

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 19th October 2004 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen, Chairman

Cllrs J Parker, J Jones, J Goddard and R Small

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 1

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Ogle and H Shreeve, CCllr J Hemsall and DCllr M Jenkins

2 Minutes of meeting held 28th September 2004

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

3 Matters Arising

a) Costings re remaining funds from Lytchgate project – Village Sign

The Chairman reported he had had a meeting with Jeanne Wallace from the Highways Department today and she had been very helpful. They had completed the application forms, with photographs taken on previous days and submitted drawings of the sign with measurements (6 copies) and site plan (6 copies). Jeanne Wallace does not see any reason why planning permission should not be forthcoming and will send in the forms to the Department of Transport. After this outcome the next stage would be to consider whether planning is required. The Chairman added that it was pointed out to him that whoever erected the sign would need £5m worth of public liability insurance.

b) Tree Planting to celebrate anniversary of completion of Lytchgate

The Chairman had not yet planted the Laburnum, but would undertake this in due course.

c) Overgrown hedge on A57

Cllr Small commented that the hedge had been tackled in part, but there were difficulties due to so many signs in the way. AGREED to take off Agenda.

d) Gritting side roads

The Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to Mr Bob Hart of Nottinghamshire County Council at Newark on 1st October 2004 (with copy to CCllr J Hemsall) but a reply had not yet been received.

e) Public perception of Parish Council meetings

The Chairman reported he had placed a note in the village newsletter inviting parishioners to come along to Parish Council meetings if they wished.

f) Building Better Communities – application for grant aid

The Chairman had completed the application form and sent an accompanying letter requesting the following: 1) Extra lamp posts for the poorly-lit areas of the village; 2) A contribution towards the proposed village sign (£500) to improve the rural identity and to tie in with the new Lytchgate; and 3) £10,000 for maintenance of the village hall which is becoming increasingly more difficult (improvement of kitchen facilities and update usable area of the hall). The Chairman had received a letter acknowledging the Parish Council's application and he understood a decision would be made by the end of the year.

g) Hot tub at Pippins

The Clerk read out an email received from the Planning Department at Bassetlaw District Council stating they had been unable to visit the property to date. They intended to do so shortly and would report further.

h) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle had contacted the Chairman to advise that Patrick Mercer MP had sent a letter to the Highways Department and Mr Lightfoot has agreed that the matter needs more backing. The cellar has flooded again recently. CCllr Hemsall has heard that Severn Trent may start work on the blocked drain within the next fortnight. Cllr Small added that the deep drainage is also now blocked. Cllr Goddard commented that he believed the root cause was someone illegally connecting into the village storm drain. This matter to

be monitored due to its serious nature.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Small declared an interest in item 6) Planning iv) Location: Church Lane Farm, Church Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect steel-framed building and the Declarations of Interest book was duly completed and signed by Cllr Small.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) **Participate!** Arts Projects and Events in Nottinghamshire; Oct-Dec 2004; In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

b) Licensing Act – Policy Statement; In circulation folder.

c) Bassetlaw District Council Fact Book 2004-2005; In circulation folder.

General:

d) Wicksteed Leisure – A Guide to the Disability and Discrimination Act 1995 and how the October 2004 provisions relate to Outdoor Play Areas; In circulation folder.

e) NHS Annual report and Summary Financial Accounts and Together We Can, September 2004; In circulation folder.

f) National Conference of Coalfield Communities; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

g) Notts CC – Useful numbers guide; In circulation folder.

h) Planning & Property Briefing – Oct/Nov 4; In circulation folder.

i) Travel & Transport Briefing – Oct 04; In circulation folder.

j) Countylink, Oct 04; In circulation folder.

k) Bassetlaw DC, Parish Councils Liaison Group; next meeting Monday, 29th November at 7 pm in Worksop Town Hall; any questions/reports to be in as soon as possible; Discussion followed and it was AGREED there were no questions to raise with the Group.

l) The Local Channel (setting up a website); In circulation folder.

m) NALC: Risk Assessment Training; Employment Update; & Countywise Oct 04; In circulation folder;

n) Notts Healthcare NHS Trust - Together we can update, October 04; In circulation folder.

o) Mr Mark Ramsell, Worksop enquiry re hire of village hall; Discussion followed and it was AGREED to write to Mr Ramsell asking for more details about his request. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

p) Letter received from Mrs D Allen concerning the state of the footpath signs in and around the village. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to contact Mrs Laura Summers at Nottinghamshire County Council, Rights of Way, to request the signs be checked and to liaise with Cllr Goddard. In addition, Cllr Goddard AGREED to raise the matter at the next Forum meeting. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

q) Mentoring and Befriending East Midlands support body; In circulation folder.

r) Campaign to Protect Rural England; invitation to join and information about the workings of CPRE; In circulation folder.

6 Planning

i) Location: Autumn Lea, Low Street, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect attached garage. The Parish Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Location: Tythe Barn, North Green, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect replacement dwelling and alter existing access. Whilst the Parish Council had no objection to the proposal, it was AGREED to add the comments: Is the District Council aware of the status of the footpath that currently exists and runs through the site of the proposed property crossing the Church field behind and going diagonally across to Riddings Lane. Also the changed aspect of the proposed house obscures the view of the Church from the Stokeham side. A recent application for a workshop on adjoining land was rejected by the Planning Department because it would have obscured the view of the Church. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

iii) Location: Blue Bell Inn, Low Street, East Drayton. The Council noted that permission

- had been refused. To be filed for future reference.
- iv) Location: Church Lane Farm. This item was discussed towards the end of the meeting.

7 General Business

i) Pre-order Consultation: Application relating to the Definitive Map and Statement: Addition of a Byway (Back Lane): The Chairman reminded the Council that this matter had been discussed at length with CCllr Hempsall at last month's meeting and unless anyone could think of a legal reason why this could be challenged, nothing further could be done at present. It was AGREED a letter be sent to Nottinghamshire County Council stating that whilst it was unaware of any legal reason to oppose it, the Parish Council would like to make a strong case for not changing the character of the lane and wishes that it remain as a pleasant amenity for the village. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 Meeting adjourned for public discussion

- i) Mr Hardy enquired if there had been any response to the suggestion a mature tree be replanted on the site of the felled tree at Manor Farm. He was informed no further correspondence had been received from Bassetlaw.
- ii) Mr Hardy commented that he and his wife had considered purchasing Tythe Barn in the past and it had been indicated that it would not be possible to knock down the property. He suggested the Ramblers' Association be contacted concerning the footpath, but it was felt they would be notified in their own right.

9 Finance

- a) Income – The Council noted the receipt of £961.00 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 October 2004 were:

	£
Lloyds Bank	1,108.23
Nottingham BS	<u>1,155.20</u>
	2,263.43

- d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £900 (NINE HUNDRED POUNDS) from the current account to the Nottingham Building Society.

DCllr Mike Jenkins arrived, having been to an earlier District meeting. The Chairman welcomed DCllr Jenkins and thanked him for calling in. DCllr Jenkins said he had made a note of November's meeting and other business-permitting, hoped to be with East Drayton on that evening.

Cllr Small left the meeting to enable item 6iv) Planning to be discussed.

6 iv) Location: Church Lane Farm, Church Lane, East Drayton: *Proposal:* Erect steel-framed building. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 16th November at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

