

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 in the Village Hall

## Present:

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

1 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from DCllr S Isard and CCllr J Hemsall.

## 2 **Minutes of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

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

## 3 **Matters Arising**

### a) Drainage issues in the village

The Clerk reported a reply had been received from Mr Geoff Betts although he had not responded in a way the Parish Council had hoped and did not mention if the 1-in-20 years storm event and capacity test had taken place. Mr Betts added that he was due to retire on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Chairman updated DCllr Isard on the issue and referred to letters being sent to Mr John Bowler and the Chief Executive at Bassetlaw, but no replies being received. DCllr Isard asked for copies of the relevant correspondence and agreed to look into this. DCllr Isard added that he was aware that since last September Severn Trent Water were undertaking surveys of all sewage pumping installations in Bassetlaw, but will not say when they are going to report. He understood they were uncovering costly “horror stories”. It was AGREED to reply to Mr Betts thanking him for his attention to the drainage system in the village that has been improved, but that the Parish Council is still concerned the drains are not adequate enough to deal with a heavy downfall. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### b) Flood Resilience Package

The Chairman suggested that parishioners should be aware of the package and know of its whereabouts should they need help. Cllr P Ogle AGREED to place a notice in the village newsletter once the package had arrived.

### c) Road Defects in the village

Councillors reported that Low Street was in desperate need of attention. It was AGREED to write to the Highways Department to point out the dilapidated state of the deep drainage manhole cover near Glebe Farm bungalow and nearby fire hydrants and pavement gutters. A considerable amount of digging and work in attaching new properties to services has left many potholes and they present a health and safety hazard. It should be suggested that Nottinghamshire County Council seriously consider re-surfacing Low Street (which has not been carried out for around 30 years). **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### d) May Election results

DCllr Isard clarified the position with regard to representation. The District Council ward of Tuxford and Trent has two District Councillors. DCllr Isard was elected in 2006 and his seat is not up until 2010. The other seat, previously held by DCllr Mike Jenkins (who decided not to stand for re-election in this ward) was won by the Conservatives, DCllr Shirley Isard.

### e) Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton

The Clerk reported Bassetlaw District Council had acknowledged receipt of its letter and a detailed reply would be given in due course concerning the height of the boundary wall.

### f) Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Cllr P Ogle was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

### g) East Drayton Sports Club

Cllr Ogle advised that Mrs Jean Bingham was delighted to receive a cheque from the Lychgate Fund and the Clerk confirmed she had received a letter thanking the Parish Council for its donation of £250.

h) Repair/replacement of village notice board

Cllr Stanley had now repaired the notice board and he was thanked for undertaking this.

i) Village Hall situation

Cllr Ogle advised a village hall committee meeting was due shortly.

j) Strawson's news report in Retford Times

Cllr Ogle queried the newspaper report where a wind turbine was mentioned. Parish Councillors understood that there would be no actual turbine, but that it referred to the Eco Centre explaining the process.

At this point the Chairman invited Pc Bailey to give a report:

Pc Bailey said the situation was a very positive one for East Drayton. The last reported crime of theft of lead from the Church was on 21<sup>st</sup> February and there had no further crimes reported over the last four months. Scrap metal continues to be stolen in the surrounding areas and this is high on the agenda for the Police to tackle. Pc Bailey advised that part of an off-road team (two motorbikes altogether) was now operational to catch illegal motorcyclists. Cllr Stanley asked about fuel/heating oil theft due to the high prices. Pc Bailey said he was sure this was happening, but people were not reporting this. Pc Bailey added that he felt it was only a matter of time before vehicle petrol tanks would be targeted.

The Chairman thanked Pc Bailey for attending and for his update.

4 **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

5 **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

a) Planning Newsletter, May 2008; The Chairman commented that it was very useful to have guidance on planning issues to enable interpretation of the new regulations. DCllr Isard assured the meeting that all Parish Council planning responses are entered into the files and are taken into account. He added that if the proposal was objected to, the District Council did expect to see the reasoning behind the decision. To be placed in the Circulation folder.

b) Parish Councils Liaison Group meeting, Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2008 (items for agenda by 30<sup>th</sup> June); To be placed in the Circulation folder.

c) Poster advertising next Cabinet meeting; Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, Methodist Church Hall, Newcastle Street, Tuxford. To be placed on the notice board.

NALC:

d) Northern Area committee meeting Agenda for 9<sup>th</sup> June and minutes from last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008; To be placed in the Circulation folder.

e) Yahoo Group for Parish/town Council Clerks in Notts; The Clerk informed the meeting that this would be a type of forum and could be useful in the future. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) Chairmanship Training (refresher); Attendance not felt necessary.

6 **Planning**

i) **DECISION NOTICE:** Location: 3 South View, Church Lane, East Drayton. Alteration to garage door to small bay window. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 **General Business**

i) Flooding (Drainage & Watercourses) Select Committee request for information

The Chairman read out a draft of a response that gave detailed information concerning the village's exceptional rainfall during June and July 2007. The properties that experienced flooding included The Limes on Mill Lane, The Old Post Office on Top Street and The Old Manor House on Church Lane. Other properties in the village experienced flooded gardens and fields. Several roads became impassable for a time. Severe flooding also occurred at the crossroads in the middle of the village, despite recent improvements made by Severn Trent to separate the storm and foul water systems. All AGREED the response should be forwarded to

Nottinghamshire County Council once the Chairman had checked whether there had been any flooding to Mrs Jean Day's property. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) BT's proposal to re-align payphone provision to meet customer demand

BT propose to remove the payphone in the village and after discussion it was AGREED to contact Bassetlaw District Council to request usage figures before responding to the proposal. Cllr Shreeve added that this matter should be included in the next village newsletter.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** There was no public discussion.

9 **Finance**

a) Income - The Council noted £250.57 payment into the current account being VAT repayment.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council AGREED payment of £300.79 for the Clerk's salary and expenses.

**ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) The Council AGREED payment of £80 being payment of Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch subscription. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2008 were:	£
Nottingham BS	2,052.62
Lloyds TSB	<u>628.11</u>
	2,680.73

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

10 **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

11 **Date and time of next meeting**

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm. Cllrs H Shreeve and J Parker sent apologies in advance.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_