

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Tuesday, 21st April 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley (Chairman), Cllrs R Small, M Goddard, D Jopling and I Stephens. Also present: Mrs S Pickard (Clerk). Members of the Public: 8

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr H Mackintosh, Cllr A Stanley, PC Bailey and PCSO White.

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th June 2014 - Approved.

3 Matters Arising - There were no matters arising.

4 Annual Reports

a) Parish Council – the Chairman began his report by saying there had been very little planning again this year. Regarding the ongoing traffic issues through the village, EDF Energy had now agreed to fund the purchase of one interactive sign. EDF were in the process of transferring funds over to Notts County Council, who would then consult with the Parish Council concerning installation. The speed signs for wheelie bins had been purchased with prize money from the Best Kept Village competition. Also two three-tier planters had been purchased with the winnings and one would be placed in a corner of the village hall carpark and the second would be sited where the salt bin currently stands, near St Peter's Church. Volunteers had come forward to maintain the planters. It had been agreed to enter the competition again this year and the Chairman asked if everyone could support by doing a little bit to help in keeping the village tidy and attractive. There is a litter problem in the village and this has become an increasing nuisance. Again, the Chairman said he was grateful to the volunteers who had come forward to litter pick in and around the village. There is no dog fouling problem in the village now. The Chairman advised that payments from Bassetlaw are diminishing each year and therefore it had been necessary to raise the precept again to reflect this. The state of repair of the village roads had been reported, especially at the crossroads, but funding budget cutbacks meant it was not possible to say when they would be attended to. The Chairman concluded by saying that a mower had been purchased for the PCC with a Community Grant from DCllr Keith and Shirley Isard (£300, remaining £50 from Parish Council funds). Mrs Goddard thanked the Parish Council and will send a letter of thanks to the DCllrs. Mrs Goddard mentioned the mower shed roof needed attention and Cllr Goddard agreed to take a look.

b) Police – in the absence of PC Bailey and PCSO 4985 Karl White, the Chairman read out the following report from PCSO White:

Crime figures for the village since the last Annual Parish meeting are as follows:

4th August 2014 – Entry gained to a garden shed and items taken from within

14th September 2014 – Theft of single earth copper from siren towers

26th September 2014 – Theft of mill wheel from garden wall

29th December 2014 – Theft of flat low loader transport trailer

29th January 2015 – Theft of farm tractor and trailer

11th March 2015 – Theft of stone trough and sundial

7th April 2015 – Theft of two lawn mowers from back garden

Last year saw a rise in the rural areas of theft of garden ornaments, in particular stone. Although this trend has appeared to decrease, reports are still being received. We would appreciate your help in combatting this issue and remind residents to be extra vigilant. Notes should be taken of any vehicle acting suspiciously and registration numbers taken if possible. We recommend that photographs are taken of any stone ornaments owned and identifiable marks left if appropriate. Please report any suspicious activity to the control room on 101 or alternatively myself 07795 541 503 or PC Bill Bailey on 07910 336 844.

Furthermore, we are continuing to receive a large number of calls regarding illegal poaching (hare coursing) in rural areas. The Neighbourhood Policing Team has been carrying out operations of weekends in an attempt to combat this issue. Poaching is a very difficult situation, as proof of illegal activity is required for a prosecution. As above, we would appreciate your help and any registration numbers taken passed to your local neighbourhood policing team.

Training has also been rolled out to all control room staff, Neighbourhood Policing Team and Police Response regarding rural crime and how to combat such issues and crime as a whole.

- c) Bassetlaw District Councillors – no representation from the District Council.
- d) Nottinghamshire County Council – no representation from the County Council.
- e) Website Co-ordinator – Mr Steve Ellis was pleased to report that there had been 1625 visits to the village website in total; it now has 578 files and 331 are linked. He added that if anyone wanted anything adding to the website he would be pleased to consider it. Costs for the coming year: Host £51.26 plus VAT and domain name £20.13 giving a total of £85.67 payable in June 2015. The Chairman thanked Mr Ellis for all the work he put 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:

“East Drayton Update continues to be produced every two or three months to let everyone know about news and activities in the village with an occasional special issue for something special, so look out for an election special! Particular thanks to the regular team who deliver the copies around the village in all weathers.”
- g) Village Hall Committee - Mrs Ogle thanked the Parish Council for the donation of £200 that had been put towards recent roof repairs, along with £100 from the Constable charity and £830 from two fund raisers. The occasional letting means they are in a fairly good position financially and this in turn has enabled donations to two charities; Help the Heroes and Bliss.
- h) PCC Churchyard Fund - Mrs Goddard thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £250 and said the books were quite healthy at the moment. She thanked all those on the grass cutting rota in keeping the churchyard mown and tidy. Mrs Goddard added that she knew of another village paying out thousands of pounds each year for the upkeep of the churchyard, whereas it only cost around £60-70 for petrol per year at East Drayton.

- i) PCC Clock Fund - Mrs Goddard said the clock is keeping good time and thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £100. The account holds funds of £1,194.88 and they have not had to pay out for any repairs for some time, although eventually the clock faces will need re-painting.
- j) East Drayton Educational Charity - Mr Ellis reported they held funds in the building society of £704.11 and he was pleased to say there had been one beneficiary from the fund over the past year, receiving £100. Around £50-60 is generated each year from income from endowments. 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.

Discussion followed concerning publicising both the existence of the Educational Charity and the Constable Charity in the village newsletter and Mr Ellis and Mr Bingham should liaise with Cllr Mackintosh regarding this.

- k) Constable Charity – Mr Bingham confirmed everything was going smoothly. The Church is the biggest recipient of income and they had also been able to make a donation to Fledgelings pre-school playgroup, but not an individual on this occasion.
- l) Sports Club - Mrs Bingham thanked the Parish Council for its continued support and for the donation of £200. The Football club is in Division Two of the Scunthorpe League and in the cup final - so there are hopes for another trophy. There has been a shortage of cricket players, but this has recently increased and they looked forward to a good standard. Mrs Bingham said the grounds are often complemented upon. Mr Bingham added that that open day to mark the opening of the new pavilion last June was a wonderful day and he had hoped everyone who had attended enjoyed it.

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

6 Best Kept Village Competition – the Chairman reiterated that the village would enter the competition again and he hoped for continued support from villagers and a repeat win.

7 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. The meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19th May 2015.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2016