

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st March 2006 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs D Allen (Chairman), M Ogle, J Parker, J Goddard, J Jones, H Shreeve and R Small. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). PC Bill Bailey. Members of the public 1.

1 **Apologies for Absence.** No apologies.

2 **Minutes of meeting held 21st February 2006**

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

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle reported that Severn Trent Water Authority had been on site to renew a section of the surface water pipe. Whilst this is some progress, the Chairman commented that really the drain from the cellar should be connected into the storm drain. CCllr Hemsall AGREED to contact Patrick Mercer MP again.

b) Possible visit to Recycling Centre

The Clerk had received a reply from Jeanette Walker at BDC Environment Department explaining that at present the blue bin waste is taken to Worksop to a Waste Transfer Station. Here it is dropped, bulked-up and 'shipped' onwards. No sorting of the waste takes place until the waste has been sold on. A Materials Reclamation Facility is to be built in the next 2-3 years, possibly at Mansfield. Parish Councillors therefore AGREED there would be nothing to gain in a visit at present. CCllr Hemsall added that in time householders will have three bins; for household waste, recycling and garden waste.

c) The Blue Bell Inn

The Clerk confirmed a reply had been received from Mr Elliott at the Planning Department in which he stated that a detailed reply would be given in due course. Over the telephone he said that the Appeals had been conditionally allowed on 16th January. CCllr Hemsall suggested DCllr Isard be contacted to seek clarification on the current position. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

d) Community Speed Watch

The Clerk reported that of the four, only Mr Gris Stevens and Mr John Baker had agreed to participate in the scheme. PC Bailey's view was that the scheme would be a deterrent to speeding motorists, but he had concerns about the reliability of the guns issued to Parish Councils, (calibrated Police issue speed guns cost £1,400 and Parish Council issue speed guns cost £200 and are not calibrated). After discussion it was AGREED not to pursue the idea at present, but to keep an open mind and see how the scheme develops in other areas.

PC Bailey then gave a brief Crime Report as follows:

Over the last two months there has been one crime in the village, the Church break-in. There had been a lot of damage for very little money. A man has been identified, but PC Bailey was unsure as to whether he had been arrested. Currently there has been a spate of garden trough/bench thefts in the surrounding area. PC Bailey added that Nottinghamshire Police are soon to lose 40 officers and these will be replaced with 70 Police Community Support Officers. All agreed these would however provide a visible presence of authority on the streets.

PC Bailey was invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held next month and provide a brief report.

The Chairman thanked PC Bailey for attending and he left the meeting.

- e) NALC Northern Area Committee Meeting held 6th March 2006
The Chairman attended this meeting and reported that almost the entire evening was taken up by Gillian Blenkinson for BDC Policy Unit concerning the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement. The Chairman explained that this was a Government initiative to try and co-ordinate and achieve 'Best Practice' in a wide range of areas eg to reduce the number of young people not in employment, to reduce the rate of premature mortality and to reduce the impact of tobacco. Government inspectors would regularly monitor progress and £1.5m additional grant money has been made available for those who meet the targets. The Chairman commented that there appeared to be a lot of manpower involved in setting the targets and queried where the 'additional' £1.5m might come from. CCllr Hemsall added that it was easy to see why the Council tax was so high.
- f) Community Forum Meeting (8th March 2006)
Cllr Goddard and Cllr Parker attended the meeting and commented that the check-in procedure had been far quicker this time. Ashworth and Broadmoor are to close and they will transfer to Rampton. One thousand trees are to be planted this week as screening. More building will mean more staff and increased traffic. The Agenda item regarding Cocketts Hill concerned this route being used by Rampton Hospital employees travelling to work and a request for money from the hospital to upgrade it. This was not forthcoming as any offer of financial help may 'open the floodgates' for other organisations.

4 **Declarations of Interest.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5 **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Planning & property Briefing, March 2006; In circulation folder.
- b) Travel & Transport Briefing, March 2006; In circulation folder.
- c) Poster and postcards promoting older people volunteering for community projects in Nottinghamshire; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- d) Receipt of comments on the Core Strategy; Preferred Options; CCllr Hemsall commented that several Parish Councils had replied in the same vein. In circulation folder.
- e) Reply concerning The Blue Bell Inn Appeal; In circulation folder.
- f) Advertisement for post of Parish Council representatives to the Bassetlaw District Council's Standards Committee; In circulation folder.
- g) Notice of District/Parish Council Elections poster for notice board.
- h) East Midlands Rural Delivery Framework, Consultation Draft leaflet. In circulation folder.

General:

- i) PR Environmental Services circular letter offering grass cutting/litter picking/tree maintenance services; In circulation folder.
- j) Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2006; In circulation folder.
- k) The Local Channel (re website for Parish Council); In circulation folder.

6 **Planning/Naming & Numbering**

- i) Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton: The Chairman reminded the meeting that the plans had been inspected and comments sent to the Planning Department in December 2005. Nothing further had been heard. CCllr Hemsall suggested the Clerk contact DCllr Isard. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Location: The Grange, Greengates Road, East Drayton. Confirmation of address.

7 **General Business**

- i) Request for chevrons on Stokeham Road
It was AGREED to request chevrons here as a number of cars have gone into the ditch recently on the double bends leaving the village. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Local Elections
All Parish Councillors AGREED they were willing to stand again for election and nomination packs were distributed around the table. Spare copies to be placed in the

round robin, should anyone hear of other interest.

iii) Village sign update

The Chairman showed everyone the completed oak carved sign by Mr Jim Simpson and all AGREED he had made a super job. The Chairman will now make the frame and Mr Simpson will work on the post. It was suggested Mr Simpson adds his initials, date and his trademark acorn, to the post.

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion

There were no comments made from the public.

9 Finance

a) Income - The Council noted confirmation of the Parish Precept and Contributions 2006/07 totalling £1,947 (first instalment to be paid by 30th April 2006 and second instalment to be paid by 30th September 2006).

b) Accounts for Payment – The Council APPROVED payment of £267.27 for the Clerk's salary and expenses.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21st March 2006 were: £

Nottingham BS	1,708.00
Lloyds TSB	<u>189.36</u>
	1,897.36

d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £200.00 (TWO HUNDRED POUNDS) from the Nottingham Building Society to the current account. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Urgent Business

i) Cllr Goddard reported that the two new street lights recently positioned on Retford Road near the entrance to Church Lane Farm are inappropriately placed. They will not provide any light due to shading by trees. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Cllr Goddard also reported that the hole in the road at Bingham's corner on Retford Road has reappeared and the chevrons are in the hedge bottom. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Date and time of next meeting

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th April 2005 at 7.00 pm with the Annual Parish Meeting to follow afterwards at 8.00 pm. The Clerk had produced a poster for the notice board advertising the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____