

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in the Village Hall

## Present:

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

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

The Clerk took the chair and asked for nominations as follows:

## 2 Election of Officers:

### Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stephens and SECONDED by Cllr Ogle that **Cllr Stanley** be re-elected Chairman. ALL AGREED. Cllr Stanley accepted.

## 3 Vice-Chairman

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Ogle and SECONDED by Cllr N Stanley that **Cllr Stephens** be elected Vice-Chairman. ALL AGREED. Cllr Stephens accepted.

The book of Declaration of Office was duly completed & signed and Cllr Stanley took the Chair.

4. **Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012** - were approved and signed.

## 5 Matters Arising

a) Highways defects: potholes/and road signs down; It was noted the number of potholes is escalating again and the Chairman agreed to contact the Highways Department again to highlight the matter. **ACTION: The Chairman.**

b) Best Kept Village Competition - The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the lack of enthusiasm regarding entry to the competition. Areas of concern around the village are:

- Darlton Road – Mr John Strawson has kindly agreed to tidy the verges and the verge next to Tithe Barn.
- Grass verge at top of Low Street requires attention.
- Grass verge on Retford Road – Cllr Small agreed to tidy.
- Stokeham Road – the Chairman will attend to.
- Gutters are acceptable, apart from on Low Street – Cllr Ogle agreed to check. Cllr Stephens will do Retford Road and look at the village hall carpark.
- Litter picking – will be undertaken by the Chairman, Mr Tim Wheatley and Mrs Jenny Stephens.
- Phone box – will be repainted by the end of the month.

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

## 7 Correspondence

### Bassetlaw District Council:

- a) Parish Councils Liaison Group Agenda (25.4.12) and minutes from meeting held 25.1.12. In circulation folder.
- b) Pilot Lengthsman Scheme – The Chairman agreed to register the Parish Council's interest in the matter. Full information in the circulation folder.

### General:

- c) Letter of thanks from Fledgelings Pre-School Playgroup. In circulation folder.
- d) Best Kept Village competition posters; to be placed in the village notice board and The Blue Bell.

e) Email from PC Bailey advising there have been no more crimes reported in the village since the spate of burglaries in January. The last incident occurred on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012. One of the burglaries on Low Street is still under investigation by CID, who have a named suspect and are still awaiting forensic results on items found at the scene. Cllr Stephens added that he dialled the non-emergency Police number at 8.20 am this morning to report a deer on the A1, but there was no answer.

f) Textile recycling bank enquiry – in aid of the National Police Aid Convoys charity; it was AGREED to suggest they contact the landlord at The Blue Bell for a site, with the backing of the Parish Council. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

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

## 9 **General Business**

i) Village Newsletter – nothing further to report at present.

ii) Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration – Cllr Ogle advised that ticket sales were at 110-120. The catering sub-committee has the meal arrangements in hand and the next step is to find volunteers.

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

## 11 **Finance**

### a) Income

i) The Council noted £1,344.00 precept/contributions half-yearly payment into the current account from Bassetlaw District Council.

ii) The Council noted payment of £57.85 being VAT refund.

### b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council AGREED payment of £20.48 to Eon for the 'phone box lighting. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

### c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 were:	£
Nottingham BS	1,919.37
Lloyds TSB	<u>1,522.97</u>
	3,442.34

d) Transfer of Funds – It was AGREED to transfer £1,000 (ONE THOUSAND POUNDS) to the Nottingham Building Society. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

e) Completion and Signature of Annual Governance Statement - Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 was completed by the Council members and signed by the Chairman in preparation for the internal audit, by Mrs Jose Ellis. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

## 12 **Urgent Business**

i) Neighbourhood Watch Association: The Chairman advised he had tried to contact Mr Reynolds to advise him regarding the number of magazines required for the village and to highlight his concern that no messages have been received. The annual subscription of £80 has been paid and a receipt received. CCllr Hemsall agreed to look into the matter. **ACTION: CCllr Hemsall.**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

13 **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30 pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_