

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th February 2009 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, H Shreeve, R Small and CCllr J Hemsall. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 1.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – were received from Cllr P Ogle, Cllr N Stanley and Pc Bailey.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2009** - were approved and signed.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Drainage issues in the village

The Chairman reported that some clearing out of rubbish and dead trees at the beck side had been carried out around a week ago. Item to be retained on next Agenda.

b) Village Hall situation

Cllr Muriel Ogle reported that the architect had now visited the village hall and the next committee meeting is due to take place next week.

c) Unnecessary signage on A57 highway

The Chairman reported Mr Johnny Davis from Notts County Council had made a site visit and after sitting in a tractor, could see the problems being encountered. As a result he had agreed to move some signage across the road. A representative from Strawson's, also present, has agreed to take out some trees and trim back the hedge in the area.

d) Storehouse/Workshop at Kushti-Tan, North Green, East Drayton

The Clerk advised two letters had been received from the Planners re Kushti-Tan, but they only enclosed a copy of the decision notice that confirmed the shed should be painted green within one month of completion. It was AGREED to consider the matter again at the next meeting.

e) Tithe Barn Cottage planning refusal to retain boundary wall

It was AGREED to consider the matter again at the next meeting.

f) UV property marker pens

The Clerk had now collected a supply of these pens and they were available for any parishioner who requested one. It was AGREED a card be placed on the pub notice board advising that UV pens were available from Parish Council members. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

g) FilmScene

Information had been previously circulated. After discussion it was felt that at £200 per showing this would be prohibitive. Cllr M Ogle agreed to take the correspondence to the Village Hall committee for their consideration.

h) Rural Services Network

Information had been previously circulated. After discussion, it was AGREED not to pursue the offer to join (cost of £60pa) as the Parish Council is already well supported by NALC.

i) Dog litter bins

The Clerk confirmed that two more bins would be placed near the village sign on Low Street and another near the village sign on Stokeham Road. The request for one on Mill Lane near the sports ground was refused by Wendy Turner at Environmental Services Dept.

j) Central Networks

The Chairman reported he had contacted Central Networks concerning the 'phone box electricity charge (£24.85 pa). Central Networks are proposing to bill every month, ie £2.07/month, but the Chairman thought an annual bill in advance would be more convenient and his suggestion will be taken back to a forthcoming Central Networks meeting. The Chairman added he was told some 200 Parish Councils had taken up the offer to adopt their 'phone box and retain the electricity supply. The Chairman suggested that everything was set up for this year, but the matter should be kept under review and a quote obtained for disconnection of the electricity supply in the future. All AGREED.

k) South East Bassetlaw Forum

The Clerk advised that 19th and 23rd March had been confirmed to Mr Steve Brown as suitable possible dates for the first meeting.

4 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Travel & Transport Briefing, Jan/Feb 2009 and February 2009; In circulation folder.
- b) Planning & Landscape Briefing, Jan/Feb 2009; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- c) Bassetlaw Spring Clean – 20th April to 5th May (applications by 20th March 2009); In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda sent out:

NALC:

- d) Countylink, February 2009; In circulation folder.
- e) Training opportunities; In circulation folder.

6 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion. No members of the public present.

7 Planning

i) Location: North Beck, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect garage/workshop and greenhouse. The Parish Council objected to the planning proposal and comments to be submitted to Bassetlaw District Council as follows:

- The existing property already has a number of garages and the Parish Council questions the need for any more.
- The garage entrances are facing directly away from the road; this means any car will have to turn 180 deg to use them.
- The structure appears to be very similar to an application for a dwelling made previously.
- The Parish Council regards the proposal as secondary development which is contrary to planning policy in East Drayton village. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Location: Ashlea Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect three 4 bed houses, one 3 bed house, one 5 bed house and alter existing access. The Parish Council objects to the planning proposal and comments to be submitted to Bassetlaw District Council as follows:

- The proposal is sited considerably beyond the village envelope and Conservation line; this is contrary to the planning policy for East Drayton village.
- The plans refer to soakaways for all roofs which the Parish Council considers totally inadequate.
- The Parish Council does not feel the granting of planning permission on appeal to the site adjacent should be taken as a precedent for planning on this particular site.
- The Parish Council and Bassetlaw planners opposed the planning application for the adjacent site which was subsequently lost on Appeal.
- The proposed houses are not in keeping with the surrounding existing houses; they are more in keeping with the proposed houses on the adjacent site and together they would change the character of the village. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 General Business

- a) Crime Report – The Clerk read out two reports from Pc Bill Bailey. All noted the increase; three incidents reported within the last two months.

9 Finance

a) Parish Precept and Contributions from Bassetlaw District Council 2009-10

The Chairman confirmed the pre-budget meeting had been held on 26th January to prepare figures for the financial year 2009-2010. These proposals were discussed and the following figures were RESOLVED for the budget:

Playing Fields	100.00
Play Facilities	50.00
Churchyard Maintenance	150.00
Public Clocks	50.00

Senior Citizens	50.00
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	80.00
NALC Subscription	65.00
Audit fee	59.00
Insurance	160.00
'Phone box	50.00
Village Hall – Running costs	270.00
Clerk's Salary	1,010.00
Clerical Expenses	<u>180.00</u>
	£2,274.00

The concurrent grant is confirmed at £260, this involves a precept requirement of £2,014. Application form to be completed accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- b) Income - None.
- c) Accounts for Payment - The Council APPROVED payment of £57.88 for NALC subscription. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- d) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 17 th February 2009 were:	£
Nottingham BS	2,502.62
Lloyds TSB	<u>148.84</u>
	2,651.46

- e) Consideration of donations to village organisations

Discussion followed concerning donations to village organisations. It was AGREED to make donations as follows:

- Fledgelings £ 50
- Senior Citizens £ 50
- Churchyard Fund £ 50
- Hedge cutting £ 50
- Parish Clock Fund £ 50
- Village Hall committee £150

ACTION: S Pickard.

- f) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £500 (FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS) from the Building Society to Lloyds TSB. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- g) Internal Audit - It was AGREED to ask Mrs Ellis if she would undertake the internal audit of the Parish Council accounts in due course. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Urgent Business

i) Parish Councillors expressed concern at the number of 4x4 vehicles using Back Lane and the heavy ruts they were making. It was AGREED to write to Ms Laura Summers at the Rights of Way Dept, Notts CC and CCllr Hemsall agreed to be the contact on behalf of the Parish Council. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) It was AGREED to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st April at 8pm (Parish Council meeting to take place beforehand at 7pm) and the Annual Parish Council meeting to take place on 19th May.

11 **Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 17th March 2009 at 7.30 pm. Cllr J Parker sent her apologies in advance.

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

Signed _____ Date _____