

# East Drayton Parish Council

## *Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting*

held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 by "ZOOM" at 7:45 pm

### **Present:**

Cllr D Jopling (Chairman); Cllrs A Stanley, R Small, P Darlow, S Manson, R Bond.

Also present: Mrs G Squire (Clerk), CCllr J Ogle. Members of the Public: 2

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr I Stephens, Dcllr S Isard, Mr and Mrs J. Bingham and Mrs J Goddard.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019** – Approved and signed. (Due to the COVID pandemic there was no APM in 2020)
- 3 Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising.
- 4 Annual Reports** (the full documents were circulated prior to the meeting)
  - a) Parish Council – The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to Neil Stanley for his many years of service to EDPC as councillor and Chairman. He welcomed Cllr Bond who joined the council in July 2020. EDPC had maintained its regular meetings through "Zoom" and Cllr Jopling thanked the Clerk for her determination to keep direct lines of communication with BDC open. He commented on the success of the "Light Up For Christmas" competition and thanked the volunteer litter pickers as well as Cllrs Manson and Darlow for maintaining the planters and Mr Ellis for his continued running of the website.
  - b) Police – The following summary of annual figures for the Tuxford region was supplied – burglary 12; criminal damage 10; vehicle theft 5; theft from vehicle 16; theft 8; attempted theft 3; calls for service/enquiry 665.
  - c) Bassetlaw District Council– no report received
  - d) Nottinghamshire County Council – summary of highways issues – see PC minutes.
  - e) Website Co-ordinator – The hosting site is now TEEC and our website is now WAG2.1 compliant and will automatically be updated. The website is user friendly and maintained by Mr Ellis. Anyone can contact the Clerk via email from the site. If any enhancement is requested that can be done by Mr Ellis, via the Clerk. It's worth a look! S. Ellis  
[www.eastdrayton.org](http://www.eastdrayton.org)
  - f) Village Newsletter editor – published 4 times a year with additional issues should the need arise. P Darlow
  - g) Village Hall Committee – With the hall being closed during 2020 due to Covid a new team has been established – Sue Purnell (treasurer), Sarah Hilditch (correspondence) and Elaine Hemsall (bookings and caretaking). The team look forward to getting things back up and running once restrictions are lifted. J Goddard
  - h) Churchyard Fund – In her report Mrs Goddard thanked the PC for the servicing of the two mowers. The rota for volunteer grass cutting is up and running. The Churchyard looks good and thanks were extended to all volunteers involved in this, and to Liam Goddard for cutting the hedges. New volunteers welcome! J Goddard
  - i) Parish Clock Fund – Since the 2019 APM the village responded to a fundraising appeal for the repair of the clock. The trustees have decided to have the clock serviced on an annual basis and the PC were thanked for their commitment to the funding of this village asset. S Ellis
  - j) East Drayton Educational Charity - "The aim of the charity is to promote the education of persons under 25, resident in East Drayton and in need of financial assistance." There were no beneficiaries in 2020/21. Buliding Society balance £776.89 and investments at £2205.90. Further details about the Charity, it's objectives and its Trustees are on the ED website. S Ellis
  - k) Constable Charity – "The trustees have been unable to meet face-to-face but have continued to conduct the Charity's business by phone and email. Donations have been made to Fledglings Nursery, St Peter's Church and Dunham-on-Trent primary school. The Charity is open to ED residents for funding for educational purposes". John Bingham (Chairman of the Trustees)

- l) Sports Club - "A shortened cricket programme went ahead from July- Sept. 2020 and the new season began on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2021 under Covid restrictions. Funding from BDC and the VH has allowed the update of facilities with a new scoreboard and covers as well as reseeding the outfield. Several players reside or have close connections to the village and more are welcome as players and supporters. Contact Jean Bingham on 248797 or [jean.bingham@hotmail.com](mailto:jean.bingham@hotmail.com). Jean Bingham
- m) Neighbourhood Plan – At the APM in 2019 it was agreed to approach BDC regarding the development of a NP for ED. On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 a Public Consultation meeting was held and more than 50 residents attended. Stage 1 "The designation of the Parish area" was ratified by BDC on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. and a number of meetings with BDC planning officers established the process of NP development. A second Public Meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. to establish the evidence base for Stage 2. A Steering Group was formed (Chair S Manson and VC R Bond) and it met regularly until the Covid pandemic in March 2020. As the SG were working on the village consultation process this was judged to be impractical and the NP was put on hold until face-to-face meetings could be held. All reports, minutes etc are on the village website. G Squire, Secretary to the SG.
- n) There were no other organisations present.

**5 Inspection of Parish Council Accounts** - No questions with regard to the accounts tabled. The accounts are available on the website.

## **6 Any Other Business**

- a. Pre-notified to the Clerk – none  
b. Raised from the floor

- The Clerk informed the meeting that the fact sheet "How East Drayton Works" - which explains the roles of the village organisations and who is responsible for what - is now on the website and has been distributed to all households in the village. As new residents arrive they will receive a copy. It was first issued in 2019 and an updated version will be distributed in August 2021.
- Cllr Stanley asked about the income for the Constable Trust. £440 per year is raised from the rental of 2 fields in the village.
- Cllr Bond suggested that Mrs Hilditch approach the village charities with a request for support of the Children's Fun Day to be held in July (post-covid wellbeing event). The Clerk will put Mrs Hilditch in contact with Mr Ellis and Mr Bingham.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. The meeting was declared closed at 8.20 pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:30pm in the village hall (Covid restrictions allowing).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

DR Jopling, Chairman

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