

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th November 2004 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen, Chairman

Cllrs J Parker, J Goddard and H Shreeve and DCllr M Jenkins

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk).

Members of the public: 3 (Mrs J Smith, Mr R Henderson and Mr R Hardy)

The Chairman welcomed everyone, including DCllr Mike Jenkins, to his first East Drayton meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Ogle, R Small, J Jones and CCllr J Hemsall.

2 Minutes of meeting held 19th October 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 – Village Sign

The Chairman said he had nothing further to report. Jeanne Wallace from the Highways Department had advised that the application submitted might take some time.

b) Tree Planting to celebrate anniversary of completion of Lytchgate

The Chairman reported he had purchased and planted a Laburnum.

c) Gritting side roads

The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to Mr Bob Hart of Nottinghamshire County Council at Newark on 1st October 2004 (with copy to CCllr J Hemsall) but still a reply had not been received. The Chairman asked if this was a matter DCllr Jenkins could help with. Cllr Goddard explained the situation as to why gritting of the side roads was essential to prevent further accidents and DCllr Jenkins said he would look into the matter. **ACTION: DCllr Jenkins.**

d) Building Better Communities – application for grant aid

The Chairman confirmed he had received a letter acknowledging the Parish Council's application and he understood a decision would be made by the end of the year. Cllr Goddard queried whether or not the Village Hall Committee had been approached concerning the grant money requested for village hall improvements. The Chairman advised that as the application forms had to go via CCllr Hemsall he believed the matter to be Parish Council business initially and if money was forthcoming then the Village Hall Committee should be consulted.

e) Hot tub at Pippins

It was reported that the canopy had now gone. DCllr Jenkins agreed to check whether planning permission is needed for such a structure. **ACTION: DCllr Jenkins.**

f) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

The Chairman read out a note from Cllr Ogle in which she had catalogued dates and comments from the various bodies involved in the situation. Severn Trent's involvement to clear the drain near the bottom end of the village had still not been undertaken, despite assurances that it would be done shortly. The Chairman added that Cllr Ogle and her family had become so exasperated by the situation that she had considered involving the Press to try to get the matter resolved. DCllr Jenkins said he believed that contacting the Press would be a good course of action. It was AGREED the Chairman contact Mr David Lightfoot at Bolham Lane to do all the Parish Council could to help. **ACTION: Chairman.**

g) Private hire of Village Hall

The Clerk reported she had emailed the gentleman in question to enquire as to the nature of his business, but there had been no reply to date.

h) Pre-Order Consultation for Byway (Back Lane)

The Clerk reported that an acknowledgement had been received from Nottinghamshire County Council saying there was no intention to change the character of the lane.

i) Footpath signs in and around East Drayton

Cllr Goddard confirmed that he had had a meeting with Laura Summers who had issued instructions to the NCC workforce to do the necessary works. The footpath situation at Tythe Barn Cottage was discussed (NCC are aware of this footpath) and Cllr Goddard felt it was important to confirm the name to the Planning Department at Bassetlaw as being Tythe Barn Cottage, NOT Tythe Barn (implying it was a barn, whereas it is in fact a cottage). It was AGREED a letter should be sent forthwith. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

4 Declarations of Interest – None.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Tim Hart, Senior Definitive Map Officer; In circulation folder;
- b) Local Transport Plan, rural schemes; The Clerk read out the letter inviting Parish Councils to submit request forms for village improvements. Discussion followed and it was AGREED that the road through the village would benefit from being reTarmaced. The Chairman retained the forms for further consideration and probable completion along those lines.
- c) Travel & Transport Briefing, November 2004; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- d) Request for Training within the Bassetlaw Parishes re Code of Conduct; In circulation folder.

General:

- e) Young Roots grant scheme operated by the Heritage lottery fund; (sent to Chairman);
- f) East Midlands Development Agency Report April 03-March 04; In circulation folder.
- g) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust, Annual Report & Accounts 2003/04 (inc feedback questionnaire); In circulation folder.
- h) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – New Ethical Framework; In circulation folder.
- i) Notts Fire and Rescue Service, Mr Wayne Cook, Bassetlaw District Performance Manager; It was AGREED to contact Mr Cook with a note of next year's meeting dates (when confirmed) and invite him to come along if convenient.
- j) Clerks & Councils Direct, November 2004; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

- k) Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust – Rampton Hospital Community Forum Meeting – Thursday, 9th December at 2.30 pm in the Board Room; Cllr Parker and Cllr Goddard may attend. In circulation folder.
- l) Ready Steady Go! (The Bassetlaw Sports Forum); In circulation folder.
- m) NALC Agenda and Minutes for tomorrow's AGM 17.11.04; In circulation folder.
- o) Bassetlaw District Council – Supplementary Planning Guidance – Telecommunications Development (the approved final document will now be used to assist the Council in dealing with proposals for new telecommunications masts and associated equipment); In circulation folder.

6 Planning

- i) Location: Fairfield Bungalow, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Remove condition 1 of PA No N15/100 to remove the agricultural occupancy restriction. The Parish Council AGREED there was no valid reason why the agricultural tie should have to remain. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Location: Bramble Lodge, Top Street, East Drayton, erect conservatory. The Parish Council noted that permission had been refused. To be filed.
- iii) Location: Low House, Low Street, East Drayton, erect detached garage. The Parish Council noted that permission had been granted. To be filed.
- iv) Location: Kushti-Tan, North Green, East Drayton, erect new storehouse/workshop. The Parish Council noted that permission had been granted. To be filed.

7 General Business

i) Siting of BT poles in the village

The Chairman advised that BT had erected one pole in the pavement, because electricity

cables were running at the back of the pavement. The pole had been sited in between two properties obstructing the access to each property. This would be a particular danger with wide agricultural machinery overhanging the pavement. The Chairman contacted BT Wayleaves Department to point out the problems that would ensue but was told there was nothing they could do. They said a notice would be placed on the pole and parishioners would have three months to object. The Chairman contacted Mr Lightfoot, but was told Bolham Lane could do nothing to help. DCllr Jenkins suggested the Press could be involved in this situation (a photograph showing wide machinery on the back of a tractor overhanging the pavement near the pole). The Chairman advised several residents had written to object and he read out a draft of a letter that he suggested the Parish Council send. This was AGREED. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion

- i) The Chairman asked for comments concerning the Rural Regeneration Scheme, but none were forthcoming.
- ii) Mr Hardy asked about the steel pole on South Beck Lane that had been there for some while. The Parish Council believed a new 'bend' sign would be attached at some time. Discussion followed concerning several directional signs that have been knocked down and the Chairman agreed to mention this when speaking to Mr Lightfoot.
- iii) Mrs Smith asked about the situation concerning the tree at her property when the drainage work was being carried out and whether or not it would have to be cut down. This was not clear at present, but it was considered Mrs Smith's responsibility to have the branches trimmed if they were near the overhead wires.

9 Finance

- a) Income – None
- b) Accounts for Payment – None (Reimbursement to Chairman for Laburnum tree via Lytchgate Fund).
- c) Balance of Accounts
The account balances as at 16th November 2004 were:

	£
Lloyds Bank	208.23
Nottingham BS	<u>2,055.20</u>
	2,263.43
- d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

10 Urgent Business

- i) Cllr Goddard reported a corner broken off a manhole cover on the road near Mrs Smith's property that requires urgent attention. The Chairman to talk to Mr Lightfoot. **ACTION: Chairman.**
- ii) Cllr Goddard advised he had read an article in the Newark Advertiser announcing that the Flexline service was to finish on 31st December 2004. Discussion followed and it was felt the 'plug was being pulled' on the wrong service as 20 buses pass through the village each day, but not one could bring parishioners home from work in Retford after 3.45pm. DCllr Jenkins was informed of the details regarding the Flexline service run by Marshall's of Sutton-on-Trent and he said it appeared to him that the scheme that is most useful is being discontinued and he agreed to take up the issue. **ACTION: DCllr Jenkins.**
- iii) Cllr Parker reported that the road was sinking again on Bingham's Bend and also the tree still had not been removed after it had been cut down after the school bus accident last year. The Chairman agreed to add this to his list for Mr Lightfoot. **ACTION: Chairman.**

11 Date and time of next meeting

It was AGREED to continue with next month's meeting on Tuesday, 21st December at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for DCllr Jenkins' valuable input. The meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm. DCllr Jenkins gave advance apologies for the next meeting.

Signed _____ Date _____