancy** – The Chairman advised that he had received a letter of resignation from the Clerk due to increased hours at her principal place of work. Enquiries had been made and parishioner Mrs Gillian Squire had been offered and accepted the post subject to agreement at the Parish Council meeting. All AGREED to the appointment of Mrs Squire and she will take up the post on 1st December 2015. The outgoing Clerk will continue and attend at the next meeting with Mrs Squire; there will therefore be one month's transition period. The Chairman agreed to email Mrs Squire's contact details so they could meet up and work together to enable a smooth transition.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Pickard for all her work and support to the Parish Council over the past 13 years and requested it be minuted. Mr Steve Ellis added that he reiterated that sentiment on behalf of the public.

Action: S Pickard to contact Mrs Gillian Squire with a view to meeting in December to discuss Clerk's duties and responsibilities.

11. **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday, 19th January 2016 at 7.30 pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed
Cllr Neil Stanley, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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