

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held on Tuesday, 17th April 2018 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley (Chairman), Cllrs R Small, A Stanley, D Jopling, M Goddard.

Also present: Mrs G Squire (Clerk), CCllr J Ogle. Members of the Public: 5

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs H Mackintosh and I Stephens, Mrs J Goddard,

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2017 – Approved and signed.

3 Matters Arising - There were no matters arising.

4 Annual Reports

- a) Parish Council – The Chairman noted there had been 2 successful planning applications for land adjacent to The Bungalow on Top Street and the last plot on the right of Low Street. The issue of the state of the roads was under constant discussion with CCllr Ogle. The trees in and adjacent to the church yard had been pruned (last time was 10 years ago). A defibrillator had been installed in the phone box and the Chairman again expressed his thanks for the donations received towards this from the BHF and private individuals. He also thanked Mr D Stone for monitoring the equipment on a regular basis. It was noted that the byway on Church Lane cannot be closed despite the deliberate damage being caused to the lane, as the lane remains a bridleway. The Henry Small Memorial bench on North Green is to be replaced with a new one. The village came second in its section in the BKVC. The issue of dog-fouling on Low Street seems to have improved recently.
- b) Police – there was no police report submitted however CCllr Ogle stated that crime figures in the area were similar to last year. The Chairman confirmed the appointment of a new rural Police Officer for the Tuxford district on 21st May 2018.
- c) Bassetlaw District Council– no report received
- d) Nottinghamshire County Council – CCllr Ogle reported that an extra £5m would be spent on roads in the coming financial year. Ongoing problems should be reported to him. EDPC could liaise with the new highways officer for BDC, Joanne Horton.
- e) Website Co-ordinator –Mr S Ellis reported that there are files amounting to 120Mb of data with 42 pages in the website, accessible from the main and sub menus. There have been 352 visits to the site since last year when the site was refurbished. All EDPC agendas, minutes, notices and associated documents are viewable from 2009 when the site was set up. The hosting cost for 2018/19 will be £67.18 and the Domain name renewal will be about £29.59. These costs are dictated by the hosting organisation EasySpace, based on the Glasgow Science Park. Both costs are due on 20th June 2018 and the invoice will be presented to the EDPC. 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.
- g) Village Hall Committee – In her report Mrs Goddard stated that the hall was in reasonable repair. Funds were raised by the regular Monday Fitness class, as well as various fundraising events and private hire. There was also rental income from the meeting of the Parish Council and the Milton Mausoleum Friends Committee. The VH committee wished to thank the PC for their generous donation towards new speakers to enable the Village Cinema to open. The aim is to show films on a monthly basis through the winter. Two films have been shown so far, with an attendance of approximately 20 at each. A Kick Boxing class will begin once the organiser has the relevant insurance in place. The next event is the Village Breakfast on 5th May.
- h) PCC Churchyard Fund – In her report Mrs Goddard thanked the Parish Council for its generous donation and organisation of the work on the trees in the churchyard and around the village. It

should be easier for large lorries and tractors travelling through the village and easier when cutting the church yard grass. The rota for volunteer grass cutting will be out shortly and it is anticipated that there will again be sufficient volunteers.

- 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.
- j) East Drayton Educational Charity - Mr Ellis reported they held funds in the building society of £685.02. The assets are held in shares in the Charities Official Investment Fund and are currently valued at £1811.27. There has been one potential beneficiary from the fund in 2017/18. 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 John 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 - Mrs Jean Bingham thanked the Parish Council for its continued support. She was disappointed to report that the football team had folded due to a lack of commitment. The ground has been hired to the Gainsborough Sunday League, but due to the continued waterlogged pitch it has not been possible to play there. The East Drayton Cricket team were relegated from Div.4 to Div.5 at the end of last season. The first match this season is an away game on 21st April. Due to the waterlogged conditions it has been very difficult to use equipment to prepare the wicket and outfield.

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 would enter the village in the BKVC this year. The village came second in the category of villages with a population under 300, receiving a prize of £50. 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) The Clerk thanked Mr Ellis, Mrs Goddard and Mr and Mrs Bingham for returning their signed GDPR consent forms. These forms are required from every individual listed with the Parish Council under new Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25th May 2018. The parish councillors would receive their forms prior to the meeting on 15th May.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions. The meeting was declared closed at 8.00 pm. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th April 2019 at 7:30pm.

Signed _____ Date _____ 2019

The Chairman

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