

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th November 2005 in the Village Hall

Present:

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

In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 4 and Mr Jonathon Tonks, Community Safety Officer, Bassetlaw District Council.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Mr Jonathon Tonks.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence.** Were received from DCllr Jenkins.
- 2 **Minutes of meeting held 18th October 2005**
The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed as a true record.
- 3 **The Chairman introduced Mr Jonathon Tonks, Bassetlaw District Council's Community Safety Officer, who gave a talk and demonstration on the Community Speed Watch Scheme.**

Mr Tonks said he had brought some written information giving details on the implications and commitment to the scheme should anyone wish to take this away from the meeting to consider.

Mr Tonks said the scheme initially started in Somerset where a community got together and bought a gun. It has been piloted in Nottinghamshire in Newark and Sherwood District and it has been very successful. Offending driver's vehicle details are recorded on a timed, dated and signed Community Speed Watch Activity log and these are forwarded to the police liaison person, who will arrange for letters to be sent to registered keepers. A maximum of two letters will be sent and after this the vehicle details may be circulated for targeted police intervention with possible prosecution. Volunteers have a tailor-made letter of authorisation should anyone stop and question the volunteers. Bassetlaw is now looking to roll out the scheme in its area with effect from March 2006. With a village the size of East Drayton it is recommended to have six volunteers (to include one co-ordinator). The first step is to identify the area to target, identify the volunteers and volunteer co-ordinator and then BDC will do a risk assessment to check it is safe to operate the scheme in that area. The equipment is purchased and the volunteers attend a training course. Bassetlaw District Council buy the equipment, the jackets and tri-signs. The only cost to the Parish Council is insurance (personal liability). Mr Tonks added that there had not been any claims in Newark. The information collated can add weight to requests for traffic calming or cameras in villages. Mr Tonks said that past experience had shown that after a fortnight word gets around and levels drop and then the Speed Watch could be done on a rotation system, say once every six weeks. Mr Tonks gave a demonstration of how to use the speed gun.

The Chairman thanked Mr Tonks and said from the response around the room he felt there obviously was an interest in the Scheme. It was AGREED to have a full discussion on Speed Watch at the next meeting.

Mr Tonks left the meeting.

4 Matters Arising

a) Village Sign

The Chairman confirmed that the village newsletter had now been circulated requesting ideas for depictions on the village sign. To date he and fellow Councillors had not received any response. The next stage is to obtain a suitable piece of oak.

b) Building Better Communities – street lighting

Nothing further to report.

c) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

Cllr Ogle reported that the cellar had been pumped clear and all jetted through. The problem is where it is coming in from. Bassetlaw District Council is still insisting it is Severn Trent Water

Authority's responsibility. Mrs Ogle has now been waiting 12 weeks for a letter from them. Cllr Goddard added that the collapsed drain near his home was also jetted through and there was no problem, although it is sinking again. The Chairman said he was pleased at least some small step forward had been taken.

Mrs Ogle added that Mr David Lightfoot at the Highways Department, Bolham Lane, will leave his employment on Friday, 18th November 2005.

d) Replacement tree at entrance to Manor House Farm

The Clerk reported that a reply from Mr Whittles, senior planner, policy and implementation unit at Bassetlaw District Council had been received stating that he was not aware of any legislation enabling the council to require a replacement tree. "Trees situated in a Conservation Area are subject to a notification procedure which gives a local authority time to consider making a tree preservation order. If, however, a local authority allows the removal of a tree in a Conservation Area, it cannot insist that the tree is replaced". Discussion followed and it was AGREED to reply stating that the Parish Council was most dissatisfied with the comments as a mature tree was felled without permission and the Parish Council believes there should be an appropriate replacement tree. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) Gritting

The Clerk read out a letter received from Helen Smith, deputy team leader, Asset Management, Schools' Property and Development, Notts CC in which she stated the Parish Council's letter of 21st October 2005 had been passed to the Highways Department for comment.

f) South East Bassetlaw Forum

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Steve Brown (Customer Services, Bassetlaw District Council) in which it reported no great enthusiasm for the Forum and a review is being conducted. To be taken off any future Agendas.

g) Ideas for future funding of community projects – village hall

Cllr Ogle confirmed there would be a village meeting in the village hall next Monday evening to discuss interest in extending the village hall at the rear or updating the main room and perhaps the installation of a cooker. The Chairman commented that the number of parishioners attending will give a good indication of the enthusiasm for such a project.

j) New Rural Beat Officer

The Clerk confirmed she would contact Pc Bill Bailey again to invite him to the January meeting. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

k) Land Registry – Butts Lane

The Chairman commented that at last month's meeting the ownership of this lane had been raised as there was an opportunity of voluntary registration of title. The Chairman had found mention of the Lane in Minutes dating back to 1972, but these were only references and not good enough to be able to claim ownership. The Chairman AGREED to take home some of the paperwork to investigate further. Mr Bert Neate was connected with this and the information may be contained in his loft. Cllr Shreeve to have a further word with Mr Neate. Cllr Goddard AGREED to make enquiries via the Local Access Forum.

l) Presentations to Parish Councils on the Local Development Framework

The Chairman confirmed that Mr John King, Planning Officer, Policy and Implementation Unit at Bassetlaw District Council will attend next month's meeting. He will discuss the impending planning policy changes. The Chairman stressed the importance of an individual meeting at East Drayton as Parish Councillors need to keep abreast of planning policy.

m) Rampton Hospital Community Forum Meeting

This is to be held on 8th December 2005 at 2.30pm. Cllr Parker and possibly Cllr Small to attend.

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

6 **Correspondence**

a) The Clerk read an email from DCllr Mike Jenkins in which he apologised for not attending recent Parish Council meetings. The meetings co-incide with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and this will continue until at least April 2006. He said he hoped the Parish Council would understand that he has to give this commitment priority over other meetings. However, he wished to continue to receive minutes and agendas for the meetings and offered his assistance,

giving contact details. It was AGREED to reply to DCllr Jenkins noting the difficulty he had and advising that the Parish Council fully understood his position and it would contact him should there be a need to discuss any problems. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Bassetlaw District Council:

b) Parish Councils Liaison Group Meeting, Wed, 23rd November 2005 at Worksop Town Hall (all Parish Councils can send observers to the meeting and there is a 10-minute question time at the commencement of the meeting for observers); In circulation folder.

NALC:

c) Countywise Newsletter; In circulation folder.

d) Notice of AGM, Wednesday, 16th November 2005 7.30 pm at Minster School, Southwell; and Town and Parish Standard: 04 (newsletter); In circulation folder.

General:

e) Introduction from new Rural Development Worker for Bassetlaw; In circulation folder.

f) East Midlands Regional Assembly 'Options for Change' Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands; In circulation folder.

g) Nottinghamshire Police Authority's Annual Policing Plan 2005-2006 (Policing and Plan and Annual Report now published and available on the website); In circulation folder.

h) BCVS – The Future of Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust (petition) and Year at a Glance; Discussion followed and the Parish Council AGREED that Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust should not become part of a much larger Nottinghamshire-wide Primary Care Trust and therefore the Response Form was completed and returned to Mr John Mann MP. **Action: S Pickard.**

i) Fire & Rescue Service update, Autumn 2005; In circulation folder.

j) Clerks and Councils Direct, November 2005; In circulation folder.

k) Glasdon Seating Collection; In circulation folder.

Correspondence received after Agenda prepared:

l) St Swithun's Church Council, poster advertising Christmas Tree Festival;

m) Notts Police, rural news email, theft of 4x4 vehicles from rural villages; In circulation folder.

n) NALC, Northern Area committee meeting, 21st November 2005 at 7.30 pm at Council Chambers, Retford Town Hall (Agenda and Minutes enclosed); In circulation folder.

o) Travel & Transport Briefing, November 2005; In circulation folder.

p) Planning & Property Briefing, November 2005; In circulation folder.

q) Notts CC mini-motos Police posters; In circulation folder.

r) Rampton Hospital community forum meeting on Thursday, 8th December at 2.30 pm (Agenda enclosed); In circulation folder.

s) Business link Nottinghamshire – rural business opportunities event at Ye Olde Bell Hotel on Thursday, 1st December 11.30 am to 2.00 pm (free admission); In circulation folder.

t) Cllr Ogle advised she had received a leaflet inviting people to join the Hospital Forum Foundation Trust to enable more say in how the hospital is run.

7 Planning/Naming & Numbering

i) **DECISION NOTICE:** Location: Land at Strawsons, Darlton Road, East Drayton; Erect a 20m telecommunications tower, radio housing equipment and ancillary development. The Council noted permission had been granted.

ii) **DECISION NOTICE:** Location: Westholme, Top Street, East Drayton; Erect single storey annexe. The Council noted permission had been refused.

iii) Location: The Old Vicarage, North Green, East Drayton; Confirmation of current address, The Old Vicarage, Low Street, East Drayton.

iv) **DECISION NOTICE:** Location: Three ash trees at The Blue Bell Inn Car Park, Low Street, East Drayton: Works to trees. Permission granted. It was noted that no previous correspondence had been received concerning this matter.

8 General Business

None.

9 Meeting adjourned for public discussion.

a) Village Newsletter Mr Philip Ogle said that he felt this was very important in getting people interested in village activities and letting them know what is happening. Also he felt it would be a good idea to publish the village events and main topics of the Parish Council meetings in the Retford Times. He felt this would help to generate more enthusiasm within the village. Cllr Parker commented that she had done so previously, but there had been various problems in the past. The Chairman asked Cllr Parker if she would be prepared to submit a report to the newspaper and Cllr Parker AGREED. The Clerk is to send a copy of the minutes as soon as they have been written to enable Cllr Parker to include the relevant points. **ACTION: Cllr Mrs J Parker.**

b) Siting of deer

Mr Ogle reported seeing deer on the road from East Drayton to Darlton and suggested deer signs be erected to warn motorists of the possible hazard. It was AGREED to write to the Highways Department requesting consideration be given to this. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Finance

a) Income - None.

b) Accounts for Payment – None

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 15 th November 2005 were:	£
Nottingham BS	2,508.00
Lloyds TSB	<u>162.93</u>
	2,670.93

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

11 Urgent Business

None.

12 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20th December 2005 at 7.30 pm when Mr John King, Planning Officer, BDC (Policy and Implementation Unit) will attend. Cllr Shreeve gave advance apologies.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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