

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th September 2009 in the Village Hall

Present:

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

1 **Apologies for Absence** – received from Cllr P Ogle, DCllrs K and S Isard, Pc Bailey and PCSO Ciacco.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 21st July 2009** - were approved and signed.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Drainage issues in the village

No further response received from Mr Ian Davies despite the Chairman's recent telephone call concerning Cllr Ogle's cellar. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Davies again. **ACTION:**

Chairman.

b) Village Hall situation

Cllr Muriel Ogle advised that regrettably there appeared to be little support in the village to proceed with the project. After discussion at a meeting held last night it was agreed to 'spruce up' the hall by re-decorating. CCllr Hemsall added that this seemed to be what is happening to rural villages. Cllr Allen asked about the Church option, but its Grade I listing severely limits possibilities. Cllr Ogle added that after paying for the forthcoming dance and the insurance premium, funds would be very low. The Chairman advised of the existence of the Trent Vale Landscape Partnership run by the British Waterways board (funded by the Lottery); they are financing the proposed heritage centre at Laneham (cost £3,000, with £300 from Bassetlaw District Council's parish grant scheme). The Chairman had a contact, who would be willing to visit a future Parish Council meeting to discuss a project that would be of benefit to the community (literature awaited by the Chairman).

c) Parish Grant Scheme

Discussion following on from b) and it was AGREED to pursue the £300 grant for refurbishment of the village hall. The forms to be completed accordingly at next month's meeting. It had been previously suggested that the hedge be renewed between Strawson's back field and the Churchyard, but this could just be patched up for little cost.

d) Tithe Barn Cottage planning refusal to retain boundary wall

The Clerk re-read an email from Mr Terry Wells in June advising he was proceeding with enforcement action. The Enforcement Notice/Breach of Condition Notice would be served in due course. Mr Wells added that the developers have a right to appeal. To be retained on next month's Agenda.

e) Parish Council's involvement in redefining of village envelope boundaries

The Clerk advised no further response from Mr Deakin or Mrs Gill Davies from the Planning Policy Unit. They had previously agreed to make contact regarding attendance at a future Parish Council meeting to explain the process. The Chairman added that recently Stokeham, Headon and Upton, and Laneham Parish Councils had a combined meeting with Bassetlaw District Council regarding village envelopes. Also the Chairman inspected the documentation at East Markham village hall concerning the Local Development Framework and under this there will be no village envelope. This lists core centres of Harworth, Worksop and Retford due for endless development; local services centres (local villages) will get some development and 'other villages' (East Drayton included) not deemed there won't be any development. The Chairman said therefore he felt a Parish Plan would help the village. Cllr Allen commented that he had read through Laneham's Parish Plan and he felt East Drayton was doing everything Laneham is, but it is just not written down. After further discussion, the Chairman asked if thought could be given to producing such a plan. Further debate at next month's meeting. All AGREED.

f) Back Lane

The Chairman confirmed that Strawsons had now completed the work on Back Lane, the hedges have been trimmed and the lane levelled. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr John Strawson.

ACTION: S Pickard.

4 General Business

- i) **Liaison with Laneham Parish Council:** The Chairman reported that he had attended Laneham Parish Council's meeting last night and East Drayton will work together on matters of joint interest on an informal arrangement.
- ii) **Parish Grant Scheme:** Discussed earlier in Agenda item 3c.
- iii) **Tour of Renewable Energy Site:** The Chairman confirmed the open evening will take place on 30th September from 6-8pm and this has been included in the last village newsletter.
- vi) **Website:** On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Mr Steve Ellis for his excellent work on producing a website for the village. Mr Ellis said at present there were 22 pages available and it would go live this week. Discussion followed concerning the Mission Statement and the following was PROPOSED by the Chairman, and SECONDED by Cllr Muriel Ogle. ALL AGREED:

The Parish Council aims to improve the quality of life for East Drayton and pledges the following:

- *Provide high standard and cost-effective services to help meet the needs and wishes of local residents.*
- *Engage in open dialogue with residents to understand their needs and together, work out how it can address these needs within the resources and powers available to the Parish Council.*
- *Actively pursue a representational role.*
- *Work together with all sections of the community.*
- *Work with others to achieve the Parish's communities' needs and aspirations.*
- *Pursue excellence through continuous improvement and innovation.*
- *Engage in the protection of the environment within the means of the Council.*

East Drayton Parish Council will endeavour to encourage and promote the best social and environmental practices for the village of East Drayton by managing services, assets and the resources of the Parish Council for the benefit of the local community.

- vii) **Parish Plan:** Discussed earlier in Agenda item 3e).
- viii) **NALC Northern Area Committee meeting held 7th September:** The Chairman had been unable to attend due to illness.
- ix) **Crime Report:** Pc Bailey advised on 8th August 2009 there had been damage to crops on Greengates Lane. He also advised of the new contact number for Notts police.
- x) **Community Forum meeting:** To be held on 29th October at 2.30 pm. The Chairman and Cllr Muriel Ogle agreed to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

5 Meeting adjourned for public discussion – No comments were made.

6 Finance

- a) Income - None.
- b) Accounts for Payment
 - i) The Council APPROVED payment of £57.50 being payment to Clement Keys for external audit of year end accounts. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
 - ii) The Council APPROVED payment of £271.54 being payment to the Clerk for salary and expenses. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
 - iii) The Council APPROVED payment of £52.19 being payment to Mr Steve Ellis regarding website setup. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
 - iv) The Council APPROVED payment of £80 to Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch Association for annual subscription. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 15th September 2009 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	2,407.91
Lloyds TSB	205.49
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d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £350 (THREE HUNDREN AND FIFTY POUNDS) from the building society to the current account. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) External Audit of Accounts for year ending 31st March 2009

The Clerk confirmed Clement Keys had now completed the external audit and the Notice of Completion of Audit form was completed and will be posted on the village notice board for 14 days. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) New mandate forms for new signatory re banking details

The necessary forms were completed concerning adding Chairman Stanley as a new signatory for the Parish Council at Lloyds Bank and the Nottingham Building Society. The Chairman to complete accordingly. **ACTION: Cllr N Stanley.**

7 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) Travel & Transport Briefing, August/September 2009; In circulation folder.

b) Planning & Landscape Briefing, August 2009; In circulation folder.

c) Rogue traders poster; For notice board.

Bassetlaw District Council:

d) Bassetlaw Local Development Framework; first stages of consultation dates and poster; In Circulation folder.

e) Code of Conduct – Training (statistical return); Completed advising it was felt the booklet already provided by Bassetlaw was sufficient. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

f) Parish Councils Liaison Group now to be held on Wednesday, 14th October at 7pm at Retford Town Hall (previously to be held on 18th November). Chairman to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

g) Fact Book 2009-10; In circulation folder.

h) Gambling Act 2005 – licensing policy statement; In circulation folder.

NALC:

i) Notice of AGM, Wednesday, 18th November at Epperstone Village Hall at 7.30 pm. In circulation folder.

General:

j) BT Payphones Adopt A Kiosk – Win £5,000 for your local community (by telling BT how the 'phone box is being used); In circulation folder for information.

k) Bassetlaw NHS PCT: Annual Public meeting 30th September 2009 at Worksop; new GP-led Health Centre. In circulation folder.

8 Urgent Business

i) The Chairman advised he had received a request from Mrs Janet Goddard to check circulation of information in the village regarding Ringmaster and he would report back accordingly.

9 Declarations of Interest – Cllr R Small declared an interest in Agenda item 10i, as below and the Declaration of Interest book was duly signed. **Cllr R Small left the meeting.**

10 Planning

i) Location: Church Lane Farm, Church Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Demolish garage, outbuildings and dilapidated agricultural buildings. Erect detached residential dwelling with integral double garage incorporating farm business office and farm workers' mess room. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) **DECISION NOTICE:** Location: North Beck, East Drayton; Retain Portacabin used for general storage. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Date and time of next meeting – The Chairman requested the meeting be moved to Wednesday, 21st October 2009 at 7.30 pm and this was AGREED. Cllr Shreeve sent advance apologies.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____