

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 17th June 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley (Chairman), Cllrs A Stanley, R Small, M Goddard and I Stephens. Also present: CCllr J Ogle and Mrs S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the Public: 6

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr H Mackintosh, Mrs Kathryn Watkinson and PC Bailey.

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th April 2013 - Approved.

3 Matters Arising- There were no matters arising.

4 Annual Reports

- a) Nottinghamshire County Council – CCllr Ogle said East Drayton was one of the most effective council meetings he had attended. He said there were a lot of savings to make and that is why more outsourcing was being undertaken. The last time the Conservatives were in office CCllr Ogle said they made big improvements in education, by removing all political restrictions allowing teachers to just do their job. CCllr Ogle had also had first-hand experience of dealing with trying to get help from Social Care on behalf of a constituent and said how frustrating the experience had been. Regarding the Local Improvement Scheme the budget had been cut from £3.5m to £0.5m rolled over to this year; 70% of funding has been earmarked for red areas, mostly towns and very little for rural areas. Regarding the Policing of the area, CCllr Ogle had a meeting with Paddy Tipping and voiced his concern that PC Bailey was working in Worksop and Newark, rather than being allowed to use his knowledge of the local area. Regarding the broadband connection, CCllr Ogle said he was on the Economic Development committee and said how difficult it was to find out the current situation. BT send reports every few months but they don't really inform. BT together with Notts CC and European funding should provide 93% of the county's broadband. The Government then funded a further 5% last summer, but that still leaves 2% who will not get broadband. East Drayton area was considered one of the most remote areas, but he said they were doing what they could to press the matter.

The Chairman thanked CCllr Ogle for attending this evening and for his report.

- b) Parish Council – The Chairman began his report by saying there had been very little planning this year. On the funding side Bassetlaw District Council had cut grants to parish councils and he felt soon there would be nothing available. The only way parish councils could raise money would be by way of the precept. The Parish Council had agreed to donate £1,500 towards the repair of St Peter's Church roof with the final £500 pending until the PCC had advised on the current funding position. Dog fouling continues to be a problem and the Chairman was disappointed that the signs he had erected had been taken down. Concerning road repairs in the village, the Chairman had had two meetings with the Highways department and there was still work outstanding and it was understood this would be carried out as and when finances were available. The night time street lighting has now been fully re-instated and thanks go to CCllr Ogle for his support concerning this matter. Regarding the local bus service, this will be reduced dramatically from the Summer, but a booking service will be in place.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions, but none were forthcoming.

- c) Police - PC Bailey was unable to attend the meeting, but had submitted a report as follows:

"I have been going through some figures for East Drayton to try to give an overview of crime and disorder in the village. There isn't very much for this year alone, so the totals below are for the last 18 months.

7th April 2013 – Low Street – Assault (detected)

8th April 2013 – Low Street – Dwelling burglary (remains undetected)

5th October 2013 – Top Street – Damage to car tyres (remains undetected)

12th March 2014 – Low Street – Damage to car tyres (remains undetected)

For all calls to the Police originating from East Drayton there have been 35 since the start of 2013. This includes all calls, such as suspicious incidents, property enquiries, domestic incidents and traffic complaints. There have been four road traffic accidents recorded in the same time period.

The Special Constables who are doing the bulk of the speed enforcement for me have been in East Drayton a few times, in particular trying to catch a specific vehicle that has been seen driving through at speed on a regular occasion. This driver has previously been issued with a warning notice about his driving and when caught again his vehicle will be seized.

Looking forward at how things are changing. The budget cuts are impacting on Police numbers but, at this time, there are no significant changes to rural policing from how it has been in recent years. I continue to cover three Police areas (council wards) with the assistance of two PCSOs. The replacement for Claire Walker is due to join me in the next couple of weeks after completing his training and I will publish his contact details once he is deployed full time. His name is PCSO Karl White."

- d) Bassetlaw District Councillor - No representation from the District Council.
- e) Website Co-ordinator – Mr Steve Ellis said over the past 2-3 years there had been 784 visits to the village website, that now covers 42 pages with 284 pictures. He added that he had been able to help one person who had emailed him on the website trying to trace someone and Mr Ellis had been able to help him find the person. Mr Ellis explained that sometimes the links didn't work and sometimes this was due to Notts County Council's links not working. Host cost £85.66 including cost of domain name (operating cost no charge). The Chairman thanked Mr Ellis for all the work he puts into maintaining the website for the benefit of the village.
- f) Village Newsletter editor – Cllr Mackintosh was unable to attend the meeting, but had emailed a report as follows: *The newsletter will continue and simply aims to inform residents about what is going on in the village/Church/pub etc. The next edition will be before the end of the school term and further social events are being planned, starting in September.*
- g) Village Hall Committee - Mrs Ogle thanked the Chairman and Cllr Mrs Stanley for painting the outside of the village hall. The flat roof had recently received major repairs and there had since been damage inside. A recent event had raised £735 towards the cost of repairs. However with hall lettings and polling station venue, they were on a more even keel now.

- h) PCC Churchyard Fund - Mrs Ogle thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £150 which will be put towards the upkeep of the mower and purchase of petrol. Mrs Ogle also thanked the Parish Council for the £1,000 donation towards the roof fund and also the donation from Cllrs Keith and Shirley Isard. The South aisle will be the next project and this will cost around £25,000. Mrs Ogle agreed to organise an up to date financial position for the Parish Council as soon as possible. The Lychgate Fund holds funds totalling £383.64 and it was AGREED this money could be transferred to the church roof fund.
- i) PCC Clock Fund - Mrs Goddard said the clock is keeping good time and thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £50. The account holds funds of £1,094.41.
- j) East Drayton Educational Charity - Mr Ellis reported they held funds in the building society of £745.65 and he was pleased to say there had been one beneficiary from the fund over the past year. Also this year there is somebody earmarked to receive a grant. The objects of the charity are to promote the education of persons under the age of 25 years, who are resident in East Drayton and who are in need of financial assistance to purchase books for College/University. It was AGREED to ask Cllr Mackintosh mention the availability of the fund in the next village newsletter.
- k) Constable Charity – Mrs Bingham confirmed they had been able to make donations to Fledgelings pre-school playgroup and St Peter's Church.
- l) Dunham-on-Trent School – Mrs K Watkinson was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report:

In September last year we employed a new preschool manager, Kate Stott, due to the previous manager leaving in July. Kate, along with Jane Noble and Corrina Kane, has transformed Fledgelings. Not only has the environment changed with new equipment, new logo, new setup but the experience for the children has changed. Working with the Early years foundation stages the learning experience through play has moved up a notch preparing children for school at four years old. Although standards were met previously these have been improved dramatically this year. The children are having a great experiences, we have had an outing to Retford library for world book day followed by lunch at Captain Jacks Adventure, we are off to Yorkshire wildlife park and Art in the park at Rufford park, sports day is planned for July and our leavers party at the end of July with entertainment for the children. We focus on different topics each week in the setting to increase children's knowledge and also to have lots of fun with recent topics including pets, science & superheroes!!

Fledgelings is still run by a group of volunteer parents and although numbers have picked up throughout the year a lot of these children will be going to school in September. We are constantly fundraising to keep Fledgelings running. We recently held a fete at Dunham village hall which raised over £900 and Dunham Bridge Company donated £1000 which paid for fencing to our outside playground making it safe and secure.

We are making an effort to increase local parents' awareness of Fledgelings to hopefully increase numbers for this September and beyond to keep our much loved and needed preschool running.

m) Sports Club - Mrs Bingham said they had won promotion in cricket from the 5th league, into 4 and Saturday football was in decline in the area, but the Sunday league had won the division cup and moved up into Division 2 following re-organisation. Last year they secured £25,000 from the County Council Olympic Legacy Fund and this had provided new changing facilities and the official opening will take place this coming Sunday. Mrs Bingham concluded by saying they have always been grateful for the support they have received from the Parish Council in previous years.

5 Inspection of Parish Council Accounts - No questions with regard to the accounts tabled.

6 Any Other Business

- i) Regarding the Best Kept Village competition, the Chairman said he was pleased to report the village looked much more tidier this year and he was grateful to everyone who had contributed to this. However, litter continues to be an issue.
- ii) Lighting of St Peter's Church – Mr Ellis confirmed a sponsor had been found and the Church will be floodlight from December into January 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. The meeting was declared closed at 8.45 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 15th July 2014.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2015