

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Monday, 14th June 2004 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen, Chairman

Cllrs M Ogle, J Jones, J Parker, J Goddard and R Small

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 0

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr H Shreeve and CCllr J Hempsall

2 Minutes of meeting held 18th May 2004

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

3 Matters Arising

a) Costings re remaining funds from Lytchgate project

- i) Cllr Jones reported he had taken the flagpole suggestion no further. He did AGREE to check with Southwell re its siting.
- ii) The Chairman reported that the problem with the village sign was getting hold of suitable oak. He had contacted Mr Geoff Johnson who had suitable oak for around £30/40, or Mr Jim Simpson, whose supplier in Corby Glen would charge £60 for three years old oak boarding. The Chairman suggested that if the sign could be undertaken as a village project with him making the frame to sit on the oak post with some metal welding work, the whole job could be kept to around £200/£250. The Chairman passed around a drawing of a suggested sign (village name at top, with up to six panels depicting appropriate scenes for the village, carved deeply enough so as not to require painting). The Chairman AGREED to check the planning permission situation with Bassetlaw District Council (suggested siting to be near the seat, to be seen from all angles). Cllr Ogle advised that there was about £1,200 remaining in the Lytchgate Fund. It was AGREED that £500 should be reserved for any long term maintenance required, which would leave £700 available for the two projects being considered. It was suggested a quiz be held in the Autumn to raise the £200/£300 shortfall required if the two projects went ahead. Cllr Goddard advised that WREN were looking for groups to take up grants for small projects. It was felt both projects were worthwhile and would add character to the village. It was AGREED to pursue them both.
- iii) Cllr Goddard made reference to the proposal of a tree being planted on the anniversary of the completion of the Lytchgate. He suggested that any such tree planted should be set back from the road so as not to cause any obstruction. It was AGREED to raise this matter again at September's meeting, when a decision as to what and where to plant would be made.

b) Manor Park, East Drayton

- i) The Clerk reported she had received an invitation for Parish Councillors to attend the Manor Business Park Opening Reception on Friday, 18th June from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm.
- ii) The Clerk reported a letter from Mr Deakin in the Planning Department at Bassetlaw District Council had been received in reply to the Parish Council's letter of concern re the planning permission for change of use, extra screening for the car park and lighting etc. In the light of this the Chairman felt the Parish Council had adequately expressed its concerns and could do no more and the item could be taken off future Agendas.

c) Felled tree at gate to Manor Farm

The Clerk reported she had heard nothing further from Mr Bob Dean. It was AGREED to hold the matter in abeyance until next month's meeting, due to internal changes because of the Council elections.

d) Surplus Stone at Church

There had been no response to the letter inviting Ms Judy Walker to make an offer for the stone. It was AGREED Cllr Parker insert a note about the stone for sale at the end of her report going into the Retford Times this week.

e) Overgrown hedge on A57

The Clerk reported no response had been received from the letter sent to Dunham-on-Trent PC Clerk. Nottinghamshire County Council to be contacted to request the hedge be cut (on A57 coming out of Dunham, towards Darlton, opposite The White Swan public house and opposite Laneham Road end) as it is causing an obstruction and is a danger to road users. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) Internal Audit

The Chairman advised the Council that the internal audit by Mr Bert Neate had now been completed and a small recompense for his trouble had been made.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

Bassetlaw District Council:

- a) Mr L Deakin, Senior Planner (Development Control) re conversion of barns into workshops/offices at Manor Park; In circulation folder.

General:

- b) Strawson's of East Drayton: Invitation to Manor Business Park Opening Reception, Friday, 18th June 2004 from 3.00 pm to 5.30 pm (Chairman informed 3.6.04); In circulation folder.
c) Nottinghamshire Healthcare, Rampton Hospital community Forum meeting on Monday, 28th June at 2.30 pm; In circulation folder.
d) Glasdon brochure, Seating Collection 2003/2004; In circulation folder.
e) Shaw & Sons Ltd, Local Councils catalogue; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- f) Travel & Transport Briefing, June 2004; In circulation folder.
g) Planning & Property Briefing, June 2004; In circulation folder.
h) Society of Local Council Clerks, next meeting details. In circulation folder.

6 Planning

- i) The Old Post Office, Top Street, East Drayton. Demolish existing garage and store. The Council noted permission had been granted.
ii) The Old Post Office, Top Street, East Drayton. Demolish existing garage and erect single storey annex for residential use. The Council noted permission had been granted in accordance with details and specifications shown on the amended drawings received on 17 May 2004. The Parish Council had not been sent a copy of the revised proposal and it was AGREED to contact Bassetlaw District Council to request a copy.
ACTION: S Pickard.

7 No General business

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

No members of the public were present.

9 Finance

- a) Income
None.

b) Accounts for Payment

- i) The Council AGREED payment of £80.00 to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
ii) The Council noted the donation of £250.00 to the Church Clock Fund had now been made.

- iii) The Council AGREED payment of £266.44 for Clerk's salary and expenses.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 14th June 2004 were:

	£
Lloyds Bank	568.01
Nottingham Building Society	<u>1,355.20</u>
	1,923.21

d) Transfer of Funds

Not required.

e) Completion and signature of new mandate forms

i) Nottingham Building Society: A new mandate form was completed and signed concerning Cllr Small being replaced by Chairman Cllr Allen as a new signatory.

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9 Urgent Business

a) Grass cutters

Cllr Goddard reported the lack of care taken by the grass cutters in the village recently. Bolham Lane to be contacted. Three signs have been knocked down i) on Darlton Road, ii) on Retford Road and iii) at the end of the village towards Laneham. Also two fire hydrant signs (on Stokeham Road in the village and one further out) have been damaged and damage to parishioners' hedging. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Overgrown hedge at The Poplars

It was noted the hedge at the above property on North Green in the village badly overhangs the footpath and is a danger to children. A letter to be sent to the owners politely requesting they cut the hedge.

c) Lorries speeding through village

Cllr Ogle passed on Cllr Shreeve's comments in her absence concerning a recent incident when a lorry sped passed and frightened a horse. Councillors were concerned for the safety of children in the village, with the Summer holidays approaching. Bolham Lane to be contacted to request urgent consideration be given to the new village gateway signs being erected as a matter of urgency. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

d) Police response

Cllr Small advised he tried to contact the Police concerning a suspect white van parked for an usually long time in the village. He rang the Worksop number for 15 minutes without success and so rang Neighbour Hood Watch instead. Discussion followed, but it was felt that unfortunately this was how the current policing situation stood.

10 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 20th July 2004 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2004