

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st July 2009 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley (Chairman), Cllrs P Ogle, M Ogle, J Parker, R Small and Cllr G Scrini (Chairman, Laneham PC). In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 0.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Scrini to the meeting and referred to the two recent meetings (Planning Aid's Crash Course on Planning and the proposed South East Bassetlaw Forum) where both East Drayton and Laneham Parish Councils had attended and it had been suggested that it might be beneficial for the two Councils to work more closely regarding certain issues. This could perhaps be in the form of an informal arrangement with Laneham and Cllr Scrini agreed. The format being, say two representatives of each Council attend one another's meeting, as necessary. Cllr Scrini brought along a copy of the Parish Plan for Laneham and this was circulated at the meeting.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – received from Cllr D Allen, Cllr H Shreeve, CCllr J Hemsall and Pc Bailey.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 16th June 2009** - were approved and signed.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Drainage issues in the village

No further response received from Mr Ian Davies regarding the Flood Resilience package or follow-up visit to Cllr Ogle, who has again been pumping out her cellar. It was AGREED to contact Mr Davies again. Cllr Smalley also reported only one drain is taking water on Retford Road and the drains to the whole village needs urgent attention. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Village Hall situation

Cllr Muriel Ogle advised that she has submitted the necessary map required for preliminary enquiries by Bassetlaw District Council; they have raised concerns regarding sufficient car parking space. Cllr Ogle added that if the project is undertaken in collaboration with the Parish Council the planning fee of £175 can be halved (further investigation required, as the village hall is not owned by the Parish Council).

c) Tithe Barn Cottage planning refusal to retain boundary wall

The Clerk read out an email response from Mr Terry Wells advising he has been asked to proceed with the relevant enforcement action. The Enforcement Notice/Breach of Condition Notice will be served in due course. Mr Wells added that the developers have a right to appeal against an Enforcement Notice.

d) Back Lane update

The Chairman advised that Strawson's had agreed to undertake the trimming back of the trees that had grown into the lane and any other necessary work in August to safeguard any nesting birds. A letter from Ms Summers at Nottinghamshire County Council had been received advising that there were insufficient funds available, but agreed to return should the Parish Council think it necessary in the future.

e) Parish Council's involvement in redefining of village envelope boundaries

The Clerk advised no further response to date has been received from Mr Deakin or Mrs Gill Davies from the Planning Policy Unit. They agreed to make contact in due course regarding attendance at a future Parish Council meeting to explain the process. It was AGREED that a letter be written to Mr Lionel Deakin at Bassetlaw District Council suggesting that possibly East Drayton, Laneham and Rampton could have a joint meeting concerning this. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) Cleaning of Village 'Phone Box

The Chairman confirmed that had now been undertaken.

g) Strimming of lane between Church and Tithe Barn Cottage.

This has now been attended to.

4 **Declarations of Interest** – None.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Countylink newsletter, July 2009;
- b) Planning & Landscape Briefing, June 2009; In circulation folder.
- c) Travel & Transport Briefing, July 2009; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- d) Local Area Structure/Forum; The Clerk read out a letter from Mr Steve Brown advising that this will not go ahead.
- e) Parish Councils' Liaison Group meeting agenda 15th July 2009. (Chairman previously advised)
- f) Statement of Community Involvement; public consultation (comments by 31st July 2009).

Discussion followed and the Chairman agreed to add comments as necessary.

NALC:

- g) Northern Area Committee reminder that it was created to serve the needs of Bassetlaw's Parish Councils. The Chairman agreed to attend these meetings in future (next meeting to take place on 7th September 2009 – Clerk to email NALC area Clerk to confirm attendance). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

General:

- h) East Midlands Regional Assembly – Request for feedback re Regional Plan Partial Review: Options Consultation (deadline 6th October 2009); Chairman to download necessary information and place in circulation folder.
- i) Emda news, Spring edition 2009;
- j) Notts Fire & Rescue Service magazine; Summer 2009;

Correspondence received after Agenda sent out:

- k) Bassetlaw District Council Vehicle Litter Campaign – notices and posters; In circulation folder.

6 Planning

- i) **DECISION NOTICE:** Location: Beehive Cottage, Top Street, East Drayton; Fell one eucalyptus. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) **DECISION NOTICE:** Location: Hardings Farm, North Green, East Drayton; Demolition of existing garden room and erect two storey extension. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 General Business

- a) **Liaison with Laneham Parish Council:** The Chairman thanked Cllr Scrini for attending this evening's meeting and he gave an insight into the content and format of their meetings:

- Cllr Scrini referred to the current type of issues Laneham Parish Council is experiencing ie rights of access dispute and invasion of youth (criminal and anti-social behaviour).
- Cllr Scrini said they had sub-committees and individual Councillors 'champion' a project they are interested and endeavour to spread the workload by encouraging villagers to join in. In this way the village is more inclusive and ideas are more of a community project.
- Could be a possibility of a Heritage Centre (using an old Chapel in the village) in which to display village photographs and memorabilia – perhaps other villages may like to include theirs. Cllr Scrini agreed to inform East Drayton if this project proceeds.
- Regarding the Parish Plan a working group was formed, consisting of one Parish Council representative and villagers.
- Also they run a monthly Bookies and Cookies event where books are available for sale/swap and refreshments available; a very good fund-raiser.

- b) **Parish Grant Scheme:** It was AGREED that the idea previously mentioned to take out the hedge between Strawson's back field and the Churchyard should be pursued and Cllr Small AGREED to obtain quotes for the work required. **ACTION: Cllr R Small.** Cllr Small queried the ownership of the hedge and the Chairman AGREED to check this with Strawsons.

- c) **Renovation SOS:** After further investigation the Chairman said the BBC project was not appropriate for the village.

d) **Suggested tour of Strawson's site:** The Chairman said he had received a written invitation extended to all Parish Councillors to visit the new centre. Cllr Scrini suggested this may be of interest to the whole village. The Chairman AGREED to liaise further with Strawsons regarding possible dates and/or village open evening. The manager of the gym is to produce a flyer advertising reduced rates for villagers.

e) **Website:** The Chairman advised that Mr Steve Ellis had come forward to volunteer to design a village website. A website address would ensure greater transparency of the Parish Council which would meet the needs of the Freedom of Information Act. Items to be included: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, End of year accounts and minutes. The Chairman asked fellow Councillors their views on contact details including photograph to be included. Website address: eastdrayton.org.uk and to register the name will cost £9.50 for two years and to host the website £42.00 pa. A Mission Statement will need to be produced. The Chairman asked Cllr Muriel Ogle for a resume of the village hall and Cllr Parker for a list of village organisations to be included on the website.

f) **Community Forum Meeting held 16th July 2009 at Rampton Hospital:** The Chairman apologised that for unforeseen circumstances he was unable to attend, and therefore Cllr M Ogle was also unable to attend. (Clerk had sent apologies).

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

9 **Finance**

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment – None.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21 st July 2009 were:	£
Nottingham BS	2,407.91
Lloyds TSB	<u>205.49</u>
	2,613.40

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Internal Audit of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2009

The Clerk advised Mrs Jose Ellis had been given a bottle of wine as a token of the Parish Council's appreciation.

f) New mandate forms for new signatory re banking details

The necessary forms were partially completed concerning adding Chairman Stanley as a new signatory for the Parish Council at Lloyds Bank and the Nottingham Building Society. The Chairman to complete accordingly. **ACTION: Cllr N Stanley.**

10 **Urgent Business**

i) Parish Grant Scheme: BDC is offering £300 for a specific project in the village; this should be of a capital nature rather than maintenance. Closing date for applications is March 2010. Any ideas to be brought to next month's meeting.

11 **Date and time of next meeting** - Tuesday, 15th September 2009 at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Scrini for his attendance. Laneham Parish Council meets the second Monday of each month and Cllr Scrini said he would like to return the invitation for members of East Drayton to attend Laneham.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____