

## EAST DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs S Manson (Vice-Chairman), R Bond, P Darlow, R Small, A. Stanley, I Stephens; DCllr S Isard and CCLlr J Ogle; the Clerk and Mr S Ellis .

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Jopling; DCllr L Stanniland. In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Manson took the chair.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021** – approved and signed .
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
  - Newsletter -published in August and included the fact sheet “How East Drayton Works”
  - New notices regarding dog fouling - purchased by Cllr Stephens.
  - Gulley cleaning scheduled for this month. Monitored by Cllr Jopling.
  - The Clerk updated the meeting on the current state of the Book Exchange – not overfull at present and tidy. Unfortunately boxes of books have been dumped on the grass verge on 2 occasions recently, despite there being room on the shelves for books. The person responsible could also have left the boxes on the floor of the phone box. This activity was considered to be disrespectful to the residents of the village.
  - NP Steering Group meeting to be scheduled for October.
  - There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** NONE
5. **Planning –**
  - “Kushti Tan” - The dilapidated caravan remains and is sited in view of the neighbouring property. Cllr Jopling is in regular contact with the enforcement officer who is investigating.
  - 21/01121/HSE – granted .
  - 21/00717/FUL – To date the BDC planning portal shows “awaiting decision”.
6. **Correspondence** – see attached sheet. No circulation file prepared due to COVID-19. All correspondence (including COVID-19 administrative and legal documents) distributed by email. Cllr Manson proposed that the circulation file be scrapped as electronic sharing of information had worked well during the pandemic. Unanimously agreed. Any other items could be accessible in the meeting room or on request from the Clerk. Additional correspondence for this meeting included the Winter Supply form from VIAEM and a request for financial support from North Notts First Responders. Cllr Stephens proposed a grant of £250 towards their work in the locality, seconded by Cllr Bond and agreed unanimously.

## 7. Urgent Business –

- The road signs “Mill Lane” and “Long Lane” were reported to the Clerk as having been uprooted from the junction and left in the dyke. This was reported to NCC highways immediately and the signs were reinstated within the week. Thanks to CClr Ogle and NCC Highways for the swift response.
- A lengthy discussion was held regarding drainage issues in East Drayton. CClr Ogle asked the Clerk to contact Matt Duckworth (Highways Drainage Officer) with a review of the current situation regarding the state of the village drains. **ACTION - ALL COUNCILLORS TO SEND THEIR COMMENTS AND RELEVANT PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE CLERK BY 1ST OCTOBER.**
- A further lengthy discussion was held regarding the parlous state of the village roads – potholes, inadequate “spot” repairs and patching etc.. CClr Ogle would discuss this with Jo Horton (Highways) at his meeting with her tomorrow, but again asked the Clerk to prepare a review for submission to Ms Horton and the NCC website. **ACTION - ALL COUNCILLORS TO SEND THEIR COMMENTS AND RELEVANT PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE CLERK BY 1ST OCTOBER.**

## 8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion –

- Mr Ellis reminded the meeting that the Church would be floodlit from the change of the clocks at the end of October to the change of the clocks at the end of March 2022. He was looking for sponsorship. The Clerk would post this request on EDV and EDCV Facebook pages. Anyone interested in this to contact Mr Ellis on 01777 248095.
- DCllr Isard asked the Clerk to complete the £200 grant request form – to be donated to the Parish Clock Fund.
- CClr Ogle – regarding the draft Bassetlaw Plan – a meeting is to be held on Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.) but CClr Ogle pointed out the following issues -
  - a. additional expansion at the Eaton side of Ordsall.
  - b. government targets are set in the draft plan, but BDC want to exceed these (up to 25%) with East Markham, North Leverton and Beckingham already exceeding their government required allocation. In fact Beckingham, despite being in Nottinghamshire, are having an additional Lincolnshire Housing Association allocation.
  - c. Retford Civic Society have submitted a thorough response to BDC regarding increased housing allocations.
  - d. 4000 homes to be built at a new “green village” at Ranby. Sheffield City Council are looking at this allocation as well as at the planned expansion for Ordsall.
  - e. CClr Ogle asked the question as to why BDC was so keen to allocate additional housing above the government's recommendations as laid out in the plans.
  - f. CClr Ogle asked the Clerk to make comment to BDC regarding East Drayton's allocation (now 5%, so 5 new homes), after 14<sup>th</sup> October, bearing in mind the planning applications currently in the pipeline. ACTION – Clerk .

**9. Finance**

- a. Income : NIL
- b. Accounts for payment
  - Clerk's quarterly salary - £241.00 - APPROVED
  - HMRC income tax - £60.20 – APPROVED
  - Clerk's expenses (May to Sept.) - £20.53 - APPROVED
  - Russell's "GRILLO" repair £160.10 - APPROVED
  - Defib4Life (2 sets defibrillator pads) - £91.20 – APPROVED
  - Cllr Stephens - Dog Fouling signs £9.90 APPROVED
  - Donation to North Notts First Responders £250 – APPROVED
  - Cllr Manson – village planters - £90 - APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 31/08/21 TSB - £4,664.38
- d. Signatories - on hold until current restrictions are eased. Clerk to investigate validity of current forms with the TSB.
- e. Budget updated – Clerk to circulate.

**10. General Business**

- Cllr Darlow suggested a Craft Fair and Village Breakfast prior to Christmas. As a result of the discussion that followed it was decided to hold a Craft Fair next autumn, in good time for next Christmas, allowing for suitable and widespread advertising of such an event. In the meantime Cllrs Darlow and Manson would compile a list of villagers interested in exhibiting/selling their crafts. Cllr Stanley also suggested the possibility of holding an exhibition in the church as there was more space there compared to the village hall. For consideration next year.
- The next village newsletter would be produced in November – Cllr Darlow.

**11. Date of next meeting – MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 at 7:00pm, in the Village Hall.**

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr D Jopling, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

Dated.....