

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 19th May 2009 in the Village Hall

Present:

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

Cllr Neil Stanley requested Agenda Item 9 General Business, i) Crash Course in Planning be brought forward to the beginning of the meeting. ALL AGREED.

1 Crash Course in Planning: Wednesday, 13th May 2009

Cllr Stanley gave a report on the evening, which he said had been very enlightening. The course was organised by the charity Planning Aid, but resulted in a fierce debate with representatives from Bassetlaw District Council (including Mr Lionel Deakin, Development Control). Cllr Stanley referred to a recent planning proposal that was agreed by the District Council, but objected to by the Parish Council who had abided by the planning regulations. Bassetlaw insisted the application would enhance the village. Gamston PC was in agreement with East Drayton's comments. The District Council said that the cost of Appeals was one of the biggest factors when considering applications. A reference was made to previous proposals that had been turned down and the District Council said they intended to redefine the village envelope and had to agree that the best people to advise on this would be the Parish Councils. Everyone present at the meeting agreed. Bassetlaw said they were not averse to building outside the envelope. Cllr Stanley mentioned Strawson's development and this was referred to as the Business Park by the District Council, who said the applicants could vary the applications under what had already been passed. Bassetlaw District Council encourages rural businesses. It was suggested that at some future date Laneham and East Drayton had a joint meeting to discuss some issues where it would be mutually beneficial for them to exchange views. Regarding non-compliance with plans passed; Mr Terry Wells, the Enforcement Officer has now returned to work. Also it was advised that Parish Councils can write to Bassetlaw to enquire on what grounds they have passed plans; this would enable feedback to parishioners. Cllr Ogle added that Planning Aid could offer free help and advice on planning issues.

Cllr Allen commented that when the Low Street proposal first came to Parish Council he contacted Bassetlaw and was told the development at the pub did not set a precedent and it should be looked at on its own merit.

Bassetlaw District Council has promised to consult East Drayton Parish Council regarding redefining of the village envelope. Planning Aid representatives agreed to feedback the evening's comments to the next planning meeting, due tomorrow.

2 Apologies for Absence – received from Pc Bailey.

The Clerk took the chair and asked for nominations as follows:

3 Election of Officers:

i) Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Allen and SECONDED by Cllr P Ogle that Cllr Stanley be elected Chairman. ALL AGREED.

ii) Vice-Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stanley and SECONDED by Cllr Allen that Cllr P Ogle be elected Vice-Chairman. ALL AGREED.

Cllr Stanley thanked Cllr Allen for all his work throughout his Chairmanship. Cllr Allen thanked all the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their support.

The book of Declaration of Office was duly completed and signed and Cllr Stanley took the Chair.

4 **Minutes of meeting held on 21st April 2009** - were approved and signed.

5 **Matters Arising**

a) Drainage issues in the village

Cllr Ogle advised that last Friday her cellar had flooded and by coincidence Mr Ian Davies arrived. He agreed to place dye in a gully further up the street and the dye had appeared in the cellar before he had had time to get there. Mr Davies saw the water coming in faster than they could pump it out. This confirmed the water was going down off the road and not backing up. Mr Davies said he now believed they were getting somewhere with the situation.

The Clerk advised an email had been received from Mr Ian Davies re the emergency flood pack; a capital bid has been put in for funding of a Flood Resilience container for the village as the District Council cannot provide these out of the revenue budget. Also he advised BDC has recently cleaned out the watercourse downstream of the surface water outfall sewer at the eastern end of Low Street and Severn Trent have jetted the sewer and carried out a CCTV inspection which revealed there are no blockages. Their operations team has applied for funding to increase the diameter of the outfall, but as yet there is no approval to this proposal. Mr Davies asked to be kept informed of any developments.

It was AGREED to contact Mr Davies to thank him for attending in the village recently and ask him to confirm what action he will be taking in light of his findings. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Village Hall situation

The Village Hall committee meets on 1st June when the quantity surveyor's figures will be complete. Cllr M Ogle AGREED to report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

The Clerk advised an email response had been received from Debra Wood, Planning Enforcement Assistant to confirm painting of the storehouse/workshop is currently taking place and they have no reason to believe the works will not be completed within the next 14 days, weather permitting.

d) Tithe Barn Cottage planning refusal to retain boundary wall

The Clerk reported an email response had been received from Mr Ian Boothby advising the occupiers of Tithe Barn Cottage have been informed by Oliver Scott (Conservation Planner) that their latest proposals are unacceptable. It continued: "While the Council prefers to resolve these matters informally, the time may be approaching for formal enforcement action", and the Planning Enforcement Officer, Terry Wells was being updated on the situation. It was AGREED to contact Mr Boothby to thank him for his reply and advise the Parish Council would be monitoring the situation to a satisfactory conclusion. **ACTION: S Pickard.** To be retained on next agenda.

e) Back Lane update

The Clerk advised CCllr Hemsall had left a 'phone message advising he had spoken again to Laura Summers and she would be sending a letter to the Parish Council, possibly suggesting a site visit, although he felt she was of the opinion there was little she could do. Discussion followed and all AGREED that had Ms Summers inspected the lane at the time of the damage she would have seen its full extent; now it had grown up and other people had repaired it. It was AGREED a letter be sent to Ms Summers accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) UMSO Central Networks

The Clerk advised a reply had been received confirming that the invoice received for £20.48 is the Annual Charge and the Parish Council would not receive another invoice until April 2010.

g) South East Bassetlaw Forum

Further discussion and all AGREED the Forum would just be another 'talking shop'. There would be little benefit for the smaller villages being grouped with Tuxford. The Clerk advised of an email reply from Steve Brown thanking the Parish Council for giving consideration to this.

h) Rampton Hospital Visit: 16th July 2009

The Clerk advised an email reply from Beverley Cotterill noted the Chairman's and Cllr M Ogle's interest in attending. Details to follow in due course.

6 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

7 **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Countylink, April 2009; In circulation folder.
- b) Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday, 12th July 2009 at Southwell Minster; To be held over until next month's meeting.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- c) Email invitation to free one-day conference and wind farm visit; The Chairman expressed an interest in attending. Clerk to investigate further. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

General:

- d) Clerks & Councils Direct; In circulation folder.
- e) Rural Community Action; Rural Voice Edition No 8; In circulation folder.
- f) Notts Fire & Rescue Service Plan 2010-2013 Consultation. In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda sent out:

- g) Heritage Survey from Lincoln University; The Chairman and Cllr P Ogle AGREED to complete this on-line.
- h) Bassetlaw District Council Planning Newsletter, May 2009; In circulation folder.
- i) Planning & Landscape Briefing, May 2009; In circulation folder.
- j) Notts CC Bus stop improvement scheme. Letter confirmed that funding had been made available to replace the bus stop poles, flags and timetable cases in the village during August 2009.
- k) NALC Northern Area Committee (Agenda 18.5.09) and minutes from last meeting held 9th February. In circulation folder.
- l) Open space, sport and recreation study; The Chairman AGREED to complete and return.

8 **Planning**

- i) Location: Beehive Cottage, Top Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Fell one Eucalyptus. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

9 **General Business**

- i) Crash Course in Planning (covered in Minute reference 1). It was AGREED to write to Mr Lionel Deakin at Bassetlaw District Council to thank him and his staff for the discussion at the meeting and that the Parish Council has noted that in the new plan that is to be issued for the East Midlands, Bassetlaw District Council will consult with the Parish Council of East Drayton regarding the village envelope and the redefining of the village envelope boundaries. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Parish Council Financial Regulations. Discussion followed concerning possible amendment, but it was felt there was nothing the Parish Council contributes to on a regular basis outside the village. It was AGREED the regulations should remain unaltered.

10 **Meeting adjourned for public discussion** – No members of the public present.

11 **Finance**

- a) Income - The Council noted £1,137.00 precept/contributions payment into the current account from Bassetlaw District Council.
- b) Accounts for Payment – None.
- c) Balance of Accounts
The account balances as at 19th May 2009 were: £

Nottingham BS	1,657.91
Lloyds TSB	1,226.04
	<u>2,883.95</u>
- d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £750.00 SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS) from Lloyds Bank to the Nottingham Building Society. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- e) Completion and Signature of Annual Governance Statement Year Ending 31st March 2009
Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending March 31st 2009 was completed by the Council members and signed by the chairman in preparation for the internal audit, by Mrs Jose Ellis. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- f) New signatory for banking details
Due to the change of Chairman ALL AGREED the new Chairman, Cllr Neil Stanley be included as a signatory at the Nottingham Building Society and at Lloyds Bank. The Clerk agreed to obtain the relevant forms in readiness for completion at next month's meeting. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

12 Urgent Business

i) Complaint: A complaint has been raised by the key holder of the village hall from a parent who hired the Hall for a teenage party recently. Neighbours had been advised beforehand, the party finished at 9.30 pm and there had been no damage to the village hall, but verbal abuse had been directed at one mother and two teenagers from the occupier at the neighbouring property. At no time did the teenagers reply. The Chairman AGREED to contact Pc Bailey on behalf of the complainant.

13 Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday, 16th June 2009 at 7.30 pm. Cllr Allen and Cllr Shreeve sent their apologies in advance.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____