

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the Village Hall

## Present:

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

## 1 Apologies for Absence – None.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008** were approved and signed as a true record. Cllr Stanley queried one branch left on the ash tree in the Churchyard after recent pollarding. The Chairman commented that Mr Martin thought the tree might not survive if this was cut and he was certain that as the weight had been taken out of it that this was safe.

## 3 Matters Arising

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

The Clerk advised a reply from Patrick Mercer MP had been received enclosing a letter from Parmjit Dhanda MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Department for Communities & Local Government. Mr Dhanda's letter was more concerned with the lack of authorised sites for gypsies and travellers than the rubbish they left behind after moving on (and the cost to taxpayers in clearing up). It was AGREED to write to Mr Dhanda to make this point. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### b) Footpath obstructions at The Laurels

The Clerk advised the occupier had been in contact to say that the work would be carried out shortly. Bolham Lane was advised accordingly and the Chairman confirmed this had now been undertaken. It was AGREED to write a letter of thanks to Mr Tully. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### c) Drainage issues in the village

The Clerk advised no letter had been received from Mr Bowler concerning the request for a copy of the letter he agreed to send to Mr Geoff Betts at Severn Trent to advise him there were further drains in the village. A letter had been received from Mr Bowler, wrongly addressed to this Clerk, concerning flooding in Nether Headon. It was AGREED to write to Mr Bowler to point this out and again request confirmation that he has sent a letter to Severn Trent and reiterate the Parish Council's request for a copy letter. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### d) East Drayton Sports Club

The Chairman reported he had recently spoken to Mr Bingham who advised that his solicitors are in the process of drawing up a lease for the Sports Club. The Clerk advised she had received a cheque for £2,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council Resources for the Cricket field and car park. The cheque had been made payable to the Parish Council and it was AGREED to contact Cllr Hemsall to seek advice as to whether it should be re-issued direct to the Sports Club.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

### e) Village Hall

Cllr M Ogle confirmed that the Trustees had met and they were quite willing for the village hall to be sold and a new one to be sited on the sports field (to include a large room, a small room and changing facilities). Cllr Ogle's contact at PRO Help is Karen Tarburton and she is very pro-active. NAVACH is another possibility for funding. Cllr Ogle AGREED to keep the Parish Council updated as and when progress is made.

### f) Anglian Water – Marnham Water main

The Clerk advised she had received a letter from Mrs Day thanking the Parish Council for their input.

### g) Rampton Hospital Community Forum Meeting

The next meeting is due to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and Cllr Allen and Cllr Ogle agreed to attend. Rampton Hospital to be advised accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

h) Fledgelings Pre-School Playgroup

The Clerk advised she had received a letter of thanks for the recent donation.

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

5 **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Travel & Transport Briefing, February 2008; In Circulation folder.
- b) Planning & Landscape Briefing, March 2008; In Circulation folder.
- c) Reply letter re reflector posts on Darlton Road, East Drayton. In Circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- d) Parish Councils Liaison Group minutes of meeting held 30.1.08. In Circulation folder.
- e) District and Parish council Elections – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 – Notices to be displayed 19.3.08;
- f) Local Planning Application Validation Requirements; Interim Guidance for Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas & Historic Building recording. (comments by 28.4.08). In Circulation folder.

NALC:

- g) Various training opportunities. Cllr Stanley agreed to attend the 'New Councillor Training' course to be held at Ranby Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

General:

- h) Dept for Transport – England's 2008 bus concession explained leaflets. In Circulation folder.
- i) Bassetlaw NHS PCT newsletter, February 2008. In Circulation folder.
- j) Bassetlaw NHS PCT – Consultation on the Additional GP-led Health Centre for Bassetlaw (comments by 9<sup>th</sup> June); In Circulation folder.
- k) Invitation to a Sherwood forest Regional Park Local Councillors' Event at Thoresby Hall on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 1pm to 4.30 pm. No-one available to attend. In Circulation folder.
- l) Town and Parish Standard, March 2008; In Circulation folder.

6 **Planning**

- i) Location: Broadlea, North Green, East Drayton. *Proposal:* change of use of land to domestic garden and turning Area. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) DECISION NOTICE: Location: Demolition of existing stables and erect new stable block. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 **General Business**

- i) Planning Course (held 12.3.08) attended by Cllrs Allen and Philip Ogle.  
Cllr Ogle said the course outlined how national and regional planning policies came together with 'spatial planning'. It was possibly more applicable to larger villages with brownfield sites. Parish Plans discussed (no Parish Plan at East Drayton as no room for expansion within village envelope). Areas for consideration when looking at planning permission included the following:

- Landscaping
- Visual intrusion
- Noise disturbance
- Availability of infrastructure
- Design and appearance
- Amenity factors etc

Issues that should not be covered include:

- Moral and relationship issues
- Devaluation of next door property
- Loss of light etc

Grey areas included:

- Loss of view
- Unfair competition

The Chairman added that the course explained the forthcoming changes to planning law; although this was still in the "melting pot" at consultation stage. This may well involve the removal of the planning envelope and be replaced with spatial planning whereby other factors, such as environment and social needs etc would widen out policies on which planning decisions are taken.

The Chairman said that it was beneficial for members to attend these courses to enable the Parish Council to be fully updated on any new legislation. The Planning Pack to be placed in the circulation folder for members to consider.

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

**9 Finance**

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council APPROVED payment of £15.00 to NALC for New Councillor Training (ref Cllr Stanley). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) The Council APPROVED payment of £281.61 for Clerk's salary and expenses. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

g) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2008 were:	£
Nottingham BS	1,466.58
Lloyds TSB	<u>232.08</u>
	1,698.66

d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £150 (ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS) from the Nottingham Building Society to the Lloyds TSB. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) Internal Audit

The Clerk advised Mrs Ellis had agreed to undertake the internal audit of the Parish Council year end accounts in due course.

**10 Urgent Business – None.**

**11 Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.00 pm with the Annual Parish meeting to follow at 8.00pm.

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

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

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