

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th May 2005 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, J Goddard and J Jones.

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

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Were received from DCllr M Jenkins and Cllrs H Shreeve and R Small (illness).

The Clerk took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chairman.

2 Election of Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Ogle and SECONDED by Cllr Jones that Cllr Allen be re-elected Chairman. ALL AGREED.

3 Election of Vice-Chairman

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

4 Minutes of meeting held 26th April 2005

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

5 Matters Arising

a) Village Sign

The Chairman advised that little progress had been made, but he had been in touch with Mr Jim Simpson, who was likewise busy at present, but had agreed to go to Corby Glen in a few weeks' time to look at the timber. In the meantime the Chairman will send a circular around the village asking for suggestions for ideas to include on the village sign (up to six panels).

b) Lychgate Fund

The Clerk had received an email reply from Mrs Jean Rider re the request for further information concerning the grant money still owed to the Fund. There is still £547 to be paid and it was AGREED to hold a Lychgate Committee meeting to discuss and complete the forms to enable the final 5% to be handed over.

c) Building Better Communities – application for grant aid

The Chairman advised that he had now received a plan for the Parish Council to site possible extra street lighting in the village. Six lights were requested (one on Church Lane at entrance to village, four on Top Street and one on Low Street). The Plan was completed and is to be returned to Mr Tony Biondi, Lighting and Signals Department, Nottinghamshire County Council. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

d) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle reported that the insurers had made an inspection to assess the situation, but because there was no structural damage say it is solely the responsibility of Severn Trent Water. Cllr Ogle had also been in contact with Patrick Mercer MP and he agreed to press again.

e) Replacement tree at entrance to Manor House Farm

The Clerk reported a reply had been received from Bassetlaw District Council stating their intention to undertake a review of the case to investigate as to why no replanting has taken place as previously agreed with the owner.

f) Gritting

Cllr Goddard expressed concern at the lack of gritting on the road from East Drayton to Laneham. Twenty service buses and school buses travel on that road each day and it was AGREED to send a further letter to Mr Lightfoot acknowledging the work done so far, but urging him to re-think their decision and mention to be made of the school bus accident on that road. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

g) Waste bins

The waste bins in the village had been emptied after the request made to the Environment Department last month. It was AGREED to ask for replacement bins (one near the village seat and the other near the telephone box). These were privately donated and it was felt they would not be ignored by the Council if they were proper Council litter bins. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

6 **Declarations of Interest.**

No declarations of Interest.

7 **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

a) South East Bassetlaw Forum – next meeting to be held Thursday, 16th June 2005 at 7.00 pm at East Markham Village Hall; In circulation folder.

General:

b) Notts Rural Community Council, Spring 2005; and Notice of AGM, 17th October 2005 at Gedling. In circulation folder.

c) Clerks and Councils Direct, May 2005; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

d) The Dukeries Gliding Club – Relocation to Darlton. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to reply saying the initial feeling was that there were no objections, but the right reserved to make further comment once the Parish Council had considered in more detail. In circulation folder.

ACTION: S Pickard.

e) Building Better Communities – A Year of Celebration, Wednesday, 22 June 2005. In circulation folder.

f) Bassetlaw District Council – Reply re replacement tree at Manor House Farm

g) NALC Countywide May 2005, Audit Regime for Local Councils Review and Consultation and Training Programme for the Certificate in Local Council Administration; The Chairman offered the Clerk the opportunity to undertake training, but she felt due to other work/home commitments unable to pursue this. In circulation folder.

h) Decision Notice for proposed village Oak Signpost. In circulation folder.

i) BCVS – Course on How to Make Effective Grant Applications, Thursday, 7th July 2005 from 10 am to 1 pm at BCVS Dukeries Centre, Worksop (cost £15). In circulation folder.

j) IMI Offer to report on Churchyards (passed to Cllr Ogle).

8 **Planning**

a) NOTICE OF APPEAL: Location: Plot 1, Land West of, Cocking Lane, Treswell, Retford. Proposal: Change of use of Agricultural land to private caravan site for gypsy family and alter existing access. Discussion followed and it was AGREED that as the matter was outside the parish, no response should be made.

9 **General Business**

a) Parish Community Support Officers

The Chairman highlighted the main points in the letter sent by Chief Superintendent R E Johnson (circulated to PC members last month) and it was AGREED that as a PCSO dedicated to the village would involve raising the precept to be able to fund such a project, it was not viable.

b) Insurance

The Chairman advised that the Clerk had been in contact with Mrs Lynda Ogilvie at NALC and she had suggested a policy arranged by the Lincolnshire Rural Community Council (underwritten by Zurich) at a more reasonable rate than Allianz Cornhill, the present insurers. The Chairman explained and compared the two policies and it was AGREED to complete a new proposal form with the Lincs RCC which could save the Parish Council around £80.

ACTION: Chairman. Once the insurance is in place, a courtesy letter to be sent to Allianz Cornhill. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

- a) Mr Hardy asked why the Parish Council was reluctant to make a stand concerning the proposed gypsy site (ref Planning 8a). The Chairman explained that as the matter was not within the parish of East Drayton a reasoned objection could not be made. The planning proposal at The Paddock, land off Long Lane, East Drayton (erect brick stables for the purpose of overnight stabling for two horses with secure tack room/feeding storage) was raised and it was AGREED enquiries to Bassetlaw should be made as to whether any decision had been reached. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- b) Mr Hardy commented on the changing society and how even small villages were suffering from anti-social behaviour and the need for a PCSO. The Chairman reiterated the lack of funding available and East Drayton did not have the trouble some villages were experiencing.
- c) Cllr Ogle expressed concern regarding the bigger sign now placed on the grass triangle by The Blue Bell Inn. It was AGREED to send a letter to the Landlord whilst appreciating the need for an advertising sign, a request for its repositioning so as not to obstruct the vision of motorists coming up to the junction. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Finance

- a) Income
 - i) The Council noted VAT repayment of £24.20 by BACS to the Lloyds TSB.
 - ii) The Council noted £992.00 precept/contributions payment into the current account from Bassetlaw District Council.
- b) Accounts for Payment –
 - i) Insurance – in abeyance until proposal form received.
- c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 17th May 2005 were: £

Lloyds Bank	1,148.71
Nottingham BS	<u>1,358.00</u>
	2,506.71
- c) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £550.00 (FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS) to the Nottingham Building Society from the current account. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- d) Completion of Statement of Assurance

Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending March 31st 2005 was completed by the Council members and signed by the chairman in preparation for the internal audit, by Mr Bert Neate. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

12 Urgent Business

- i) Cllr Parker commented on an incident in the village with a large lorry recently. She suggested Strawsons produce maps for lorry drivers advising them to take the second turning off the A57, rather than trail through the village. It was AGREED to place the matter on next month's Agenda to enable further discussion.

13 Date and time of next meeting

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 21st June 2005 at 7.30 pm. Cllr Parker and Cllr Ogle sent advance apologies.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____