

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th September 2005 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, J Goddard, J Jones and H Shreeve.
In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 8

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the members of the public.

1 **Apologies for Absence.** Were received from CCllr J Hemsall.

2 Minutes of meeting held 19th July 2005

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

3 Matters Arising

a) Village Sign

No further progress. The Chairman hoped by next meeting he would have something to report.

b) Lychgate Fund

The Clerk had received an email from Mrs Jean Rider advising the amended copies of the Lychgate booklet were acceptable and she confirmed the project could now be closed.

c) Building Better Communities – street lighting

Nothing further to report.

d) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle reported that Severn Trent Water Authority had advised they would send a letter explaining why they would not take action, but this had not been forthcoming. The situation has been ongoing for over a year and Cllr Ogle did not know who else to turn to. The possibility of newspaper publicity with photographs of the flooded cellar was suggested, but it was felt this may not be the answer. It was AGREED to keep the matter on future Agendas.

e) Replacement tree at entrance to Manor House Farm

The Clerk reported a reply had been received from Mr Ian Boothby advising the matter had been passed to Mr John Whittles, Senior Planner in the Policy & Implementation Unit.

f) Gritting

No reply had been received requesting gritting from Bolham Lane sent last May. It was AGREED to write to the bus companies stating that the Parish Council had unsuccessfully requested gritting and therefore could they use any influence to bring about some gritting on the roads. Bus companies to be approached are: Lincs Road Car, Kettlewells, Unity (Clayworth) and Marriott's. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Cllr R Small joined the meeting.

g) Waste bins

Replacement bins were now in situ, but the old ones, set in concrete, had not been removed. It was AGREED to contact Mrs Pat Wilkinson in the Environment Department, to request they be taken away. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

h) Request for resurfacing

The Clerk read out a letter from Mr R Statham, Principal Customer Services Officer at Notts County Council advising that due to a lack of funding for resurfacing he could not say when this would happen. It was AGREED the matter could not be pursued further and should be taken off future Agendas.

i) South East Bassetlaw Forum

The Chairman advised no meeting as yet had been organised to discuss how best to go forward with the Forum as in its present form it was not working properly.

j) Ideas for future funding of community projects

The Chairman explained there had been various ideas suggested, the principal one being improvement of or replacement of the village hall. An open evening to be considered to see

whether or not there would be any support for such a project. The Chairman pointed out that it would be a long term commitment, possibly three to five years, and would require commitment to raising funds and driving the project forward. Cllr Ogle advised she had raised the matter at the village hall committee and the general agreement was that if the younger element in the village could get together and come up with an idea then the village hall committee and Parish Council would support them.

At this point the Chairman opened up the meeting for public comment.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that the younger generation needed to be involved.

Before the matter could be taken any further an open village meeting should be held to gauge interest. It was AGREED to circulate a leaflet to this effect and also to ask for suggestions for depictions for the proposed village sign. **ACTION: Cllr Ogle.**

Meeting closed for public comment until Agenda item 8).

k) Land Registry

The Chairman advised a letter had been received asking the Parish Council if there were any areas of the village where it wished to register land as a voluntary application. As a wayleave payment is received concerning the siren on Back Lane this was mentioned to the Nottingham office, but the Chairman was informed they were thinking in terms of a village playing field, which the village does not have.

4 Declarations of Interest. No declarations of Interest.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Countylink, July 2005; In circulation folder.
- b) Travel & Transport Briefing August/September 2005; in circulation folder.
- c) Planning & Property Briefing August 2005; in circulation folder.
- d) Planning & Property Briefing, September 2005; in circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- e) Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement and Pre-submission Consultation on the Core Strategy (two copies of each) and representation forms (to be returned by 10th October 2005); in circulation folder.
- f) Invitation to Annual Civic Service, to be held in St Anne's Church, Worksop on Sunday, 9th October 2005 at 2.30 pm and afterwards a reception in the Church Hall (reply required by 22nd September 2005); Cllrs M Ogle and H Shreeve to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- g) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust, Stakeholder Event to be held on 31st August 2005 7-9.00 pm at Christchurch Centre, Worksop (sent to Chairman previously); No one available to attend.
- h) Your Right to Vote poster for notice board;
- i) Community Engagement poster for notice board;

NALC:

- j) NALC meeting to be held on 5th September 2005 at 7.30 pm in Council Chambers at Retford Town Hall (Agenda and Mins – sent to Chairman previously);

General:

- k) Rampton Hospital Community Forum meeting, Monday, 19th September at 2.30 pm (including Agenda and Mins from previous meeting);
- l) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust Annual Public Meeting – Tuesday 27th September 2005 12.45pm in Christchurch Centre, Worksop; (sent to Chairman previously)
- m) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust Newsletter, September 2005; in circulation folder.
- n) AGE Concern at East Drayton with County Contacts Mobile bus on Friday, 12th August (poster)
- o) Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill; in circulation folder.
- p) Land Registry form (sent to Chairman previously);
- q) The Community Council of Lincolnshire (new copy of Employers' Liability Insurance); Filed.
- r) Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd – forthcoming fundraising events (posters);
- s) Dean Thomas & Co, solicitors – Notice of Application for the Transfer of a Justices' licence at The Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton (copy sent to Chairman); in circulation folder.

- t) Macmillan Cancer Relief – World's Biggest Coffee Morning; in circulation folder.
- u) BCVS Community News, Summer 2005; in circulation folder.
- v) Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2005; in circulation folder.

6 Planning

- i) Location: Westholme, Top Street, East Drayton, *Proposal*: Erect single storey annexe. Sent to Chairman previously for circulation. Comments form returned objecting to the proposal. The Parish Council is concerned that this is secondary development and questioning why the proposed annexe is not on the same side as the existing property.
- ii) Location: Westholme, Top Street, East Drayton; *Proposal*: Erect single storey annexe (as amended). Sent to Chairman previously. No further comments sent.
- iii) Location: OS Field No 2621 off Laneham Road, Laneham; *Proposal*: Formation of two fishing ponds, construct car parking area, erect portable toilet block and alter existing access (referred to Chairman); The Chairman explained that the application had been sent to the Parish Council as a matter of courtesy (proposal on Stokeham to Laneham road and would not affect East Drayton).
- iv) DECISION NOTICE: Poplar Farm, North Green, East Drayton: Vary condition 2 of PA 15/03/9 to construct rooms in roof and gable windows. The Council noted permission had been granted.
- v) Location: Land at Strawsons, Darlton Road, East Drayton: *Proposal*: Erect a 20m telecommunications tower, radio housing equipment and ancillary development. The Parish Council noted that there are concerns about possible health risks from mobile phone masts. After discussion one member of the Parish Council was strongly in favour and one member strongly disagreed with the proposal, but there was no overall objection from the Parish Council to the siting of the mast at the East Drayton location. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- vi) Location: North Green, East Drayton: *Proposal*: Street naming and numbering – existing properties on, North Green (to be known as) – Kushti-Tan, North Green, Broadlea, North Green, Poplar Farm, North Green, St Peter's Church, North Green, Ashlands, North Green and Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, (sent to Chairman previously). There were no objections.
- vii) Location: Shalborn, Top Street, East Drayton: *Proposal*: Street naming and numbering – property name change from 'Shalborn' to 'Chimneys'. No objections.
- viii) Location: Plot 1-8, Land West of Cocking Lane, Treswell: *Proposal*: Change of use of agricultural land to private caravan site for gypsy family and alter existing access. Notice of Appeal – Inquiry date: 5 October 2005 (for three days) at 10.00 am in the Assembly Room, Worksop Town Hall. The appeal documentation can be inspected at Bassetlaw District Council.

7 General Business

- a) Rampton Hospital Community Forum meeting – 19th September 2005
Cllr Goddard and Cllr Ogle attended the meeting. A new chairman had been appointed replacing Dr Mike Harris. The new units were going ahead and the security fencing re-routed and work was being undertaken within the grounds. Gas is now connected. Some villages (Rampton, Leverton and Bole) could now apply for connection. Building plans are ongoing.
- b) NALC meeting – 5 September 2005
Cllr Ogle attended gave a brief report. There were two main topics. 1. Elkesley bypass – hope to start in 2007 costing £5m. 2. Community Speed Watch. Speed monitoring carried out by specially trained volunteers from the community, with follow-up work on education and enforcement by the Police. It was AGREED to write to Jonathan Tonks, Community Safety Officer at Bassetlaw District Council to invite him to the October/November Parish Council meeting to discuss further. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Overcrowding on school bus

It has been noted that children have to stand on the top deck of their school bus as there are an inadequate number of seats. Also some children are expressing concern at travelling in such a way. It was AGREED to write to the School transport department at Nottinghamshire County Council to alert them of the dangerous situation. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

d) Changes to rural beat officers

From September 1 the community beat officers responsible for the rural areas around Retford have changed. The Officer to contact for persistent problems, NOT to report crime, is Pc 1695 Bill Bailey (07910 336844 mobile). It was AGREED to invite him to attend a future Parish Council meeting to enable particular issues to be discussed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

- a) Lengthy discussion followed concerning the proposed 20m telecommunications tower on land at Strawsons on Darlton Road. Some comments were raised by members of the public: that the tower would be in a Conservation area, very visual, taller than the surrounding trees, with possible radiation implications endangering the health in particular of children and the elderly and down value of surrounding property. It was pointed out that individual villagers were all entitled to object on their part.
- b) Members of the public pointed out that Butts Lane belonged to the Parish concerning the Land Registry matter. The Chairman AGREED to look into this. **ACTION: Chairman.**
- c) Speed cameras – it was suggested that knocking the speed down from 60 to 40mph and then 30 mph into the village, rather than 60 straight down to 30, might be more effective. As the village had only just received new signage it was not thought feasible. Also comments were made about the danger of lorries speeding through the village, some over the weight restriction and accidents have occurred. It was suggested this could be mentioned when the Police attend the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Ogle added that the Parish Council would welcome all the members of the public who attended this evening's meeting to the meeting with the Police (as parishioners are welcome to all Parish Council meetings).
- d) Noisy dogs – it was AGREED to contact the Dog Warden for advice. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

9 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment –

- i) The Council AGREED the payment of £244.25 being the Clerk's salary and expenses.

ACTION: S Pickard.

- ii) The Council AGREED the payment of £58.75 to Hacker Young, Chartered Accountants re Audit. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return was completed for advertising on the village notice board.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 20th September 2005 were: £

Nottingham BS	1,908.00
Lloyds	<u>74.93</u>
	1,982.93

- c) Transfer of Funds – it was AGREED to transfer £300 (THREE HUNDRED POUNDS) from the Building Society account to the current account. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Urgent Business

- i) The pavement outside The Old Manor House on Church Lane has been gouged out and is dangerous. It was AGREED to contact Bolham Lane. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th October 2005 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the

meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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