

# East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held  
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Village Hall

## Present:

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

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs P Ogle and I Stephens, and PC Bailey.
2. **Minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012** – were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - i) Email reply received from Cllr Hazel Brand, BDC Rural Advisor confirming that in terms of the agricultural aspect of her role, this is very important to her especially living in the farming area of Misterton (in particular with reference to the proposed ambulance changes and the importance of a 'hub' in Bassetlaw).
  - ii) Part-night street lighting – Clare Murden, Project Manager at Highways Energy Saving advised that *"the costing for the cells and installation is approx £20 per unit, which means installation for all the lights in East Drayton is £580. The part-night lighting scheme is a 'spend to save scheme' and payback period is approx. 2 years but then each year following this, a direct saving in electricity costs is made"*.
4. **Declarations of Interest** – there were no declarations.
5. **Correspondence**
  - Nottinghamshire County Council:
    - a) New telephone contact information for customer enquiries. In circulation folder.
    - b) 2013-14 budget consultation (launched 5<sup>th</sup> November for 12 weeks). More information on [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budget](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budget) (where comments can be submitted). In circulation folder.
    - c) Concessionary bus travel; bus pass renewal information. In circulation folder.
  - Bassetlaw District Council:
    - d) Christmas and New Year Refuse collections information (for noticeboard)
    - e) Bassetlaw Rural Conference – Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 4pm at Carlton-in-Lindrick. No one available to attend. In circulation folder.
    - f) Parish Councils Liaison Group meeting minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> October and notice of next meeting to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013. In circulation folder.
    - g) The 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies (proposals relating to Bassetlaw see the three Wards – East Markham, Rampton and Tuxford & Trent – currently in the Newark constituency, transfer to a new constituency to be called Sherwood. Further information can be obtained at [www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk](http://www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk). In circulation folder.
    - h) Scrutiny Select Panel on Promoting Electoral Engagement in the community (survey to be completed on line). The Clerk to pass details to Mr Ellis for inclusion on the village website.  
**ACTION: S Pickard.**
- General:
  - i) Nottingham Hospitals charity appeal; in circulation folder.
  - j) Clerks and Councils Direct, November 2012 issue. In circulation folder.
  - k) Western Power Distribution; table of job prices since taking over from Eon.
  - l) RCAN survey.
- Police:
  - m) PC Bailey – advice on securing your oil tank. The Clerk to pass details to Mr Ellis for inclusion on the village website. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
6. **Planning** – there were no planning matters.
7. **General Business**
  - i) Village Newsletter – Cllr Mackintosh advised the next edition is due out next week; he will include details about refuse collection and the importance of using the correct bin when recycling.
  - ii) Neighbourhood Watch service to cease – the Chairman confirmed that this has been superseded by the Alert system.

8. **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** – At this point, District Councillor John Ogle arrived and advised that DCllr John Hemsall is retiring in May next year and he is the elected candidate to replace him. Local farmer and winner of the FWAG competition, DCllr Ogle said he had worked with Parish Councils and acknowledged this was a big rural area; he would give representation on country issues and endeavour to attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible.

Concerning his recent correspondence with Parish Councils, DCllr Ogle read out the petition currently being run regarding the District Council's proposal to cut the concurrent grant by 8% and then abolish it completely the following year. For many Parish Councils this would mean increasing the precept.

*The petition is worded follows: "Bassetlaw District Council Cabinet has made the decision that the Parish Concurrent Grant is to be initially reduced and then discontinued. We feel that this creates inequality and an imbalance between town and country communities. This would inevitably result in double taxation for the country parishes to retain existing services.*

*We would like the Bassetlaw District Council to give further consideration to this issue and to review their decision. We feel a debate at full council would be appropriate followed by a public consultation a Council Inquiry. We would like Bassetlaw District Council to address and redress the imbalance."*

Two and a half thousand signatures are required to enable a debate on the subject and the more publicity the issue received, the better. DCllr Ogle thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend the meeting and left a supply of petition papers for circulation.

9. **Finance**

a) Income – the Council noted payment of £1,344.00 being the half yearly payment from Bassetlaw District Council.

b) Accounts for Payment – None.

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 were:	£	
	Nottingham BS	2,519.37
	Lloyds TSB	<u>1,502.58</u>
		4,021.95

d) Transfer of Funds – not required.

e) Signatories to sign change of address form re Clerk's new address. The Chairman and Cllr Mackintosh signed the mandatory form for Lloyds TSB. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

10. **Urgent Business**

i) Amendments to Register of Members' Interests forms – each Parish Councillor read through and made amendments according to Janet Askew's requests. Cllr Ogle and Cllr Stephens' forms to be posted out with explanatory notes. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) Cllr A Stanley voiced her concern around motorists speeding through the village, causing particular worry at each end of the school day when children are waiting for/alighting their bus and also on a Saturday morning. The village has reverted to a 'rat run' and it was AGREED to contact PC Bailey to highlight the issue and request a random speed check by the Police. The Chairman also AGREED to investigate further and report back at next month's meeting. **ACTION: Chairman/S Pickard.**

iii) The Chairman advised that the local Hunt had taken up a bridge for ease of horses to negotiate the dyke. This had not been replaced but after speaking to the Joint Master, it had then been reinstated the same day.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

11. **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.30 pm.**

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