

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th April 2012 in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs N Stanley, A Stanley, I Stephens, M Goddard, P Ogle and R Small. In attendance: DCllr S Isard and the Clerk, S Pickard. Members of the public: 1.

1 **Apologies for Absence** – were received from DCllr K Isard, Cllr H Mackintosh, CCllr Hempsall and PC Bailey.

2 **Minutes of meeting held on 20th March 2012** - were approved and signed.

3 Matters Arising

a) Highways defects: potholes/street lighting and road signs down; The Chairman advised that he had been notified that in future potholes will be repaired on an ad hoc basis as funds are available; the criteria seems to be if the pothole is deeper one and a half inches it will be repaired at some time. Recent works to potholes have been unsatisfactory. The street lighting is now restricted at night. Cllr Ogle added that some thought should have been given to the clocks going forward an hour at BST shortly after the restriction came into being. If the road signs are still down as it approaches judging time for the Best Kept Village competition, the Chairman agreed to undertake this himself.

b) Overhanging branches at property on Top Street - The Chairman advised that a Section 154 order was ignored, but a new inspector is now in place and the branches have been tidied to some degree.

c) Bassetlaw Spring Clean – The Chairman advised that it had been decided to undertake this nearer to the date of the Best Kept Village competition. It had been disappointing there was no response to the request for help in the village newsletter.

d) North Green House – the property had now been tidied up.

4 **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations.

5 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council:

a) Invitation to Civic Service – Sunday, 24th June 2012 at 3pm at Southwell Minster. No one available to attend. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Bassetlaw District Council:

b) List of forthcoming craft markets (poster for village notice board)

c) Annual Canvass 2012; In circulation folder.

d) Funding of the Rural Officer dedicated to Bassetlaw; In circulation folder.

e) Pride in Bassetlaw – Questions to Parish Councils. To be completed by the Chairman.

NALC:

f) Notts Association minutes from meeting held 27.2.12 and Agenda for 21.5.12 (Speaker: Pauline McManus – The Localism Bill). In circulation folder.

Police:

g) Priority Setting Meeting – survey results. The Chairman referred to the survey completed on-line last month and feedback seemed to be disappointing or even negative in most areas in connection with the new Policing structure.

General

h) Response, Notts Fire & Rescue Service magazine, 2012; In circulation folder.

i) What's On in Trent Vale 2012; In circulation folder.

j) Plantscape – plants in public places (brochure); In circulation folder.

k) National Citizen Service – poster; In circulation folder.

l) Elkesley PC/Action Committee – invitation to Action Group meeting on 24th April 2012 at 7pm in Elkesley Memorial Hall; In circulation folder.

6 **Planning** – there were no planning matters.

7 **General Business**

i) Village Newsletter – The Chairman reported that Cllr Mackintosh was disappointed in the lack of feedback, although he did think it was doing some good – ticket sales for the Jubilee Celebration are going well. Cllr Mackintosh has requested that he would like to thank Mr Strawson for the printing of the newsletter; this is much appreciated.

ii) Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration – The Chairman requested that it be minuted that the recent Jubilee Planning meeting minutes had referred to the Parish Council having donated £250 towards the cost of the event. This was incorrect – the funds had been received from DCllr Keith and Shirley Isard for the benefit of the village hall and the Parish Council’s involvement was only as facilitator. Mrs Ogle has been informed. Cllr Ogle advised that ticket sales were indeed going well (40 definite and all other tickets have been circulated).

8 **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** – there were no comments from the public.

9 **Finance**

a) Income – None.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council agreed payment of £169.43 to Community Consultation for insurance.

ACTION: S Pickard.

ii) The Council agreed payment of £11.50 to the Chairman for litter pickers for the village tidy up. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

iii) The Council agreed payment of £80.00 to the Neighbourhood Watch Association.

ACTION: S Pickard.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 17 th April 2012 were:	£
Nottingham BS	1,919.37
Lloyds TSB	<u>648.57</u>
	2,567.94

d) Transfer of Funds – Not required.

e) Adoption of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012

The Council inspected the accounts for 2011/2012 and Cllr Neil Stanley PROPOSED the accounts be adopted and Cllr Ian Stephens SECONDED the proposal. All AGREED. These were then signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer. The approved accounts are attached to these minutes and form an integral part of them.

10) **Urgent Business**

i) Neighbourhood Watch Association: The Chairman said he would report on this matter at the Annual Parish Meeting that followed immediately after this meeting.

ii) Best Kept Village Competition – The Chairman reported he had inserted a notice in the newsletter requesting people support the village entry and he asked for volunteers to help those who needed assistance in tidying their property and also give consideration to their own property. He also issued a reminder about dog fouling and asked for volunteers to help with the litter picking. To date only one volunteer had come forward. It was commented that the owners of The Brambles have been tidying their property by edging a border but the garden waste from this could be better disposed of. The Chairman also agreed to contact Mr John Strawson to ask if he would have a tidy around. **ACTION: The Chairman.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

11 **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday, 15th May 2012 at 7.30 pm (Annual Parish Council Meeting).**

Signed _____ Date _____