

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held on Tuesday, 18th April 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley (Chairman), Cllrs R Small, A Stanley, H Mackintosh, D Jopling.

Also present: Mrs G Squire (Clerk), DCllr K Isard. Members of the Public: 4

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence: DCllr S Isard, PC Bill Bailey, Mrs J Goddard, Mrs J Bingham.

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2016 – Approved and signed.

3 Matters Arising - There were no matters arising.

4 Annual Reports

a) Parish Council – The Chairman reported that East Drayton was designated a non development area and that planning issues this year had related to extensions to existing property and planning permission for a plot on the edge of the village on Low Street. NCC had repaired the potholes at the crossroads. Thanks to two grants from DCllrs Isard, the PC had purchased and donated a new oak notice-board to St Peter's Church. The Chairman had erected this on Good Friday, with the help of Steve Thornhill and Eric Morton. He expressed concern about the state of pavements and gutters in some parts of the village and hoped that householders would take pride in their village and keep these areas in front of their properties clean and weed-free. The Chairman was pleased to note that NCC had responded quickly to his request for new signs denoting Mill Lane, after a distressed carer had found she was unable to locate this road when trying to attend a client. He commented that the request for the PC to install a defibrillator in the phone box was being actively considered (see the minutes of the PC meeting 18th April 2017, prior to this meeting).

b) Police – PC Bailey sent the following report:

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

2016

2x theft from outbuildings

2x theft from vehicles

2x theft of stone troughs

1 attempted break-in at the Blue Bell Inn

1 assault on Church Lane

2017

1 assault on Low Street

1 house burglary on Retford Rd

1 theft of plant on Darlton Rd.

Please report any suspicious activity to 101 or PC Bailey on 07910 336 844.

PC Bailey noted that although East Drayton was historically quiet, there had been 11 incidents this year. He asked people to be particularly vigilant about locking their vehicles and not leaving valuables in them.

The Chairman noted that PC Bailey was to retire this year and there were no plans to replace him at this time. He had contacted The Commissioner, Paddy Tipping, but had no response to his letter.

c) Bassetlaw District Council– DCllr K Isard confirmed that planning was not an issue in rural villages like East Drayton, low development was typical. Sustainability was the issue. He also commented that the proposal to integrate BDC into the SCR was currently in abeyance.

d) Nottinghamshire County Council – no report received

e) Website Co-ordinator – Mr Steve Ellis reported that the website had been rebuilt. It now had 1000 pictures and files and had received approximately 260 visits since the update a few months ago. 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 reported that the East Drayton Update continues to be produced every few months to let everyone know about news and activities in the village, with an occasional special issue for something special. He reiterated that it was not a mouthpiece for the PC, but was aimed at keeping the village aware of events and relevant issues. The next issue will publicise the Village Breakfast to be held on 6th May.
- g) Village Hall Committee – In her report Mrs Goddard stated that the hall was generally in good repair. Funds were raised by the regular Monday Fitness class, as well as various events and private hire. The hall was an invaluable base for the visiting French Choir in October. The Pudding Night held in February raised £530 for the ED Sports Club. The next event is the Breakfast on 6th May.
- h) PCC Churchyard Fund – In her report Mrs Goddard thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £250 which had been used to pay for the servicing of the two mowers. She thanked all those on the grass cutting rota for keeping the churchyard mown and tidy, the grass had been cut 3 times this season already.
- i) PCC Clock Fund - Mrs Goddard reported that the clock is keeping good time and thanked Nick Parkes for his continued care of the clock. She noted that eventually the clock faces will need re-painting. Again Mrs Goddard thanked the PC for its donation to the Clock Fund.
- j) East Drayton Educational Charity - Mr Ellis reported they held funds in the building society of £623.97 and he was pleased to say there had been one beneficiary from the fund over the past year, receiving £100. 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.
- k) Constable Charity – Mr Bingham confirmed everything was going smoothly and the two fields generated a rental income of £400 a year. £100 had been transferred to a CCLA investment fund and three quarters of the funds held were invested for three years. Of the income, the church received an annual donation as set out in the terms of the Charity and a young person in the village had received a donation to help with university costs. There was money available for beneficiaries and Mr Bingham stressed the need to support deserving cases.
- l) Sports Club - Mr Bingham thanked the Parish Council for its continued support and for the donation of £250. The donation and the money received from the Village Hall event and been used to purchase a new sight screen as the old one had been destroyed by Storm Doris earlier in the year. The Football club is half way up Division Two of the Scunthorpe League. The Cricket team finished at the bottom of Division 3, having been promoted from Division 4 last year. New players for both the Football and Cricket teams are very welcome.

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

6 Best Kept Village Competition – the Chairman stated that the PC was considering whether the village would enter the competition this year. He reiterated the need for help with litter picking and the need for all residents to help keep the roadside gutters clear and weed free.

7 Any Other Business

- (a) Pre-notified to the Clerk – none
- (b) From the floor – Mr Bingham raised the matter of the poor broadband reception in the properties on the far edges of the village. He was in negotiations with BT and Openreach but was not making much progress. The Chairman advised him to contact CCllr John Ogle who was in consultation with BT over this matter.

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, 17th April 2018

Signed _____ Date _____ 2018