

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 21st February 2012 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs N Stanley, A Stanley, I Stephens, H Mackintosh, M Goddard, P Ogle and R Small. In attendance: Clerk, S Pickard. Members of the public: 0.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – were received from CCllr Hemsall and Pc Bailey.
- 2 **Minutes of meeting held on 17th January 2012** - were approved and signed.
- 3 **Matters Arising**
 - a) Painting of red 'Phone Kiosk – Cllr Mackintosh reported that Mr Martin Hudson had kindly agreed to paint the 'phone kiosk in the Spring.
 - b) Overhanging branches at property on Top Street - The Clerk advised that Karen Nurse at Nottinghamshire County Council had emailed on 23.1.12 to confirm an inspector will deal with the matter.
 - c) Priority Setting meeting for Safer Neighbourhood Groups – The Chairman reported he had intended to go to the meeting, but contacted Pc Bailey and he advised it would mainly be concerned with larger villages such as Misterton and Tuxford; and the main topics would be anti social behaviour, speeding and littering. The Clerk advised the minutes and a subsequent update had now been received and they would be placed in the circulation folder.

4 **Police**

The Clerk read out an email from Pc Bailey concerning the new Police Commander, Superintendent Fretwell: "..... and he has been reviewing our current practices with regards to some aspects of neighbourhood policing. One of the things that he has reviewed is the attendance at Parish meetings by Beat Officers and he has put out the following instructions.

1. Beat Officers will not attend Parish Meetings, but will try and structure in Parish 'walkabouts' to occur in the hour or so before the meetings start. This is so that persons attending the meeting will have the chance to speak with their local Officer. (From my knowledge, the attendance at meetings by members of the public is minimal).

2. No crime figures will be sent by email. This is because the crime figures are now available to all at www.police.uk and clerks can obtain these themselves"

After discussion, it was AGREED to reply (with a request this be forwarded to Supt Fretwell) that the new instructions have been met with total dismay. An invitation to be extended to Supt Fretwell to attend a future Parish Council meeting and a preference for Pc Bailey to attend Council meetings for 15 minutes rather than a walkabout the village that it is believed would not achieve anything. A note of thanks to Pc Bailey for his support in the past to be made and a reply from Pc Bailey and/or Supt Fretwell by the next meeting was requested. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- 5 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations.

6 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council

- a) Local Improvement Scheme Event – Tuesday, 15th May 2012 at Newark Showground; No one available to attend. Reply required: **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- b) Strategic Flood Risk Management Board; letters from emergency planning team and from the Flood Risk Manager, and directory of flood-related resources. To be placed in the Circulation folder.
- c) Developing a Nottinghamshire approach to Localism. To be placed in the Circulation folder.
- d) Minerals Local Plan Consultation. To be placed in the Circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- e) Bassetlaw Spring Clean/Big Tidy up 8th – 22nd April 2012 – It was AGREED to participate in the event. Application form to be submitted requesting bags and gloves. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- f) Bassetlaw Games – Sports volunteering project. To be placed in the Circulation folder.
- g) Parish Council Liaison Group meeting minutes. To be placed in the Circulation folder.

NALC:

- h) Free Road shows; Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning; nearest on Tuesday, 13th March 2012 at 6pm to 9.30 pm at Retford Town Hall. To be placed in the Circulation folder.
- i) How to shape where you live; guide to neighbourhood planning. To be placed in the Circulation folder.

Police:

- j) Rural East Bassetlaw; minutes from Priority Setting meeting held on 18th January 2012. To be placed in the Circulation folder.
- k) Nottinghamshire Police 2012/13 Precept and Budget Proposal – Have Your Say. To be placed in the Circulation folder.

General: To be placed in the Circulation folder.

- l) Thanks from Fledgelings Pre-School Playgroup for donation.
- m) Alzheimer's Society; Poster (for notice board). To be placed in the Circulation folder.
- n) Spinal Injuries Association – hold a Fish and Chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 to help raise money (poster for notice board). To be placed in the Circulation folder.
- o) Trent Vale newsletter. To be placed in the Circulation folder.

7 Planning

- i) Location: North Beck, Low Street, East Drayton. *Proposal:* Erect garage/workshop and greenhouse (renewal of P/A 15/09/00001). The Council had no objections. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

8 General Business

- i) Village Newsletter – The Chairman congratulated Cllr Mackintosh on a very impressive first issue and Cllr Ann Stanley said it was “excellent”. Several emails had been received concerning future contributions and the Gym is keen to get involved regarding the planned sports day. The next edition will update villagers after the Diamond Jubilee meeting on 19th March.

- ii) Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Cllr Ogle reported on the last committee meeting briefly as follows:

- Pinch 'o Snuff booked (do not require deposit)
- Mudfords (also do not require deposit); 12 tables (10 people/table) and 80 chairs
- The Blue Bell – request 4m long bar (need price from Mudfords)
- Food – main course + pudding seems agreeable
- Cllr Small – already holds music licence and no problem re insurance
- Cllr Ogle – organising events licence
- Malcolm Goodman has agreed to be treasurer
- Next meeting 7pm on Monday, 19th March

iii) Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils – The Clerk advised login details for the Council as follows:

Username: East-Drayton

Password: mn147

iv) Street light defects – the Clerk advised Karen Nurse at Nottinghamshire County Council had emailed advising the street lighting team will deal with the issues. The Chairman added that street light no 6 is still out and he had spoken to Karen Nurse again today. Concerning the switching off of street lights overnight, the Chairman will be contacted when this is imminent. Cllr Stephens added another street light was out and would email the Clerk with details later. Also the road sign North Green has been hit by a vehicle and the Give Way sign on Church Lane at the crossroads also needs attention. Clarification from the County Council's solicitors is still awaited concerning the separation of the village name/30mph signs. Also the pothole near Cllr Small's property has worked loose again and the length of Low Street also has numerous potholes. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

v) The Chairman highlighted the ongoing problems concerning Alert messages and the Neighbourhood Watch Association – neither is working satisfactorily at the moment. Further investigation required. A further paragraph to be added to the email to Pc Bailey concerning this matter. **ACTION: The Chairman.**

9 Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion – no members of the public were present.

10 Finance

a) Income – None.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council agreed payment of £60.52 being the annual NALC subscription.

ACTION: S Pickard.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 21st February 2012 were: £

Nottingham BS	1,907.93
Lloyds TSB	<u>730.34</u>
	2,638.27

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Internal Audit – It was AGREED to contact Mrs Jose Ellis to ask if she would be willing to undertake the internal audit of the Parish Council's accounts, as in previous years. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

11 Urgent Business

i) Dates of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting were AGREED as 17th April 2012 and 15th May 2012 respectively.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition – It was AGREED to enter the competition again this year, but further thought should be given to the application form. To be finalised at next month's meeting. It was also AGREED to write to the owners of North Green House and Poplar Farm to kindly request they tidy their property in preparation for the competition.

ACTION: S Pickard.

iii) Cllr Stanley wished to thank Cllrs Small and Goddard for their snow clearing efforts during the recent Winter weather.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

12 Date and time of next meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday, 20th March 2012 at 7.30 pm.**

Signed _____ Date _____