

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th October 2007 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllr J Parker, Cllr P Ogle and PC Bill Bailey . In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 1.

The Chairman opened the meeting and reflected on the passing of Cllr John Goddard. Cllr Goddard had been a stalwart of the Parish Council and had been a member since its inception. He had also been a District Councillor. Cllr Goddard was an original member of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, a member of the footpath committee and had been involved with the Constable Charity and the Parish Clock Fund. Cllr Goddard was a past chairman and a member of the village hall committee and represented the Parish Council at Rampton Hospital meetings and many other organisations over the years. Cllr Goddard made an enormous contribution, not only to the Parish Council, but to the village as a whole. The Chairman concluded by saying that Cllr Goddard would be sadly missed by everyone for his sensible and balanced contribution to the Parish Council meetings and continual work for the community.

It was AGREED a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Janet Goddard. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

1 **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllrs H Shreeve, M Ogle and R Small (work) .

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 18th September 2007** The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

3 **Police – PC Bill Bailey** The Chairman welcomed PC Bailey who informed the meeting about the Safer Neighbourhoods Scheme that is currently being rolled out across the force. The idea is for multi agencies (Highways Department, District Council, Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch, schools etc) to work together to find solutions to problems that, in the past, have typically fallen to the Police to try and solve. PC Bailey covers the areas of Tuxord/Trent and Rampton and said really the scheme was geared towards urban areas, so the idea needed to be tailored to fit the needs of rural areas. PC Bailey felt the best idea would be to base the scheme around Parish Councils and attendance at Parish Council meetings, taking away any problems that arose and working from there. The scheme needs to be working by April of next year.

The Chairman thanked PC Bailey for his input and said that fortunately the crime rate was low in the village, but the Parish Council would co-operate wherever it could. The Chairman made a note of PC Bailey's contact details for future reference.

PC Bailey gave a brief crime report (looking at the past three months) as follows: 28th and 29th July -Two thefts from stables on Long Lane. Beginning August - Theft of laptop at Manor Park.

The Chairman added that lampers were regularly in the area at night. Cllr Phillip Ogle also added that there had been a bale stack fire recently and HGV lorries with satellite navigation were coming through the village. PC Bailey said he had also had first hand experience of a Polish lorry driver having problems trying to get to Strawson's.

PC Bailey stressed the importance of reporting crime, otherwise the Police do not get a true picture and future requests for resources would not be forthcoming if the figures did not show the need.

PC Bailey asked about the village newsletter and Cllr Phillip Ogle agreed to contact PC Bailey to enable him to include a piece to introduce himself to villagers and inform them about the Safer Neighbourhoods scheme.

The Chairman thanked PC Bailey for his report and he left the meeting.

4 **Matters Arising**

a) Bidwriting and fundraising course

Cllr Parker said she and Cllr Ogle attended the meeting on 2nd October, but felt it had been inadequate and disappointing. They had been told on the course that the website www.funderfinder.org.uk contained 4,000 suggestions of organisations to contact for raising money for projects and for a £2.50 subscription a list of those willing to give money could be made available. Cllr Parker also commented a 200 Club idea had been mentioned and the course hand-out would be placed in the circulation folder.

b) 'Crash course on Planning'

The Clerk advised that due to over-subscription, a second course had been organised for 12th March 2008 (at Epperstone Village Hall). The Chairman and Cllr Phillip Ogle will attend, but it was AGREED to contact the Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council to ask why the course could not be organised any earlier. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Noise disturbance at Strawson's

The Clerk advised a letter had been received from Mr Deakin informing that Planning Services would examine the matter and a detailed reply would be given as soon as possible. Also a letter had been received from Mr John Strawson advising that the Parish Council's comments had been passed on to their main storage contractor on site and their views had been requested. Mr Strawson said that any lorry/HGV associated with Manor Business Park is not allowed to access or exit their site through the village, but acknowledged the reliance on satellite navigation systems were promoting vehicles to take inappropriate routes. Mr Strawson said they would address the issues by:

- Improving signage at the main entrance, informing all HGVs to turn left directly to the A57.
- Remind contractors that HGVs using the village to access or exit are not permitted on site.
- Inform contractors and seek their views on noise issues.
- Inform Bassetlaw District Council Highways Department to improve signage for Manor Business Park and also to improve weight restriction signs.
- Seek planning permission for the new security/gate house at the entrance as discussed previously.
- The Parish Council's co-operation would be appreciated. Request residents take note of vehicle registrations, date and time of any HGV taking route through the village and the information given to the Police. Request the Parish Council write to the Highways Department seeking clearer signage.

It was AGREED to write to the Highways Department, as suggested by Mr Strawson, to request better signage possibly near Whimptons Moor on A57 and at entrance to East Drayton from the Laneham direction. It was also AGREED to write to Mr John Strawson to thank him for his response and for taking time to address the issues raised by the Parish Council. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) Building Better Communities

The Clerk advised she had received two emails and copies of the last two BBC brochures from Mr Neil Hodgson concerning the project. Mr Hodgson said the aims of the initiative remained in line with those of previous years, but any suggestions the Parish Council may have should be submitted and he would advise if they were within the remit. Discussion followed, but the Parish Council did not have anything in mind this year, although it had benefited last year with extra street lighting. The Chairman felt the matter should be given earlier consideration in the future.

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

6 **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

a) Parish Councils Liaison Group meeting to be held Wednesday, 14th November 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Ceres Suite, Worksop town Hall. (Any items to be included on Agenda to be in by 30th October). In Circulation folder.

Nottinghamshire County Council:

b) Travel & Transport Briefing, September 2007. In Circulation folder.

NALC:

c) Northern Area Committee Meeting Minutes (held 10th September 2007) and details of Parish Council Emergency Plan. (See Minute 8ii).

General:

d) Defra – Ways to tackle climate change booklet. In Circulation folder.

e) Response; Nottinghamshire Fire 7 Rescue Service magazine – Autumn 2007. In Circulation folder.

f) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council: Notice of AGM; 31st October 2007 at Retford Town Hall at 6.30 pm. (Also enclosed: Annual Report and The Rural Voice magazine). In Circulation folder.

g) Standards Board for England; Town & Parish Standard, September 2007. In Circulation folder.

h) Licensing Act 2003 – Draft copy of revised Statement of Licensing Policy. In Circulation folder.

i) Northern Area Committee NALC – Dual Taxation Working Party request for Parish Council's accounts to enable further discussion with District Council. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to contact Cllr Burton (chairman of Northern Area Committee) advising that East Drayton did not believe it had any dual taxation issues, but should NALC believe there could be any areas in the future, the Parish Council would be happy to discuss any details. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 Planning

There were no planning matters.

8 General Business

i) Drainage issues in the village.

It was AGREED to defer contacting Mr John Bowler at Bassetlaw District Council to arrange a meeting to view drainage maps, until next month. Cllr Phillip Ogle agreed to join the group when the visit is made.

ii) Parish Council Emergency Plan

Parish Councillors had been circulated with the draft proposal prior to the meeting to enable an informed discussion at the meeting. It was felt minor issues in the village could be solved by help within the village and any major incidents would be taken out of the hands of villagers by the Emergency Services. All AGREED that at present the Parish Council did not feel able to commit to such a proposal at this stage and did not want to rush into a decision. However, a request should be made that it not be precluded from joining at a later date. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

iii) Pollarding of Churchyard trees

The Chairman said he had been approached by Mrs Janet Goddard to request he take on the organisation of pollarding the trees and he had agreed to do it. The Chairman commented that it was a Church issue really, but as the matter involved overhanging trees, the Parish Council should be aware. The Chairman said he would be meeting the tree surgeon in the near future to find out more details. To be placed on next month's Agenda for further discussion and explore possible grant options.

9 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

i) Mr Hardy commented that his planning proposal had gone to Appeal.

10 Finance

a) Income - The Council noted £1125.00 precept/contributions payment from Bassetlaw District Council.

b) Accounts for Payment – None.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 16th October 2007 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	1,766.58
Lloyds TSB	<u>1,266.94</u>
	3,033.52

- d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £1,100 (ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED POUNDS) to the building society account. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Urgent Business

i) Casual Vacancy - The Clerk advised that she had contacted Steve Brown at Bassetlaw District Council who had in turn contacted Russ Walters, Senior Members' Support Officer. At a suitable time in the future notices are to be placed around the village advising of the vacancy on the Parish Council. A By-election to fill the vacancy will be held if, within 14 days from the date of the notice, 10 electors for the Parish give notice in writing claiming such an Election to the Returning Officer. If no such notice is given, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option. The Chairman suggested the matter be raised again at next month's meeting when perhaps a list could be drawn up of those who might have an interest.

12 Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday, 20th November 2007 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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