

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th May 2007 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr D Allen (Chairman), Cllrs M Ogle, J Parker, H Shreeve, P Ogle, J Goddard, R Small, CCllr J Hemsall, PC Bailey and PCSO Tony Ciacci. In attendance: S Pickard (Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

1 Apologies for Absence – There were no apologies.

The Clerk took the chair and asked for nominations as follows:

2 Election of Chairman

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

3 Election of Vice-Chairman

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

The book of Declaration of Office was duly completed and signed and Cllr Allen took the Chair.

- 4 The Chairman welcomed PC Bailey and PCSO Tony Ciacci to the meeting. PC Bailey introduced PCSO Ciacci who works with him and as PCSO his role is one of high visibility and reassurance and to try to be available wherever there was a problem. Recently PCSO Ciacci, who is on foot patrol, has been involved with issues in Tuxford and Laneham, and PC Bailey assured the meeting that he would be available for East Drayton should a problem arise. PC Bailey said since 1st January 2007 there have been six crimes in the village (these had been mentioned previously in PC Bailey's crime reports). The incident concerning harassment of a female was clarified as one of mobile phone misuse by a man in Chesterfield, (as referred to in last month's Minutes). PC Bailey warned of periodic opportunists coming into the village looking for anything to steal and he urged anything suspicious be reported. PC Bailey said that links with Neighbourhood Watch had fallen down recently due to office staffing issues and he had to look for the information himself. PCSO Ciacci said there was an unofficial system in operation whereby neighbours ring round themselves.

The Chairman thanked PC Bailey and PCSO Ciacci for their attendance and they left the meeting.

5 Minutes of meeting held on 17th April 2007

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

6 Matters Arising

a) Environmental health issue at Vine Farm

The Clerk reported no replies to date had been received from Mr John Bowler at Bassetlaw District Council or Mr Geoff Betts at Severn Trent Water regarding the request to consider co-operating together to establish the whereabouts of the drains at the bottom end of Low Street. It was therefore AGREED to contact the Chief Executive at Bassetlaw District Council to advise him that no response had been received from his Council. It was also AGREED to contact the Consumer Council for Water to update them. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

b) Rampton Hospital Community Forum meetings

The Chairman and Cllr Ogle attend the meeting held on Thursday, 26th April. The Chairman reiterated his comments that the meetings were just a paper exercise. The new Chief Executive is Mr Mike Cooke and new Director of Human Resources Manager is Kate Truscott. The Chairman reported as follows:

- Proposal of new Northern perimeter fence likely to cost £32.9m.
- Parish Council's letter sent concerning the suggestion that the Forum meet less frequently was not received and although discussion followed, three-monthly meetings will still take place.

- Community Forum did agree to hold future meetings outside the prison in the Community Centre which would alleviate the necessity for lengthy security checks.

c) Nottinghamshire County Council request re Back Lane

The Clerk advised there had been no response to date concerning the second request to Nottinghamshire County Council to repair the surface of Back Lane. CCllr John Hemsall had taken this matter up on the Parish Council's behalf and he AGREED to pursue the matter.

ACTION: CCllr J Hemsall.

d) The Blue Bell Inn

The Clerk reported no further news had been received from DCllr Isard concerning the toilet block. It was AGREED to contact the Planning Department at Bassetlaw District Council to ascertain the present planning status. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

7 Declarations of Interest.

The Chairman, Cllr Allen, declared an interest in Agenda item 9 Planning; i) Drayton Farm, Low Street, East Drayton; Proposal: Remove condition 10 of PA 15/03/4 (footway to the site's frontage shall be widened to 2m). An entry was made in the Declaration of Interest book and signed by Cllr Allen.

8 Correspondence

Bassetlaw District Council:

a) Mobile Rural Contact point poster; For village notice board.

Nottinghamshire County Council:

b) Travel & Transport Briefing, April 2007; In Circulation Folder.

c) Countylink, April 2007; In Circulation Folder.

Standards Board for England:

d) New Code of Conduct; The Chairman drew attention to the new Code and requested Parish Councillors consider this in readiness for discussion at next month's meeting. In Circulation Folder.

NALC:

e) Minutes and Agenda for meeting to be held on 21 May 2007 at 7.30 pm at Retford Town Hall. No one is available to attend. Apologies to be sent. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

General:

f) E-mail from new Rural Officer from Bassetlaw; In Circulation Folder (and then to be kept for reference purposes).

g) Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council: Notice of AGM and nominations; In Circulation Folder.

9 Planning

Cllr Allen left the room to comply with his Declaration of Interest.

i) Location: Drayton Farm, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Remove condition 10 of PA 15/03/4 (footway to the site's frontage shall be widened to 2m). The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Cllr Allen rejoined the meeting.

10 General Business

i) Cllr Philip Ogle announced that they were hoping to organise a Village event on Saturday, 8th September on the cricket field; attractions to include a car boot sale, sports day, BBQ and possibly a Ceildh with marquee. Proceeds will go to the village hall fund.

ii) It was AGREED to contact Bolham Lane to request the grass verges be cut on the junction to the A57 and also on Church Lane in the village. **ACTION: S Pickard.** Discussion followed about the many signs placed on the roadside in relation to road safety with particular reference to the Lincoln road and CCllr Hemsall AGREED to take up the matter. **ACTION: CCllr J Hemsall.**

11 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

There were no members of public present at the meeting.

12 Finance

- a) Income - The Council noted VAT repayment of £25.70 by BACS to the Lloyds TSB and £1,125.00 precept/contributions payment into the current account from Bassetlaw District Council.
- b) Accounts for Payment – The Council AGREED payment of £175.07 for insurance with the Community Consultation Ltd. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 15th May 2007 were: £

Nottingham BS	1,396.58
Lloyds TSB	<u>1,304.96</u>
	2,701.54

- d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £800 (EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS) from Lloyds TSB to the Nottingham Building Society. **ACTION: S Pickard .**
- e) Completion and Signature of Annual Governance Statement Year Ending 31st March 2007
Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending March 31st 2007 was completed by the Council members and signed by the chairman in preparation for the internal audit, by Mrs Jose Ellis. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her efforts in preparing the accounts for audit. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- f) UHY Hacker Young letter (notice of External Annual Audit
In accordance with auditing standards the Clerk issued each Parish Councillors with a copy of the letter from Hacker Young calling for the accounts, year ending 31st March 2007.

13 Urgent Business - None

14 Date and time of next meeting

Next month' meeting, the Annual Parish Council meeting, will take place on Tuesday, 19th June 2007 at 7.30 pm.

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

Signed _____ Date _____

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