

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held on Monday, 20th May 2019 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley (Chairman); Cllrs A Stanley, D Jopling, I Stephens, P Darlow, S Manson.

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 R Small, PCSO L Campion, Mr S Ellis and Mrs J Goddard,
- 2 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th April 2018** – Approved and signed.
- 3 Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising.

4 Annual Reports

- a) Parish Council – The Chairman reported that all planning applications had been passed and reminded the residents that applications were always posted on the notice-board as well as near the property involved. Any concerns could be raised at a PC meeting or expressed directly to BDC Planning dept. through the relevant reference on the application. Cllrs N and A Stanley and R Small are to attend the Rural Policing meeting on 18th July. Road and footpath issues continued to be raised with NCC. Despite the village not entering the BKVC this year the Chairman asked the residents to please keep verges, footpaths and gutters clean. Cllrs Jopling and Manson were thanked for their help in cutting the verges at the edges of the village as were N Hinchcliffe and J Parker. An appeal was made for more residents to come forward to help with these tasks. Cllrs Stanley and the Clerk are to meet with Will Wilson at BDC to discuss the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan for ED.
- b) Police – An email report was as follows – “We have had very few incidents/crimes reported in the immediate vicinity of East Drayton, however our main concern amongst the rural communities still remains thefts where buildings are targeted for farm/plant machinery, quad bikes and Land rovers. We are led to believe some of the offenders here may also have connections with offenders responsible for the high volume of calls we receive regarding wildlife crime and criminal damage to crops, where 4x4 vehicles are often used to drive around fields, mainly at night chasing deer, foxes, badgers, hares and rabbits. Any suspicious vehicles seen in and around the area should be reported to the police asap, with details of vehicles and occupants. The officer based at Tuxford is now PC Jason Fellows. CCllr Ogle then stated that drainage issues should be reported to VIA (now owned by NCC) and gulley-cleaning should be quarterly. Any flooding should be reported immediately to him.
- c) Bassetlaw District Council – no report received
- d) Nottinghamshire County Council – CCllr Ogle reported that there were quarterly Police Rural Priority meetings to which a representative could go. PC Fellows has produced an information sheet relating to rural laws for PCs from non-rural areas so they know what to look for and how to deal with it. Off road crimes and poaching are the current priorities. Drones and off-road vehicles are to be employed to tackle these issues. After its successful work combating diesel theft from A1 lay-bys, a specialist force was disbanded and theft is on the increase again.
- 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. It has not been possible to record visits to the site due to reliability of free software. All EDPC agendas, minutes, notices and associated documents are viewable from 2009 when the site was set up. The hosting cost for 2019/20 will be £70.20 and the Domain name renewal will be about £30.92. These costs are dictated by the hosting organisation EasySpace, based on the Glasgow Science Park. Both costs are due on 20th June 2019 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.
www.eastdrayton.org
- f) Village Newsletter editor – no report received.
- 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 for meetings or parties. There was also rental income from the meeting of the Parish Council and the Kick-boxing class. The French Conversation Group had proved very successful and it is hoped that would resume in September. The cinema has not been operating recently due to the cost of the relevant license and always relying on the small group of volunteers. Mrs Goddard also appealed for more volunteers (as had the Chairman earlier). With more volunteers more events could be run. The fluorescent light tubes and emergency lights have all recently been upgraded to LED.

- h) PCC Churchyard Fund – In her report Mrs Goddard thanked the Parish Council for paying for the servicing of the two mowers. The rota for volunteer grass cutting is up and running and it was pointed out that there are vacancies for two sessions in October. The Churchyard looks good and thanks were extended to all volunteers involved in this.
- i) PCC Clock Fund - Mrs Goddard reported that there had recently been problems with the clock but it is now keeping good time and thanked Nick Parkes and Steve Ellis sorting this. The PC was thanked for its donation which will go towards servicing the clock.
- j) East Drayton Educational Charity - Mr Ellis reported they held funds in the building society of £648.38. The assets are held in shares in the Charities Official Investment Fund and are currently valued at £1756.97 (a decrease on last's figures due to Stock Market values). There was one beneficiary from the fund in 2018/19, 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. Further details about the Charity and its Trustees are on the website.
- k) Constable Charity – Mr John Bingham confirmed everything was going smoothly and the two fields generated a rental income of £440 a year. Funds are held in an COIF 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 the “Fledglings” nursery group at Dunham School had also received a donation. Mr Bingham noted that the viability of this charity (set up in the 1830s) was very difficult in our modern society but there was money available for beneficiaries and he stressed all applications would be considered from books to transport for hospital visits etc... (information as above in 4j)
- l) Sports Club - Mr Bingham thanked the Parish Council for its continued support and the donation towards the purchase of a new sight screen. The cricket team are currently in good form. Since the football team was disbanded last year the ground has been rented to a Retford team in the Gainsborough Sunday League. Once again a decline in support is a concern.
- m) There were no other organisations present.

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 not enter the village in the BKVC this year. However, 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

- Pre-notified to the Clerk – none
- No matters raised from the floor.

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 Tuesday, 19th May 2020 at 7:30pm.

Signed _____ D Jopling _____ Date _____04/05/2021_____

The Chairman

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