

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st October 2008 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, H Shreeve and R Small. In attendance: Mr Ian Davies, Bassetlaw District Council and S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the public: 0.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – were received from Cllrs P Ogle, N Stanley and DCllrs K & S Isard.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 16th September 2008** - were approved and signed.

3 **Matters Arising**

a) Drainage issues in the village

The Chairman said this matter would be discussed in full later in the meeting.

b) Re-surfacing of Low Street

The Clerk advised no further correspondence had been received from Notts County Council (Ollerton) and it was AGREED a second letter be sent if no reply has been received before next month's meeting.

c) Village Hall situation

Cllr Muriel Ogle advised that Karen Tarburton from Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire attended the last village hall committee meeting. There had been useful discussion on what they could do with the present building with support from PROHELP. Cllr Ogle expects to receive the application form shortly and once completed and returned an architect can start work. It was agreed to leave the matter on next month's Agenda for a progress report.

d) NALC Northern Area Committee Meeting

Cllr Ogle attended the Flood Forum where Mr John Bowler and his colleague Mr Ian Davies spoke on the matter which dealt with technical matters in the Leverton, Sturton and Claborough areas – Mr Davies agreed to explain the situation later in the meeting.

e) Rampton Hospital Community Forum meeting

The Chairman attended this meeting, which as usual had little Parish Council representation. Main points were:

- Smoke-free policy in operation – two patients are appealing
- New women services unit now open and plans afoot for a new learning disability unit

f) Hedge trimming

The Chairman advised that as agreed at last month's meeting a letter was sent to Mr and Mrs Gillam politely requesting they trim their overgrown hedge. A few days later a parishioner decided to ring the Highways Department direct to complain about the hedge. The Highways Department duly inspected it and informed the owners that if they did not trim it within 14 days they would undertake the work and charge them accordingly. Parish Councillors expressed their concern at this action taken by a parishioner unbeknown to the Council. It was AGREED to write another letter to Mr and Mrs Gillam to reassure them this was not due to any intervention by the Parish Council. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

g) Unnecessary signage on A57 highway

The Clerk advised she had spoken to the Highways Department who said they could do nothing to remove any signs. Discussion followed and it was AGREED to contact Mr Alan Birt to reiterate the position regarding tractors and lorries having to pull right out over the white line for clear visibility and the road safety issues that presented. It should also be suggested a site visit be made to fully appreciate the problem. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

4 The Chairman introduced Mr Ian Davies, engineer at Bassetlaw District Council who had kindly agreed to attend the meeting to talk about the drainage issues in the village. Briefly the Chairman updated Mr Davies on the recent flooding in the village that had resulted in three houses being flooded internally, as well as many other gardens, the beck came over, general disruption in the centre of the village as the water flowed through and Cllr Ogle's on-going cellar flooding. The Chairman added that Severn Trent had carried out some investigations, but the problem persists at the bottom end of the village, where the surface water goes down to the beck, the drains cannot cope and he felt the size of the pipe was not adequate. The Chairman also mentioned that Parish Councillors had met with Mr Geoff Betts at Severn Trent and seen a copy of the old village map with drains that are not on the modern system. Mr Davies was interested to hear this; he had not

been able to find a copy – he referred to this as the old slop sewer plans and said he would try to obtain a copy. He also hoped to gain access to the public sewer records shortly and would look at the land drainage records.

Mr Davies said he had worked for Bassetlaw District Council up until 2000 and was then taken on again in July 2008. He had total focus on the matter and was concerned with increasing the mapping and knowledge of the area. He listened to the individual problems highlighted within the village and agreed to take these on board and report back in due course. Areas for further investigation include:

- The Old Post Office – land drainage issue
- The Old Manor House
- The Limes – Liaison with Notts County Council, Alan Birt
- Vine Farm – Update from Severn Trent; perhaps needs looking at from another angle
- Strawson's

Mr Davies gave a brief run through of strategies put in place since 2007 as a result of the widespread flooding:

1. Local Command Centre been set up with a dedicated phone number and BDC suggest individual village flood wardens to phone through any problems to be addressed before an event.
2. Provision of Flood Resilience Pack (already applied for by the Council, but Mr Davies had no record of this; he agreed to try and rectify this, but it is subject to funding).
3. Private consultants to undertake mapping of water courses and identify problem areas. Survey for East Drayton should be made available in November.
4. Engage additional engineer (Mr Davies himself) to try and identify individual problems.
5. The creation of Bassetlaw Drainage Co-ordination Group; previously a case of nobody talking to each other; now the following agencies are involved: John Bowler and Ian Davies representing Bassetlaw District Council, Notts County Council (Drainage manager Andy Wallis), Internal Drainage Board, Severn Trent Water (Mr Betts' successor is Ian Wilson), Network Rail and British Waterways.
6. BDC is directly responsible, as landowners and has cleaned out its dykes; Emergency work can be carried out if it is for the common good.

Mr Davies concluded by saying that this was just the start of the process that needed to continue indefinitely and he referred to the Pitt Review (June 2007). He advised the meeting of his mobile phone no: 07957 729694 and offered to make a further visit to the village to inspect the areas mentioned. Parish Councillors agreed this was a good idea and several agreed to meet him in the village in the near future.

The Chairman thanked Mr Davies and said he felt a huge step forward had been taken this evening. A direct link had now been established with Mr Davies and it was very much appreciated.

- 5 **Declarations of Interest.** Cllr R Small declared an interest in Agenda item 8i) and 8ii) and duly signed the Declaration of Interest book.

6 **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

- a) Planning Newsletter, September 2008; In circulation folder.

NALC:

- b) Countywise newsletter, October 2008; In circulation folder.

c) Freedom of Information Act, New Model Publication Scheme; The Chairman asked the Council to consider this and the matter will be raised again at next month's meeting. In circulation folder.

d) Northern Area Committee meeting minutes, held 8th September 2008; next meeting 17th November 2008 at 7.30 pm in Retford Town Hall Council Chambers. In circulation folder.

General:

e) Request for donation from Fledgelings. Matter to be raised again at next month's meeting.

f) Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust, Annual Report and accounts 2007-08. In circulation folder.

g) BCVS flyer. For village notice board.

h) The Making and enforcement of byelaws; A consultation (comments invited by 20th November). In circulation folder.

- i) Town and Parish Standard, September 2008; In circulation folder.
- j) The Big Bassetlaw Survey – John Mann MP; To be held over until next month's meeting.

List of correspondence received after Agenda circulated:

Nottinghamshire County Council:

k) Planning & Landscape Briefing, October 2008; In circulation folder.

l) Countylink, October 2008; In circulation folder.

General:

m) Mobile Rural Contact Point poster for notice board;

n) Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire; AGM 6th November at Rushcliffe Borough Council's Civic Centre at 6.30 pm. In circulation folder.

7 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion. No members of the public present.

8 Planning

- i) Location: Church Lane Farm, Church Lane, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect extension to existing grain and agricultural store. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) Location: Low House, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Conversion of roof space to form bedroom, ensuite and dressing room including the installation of 2 dormer windows to the South elevation. The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) **DECISION NOTICE:** Tithe Barn Cottage, North Green, East Drayton. Vehicular access. The Council noted permission had been granted. To be filed. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

9 General Business

i) Boundary wall at Tithe Barn Cottage – The Clerk advised no correspondence had been received since the planning comments were forwarded to Bassetlaw District Council

ii) Adopt A Kiosk – the Chairman advised that the contract to purchase the red 'phone box for £1.00 had been completed and submitted to BT. The Parish Council would now be responsible in due course for the electricity supply amounting to approximately £20/pa. Issues to be addressed in the near future include advising the emergency services no 'phone connected and display of sign in the 'phone box announcing ownership by the Parish Council.

iii) The Parish Charter – Further discussion took place and it was AGREED there would be little benefit in the Council signing up. Bassetlaw District Council to be advised accordingly. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10 Finance

- a) Income - The Council noted receipt of £1,142 into the Lloyds Bank being the second instalment of the precept and grant.
- b) Accounts for Payment – None.
- c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21st October 2008 were:

	£
Nottingham BS	1,802.62
Lloyds TSB	1,268.91
	<u>3,071.53</u>

d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £1,000.00 (ONE THOUSAND POUNDS) from Lloyds Bank to the Nottingham Building Society. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Urgent Business – None.

12 Date and time of next meeting

Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, 18th November 2008 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____