

# East Drayton Parish Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in East Drayton Village Hall

### **Present:**

Cllrs N Stanley, Mrs A Stanley, R Small, H Mackintosh, I Stephens and DCllrs S and K Isard. In attendance: the Clerk, S Pickard. Members of the public: 0.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – were received from Cllr M Goddard.
2. **Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013** – were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising**
  - a) Road defect on Church Lane has been attended to after several attempts by the Highways Department, but not satisfactorily.
  - b) Overhanging branches at property on Top Street. The Chairman reported that the owner had received three visits and a letter had been sent to Mr Stevens requesting he attend to the work. If this does not happen, Nottinghamshire County Council will carry out the work and seek payment from the owner.
  - c) Removal of Darlton Road sign. The Chairman confirmed this work would be taking place over the next few months.
  - d) Overhanging branches on flat roof to rear of the Village Hall. Cllr Stephens advised that due to a busy workload he had not yet attended to this, but would do so as soon as possible.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item** – there were no declarations.
5. **Street Naming and Numbering:**
  - i) Location: The Haven, Low Street, East Drayton. Proposal: Revised property name: Chapel View. (The Council had no objections). **ACTION: S Pickard.**
6. **Correspondence**
  - National Government:
    - a) Communities and Local Government – Our Place! (second phase of Neighbourhood community budgets) – invitation to become part of the programme. In circulation folder.
    - b) Community Rights for Parish and Town Councils – DCLG guide. In circulation folder.
    - c) Department for Communities and Local Government – Openness and Transparency on personal interests. A guide for councillors. In circulation folder.
  - Nottinghamshire County Council:
    - d) The Budget Challenge – poster for noticeboard and comments cards.
    - e) Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan preferred approach (feedback views 23.10.13-4.12.13). In circulation folder.
    - f) Greenwood Team – free advice and funding of up to £500 to help with tree planting projects. In circulation folder.
  - Bassetlaw District Council:
    - g) Refuse Collections information for Christmas and New Year 2013/14. In circulation folder
    - h) Localised Council Tax Support scheme consultation (now closed). In circulation folder.
  - NALC:
    - i) 68<sup>th</sup> AGM – Agenda for Wed, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Epperstone VH (guest speaker, Paddy Tipping, Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner. In circulation folder.

j) Sustainable communities Act – making direct proposals. In circulation folder.

Police:

k) Rural Crime Summit – Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 2-4pm at Cedric Ford Pavilion, Newark Showground (and poster for noticeboard). In circulation folder.

l) Safer Neighbourhood Committee Actions/crime figures. In circulation folder.

m) PC Bailey Crime report. In circulation folder.

General:

n) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2013. In circulation folder.

o) Disability Nottinghamshire – moving address – poster for noticeboard.

p) Cllr Liz Yates' letter re HGVs in local areas – this matter was debated, but it was AGREED this was not a problem in East Drayton.

## **7. General Business**

i) Village Newsletter – Cllr Mackintosh advised the next edition was under way. Cllr Small offered his barn for a possible church roof fund raiser after a family celebration in January. Mudfords would leave the marquee decoration and a note should be made that a bar licence would need to be applied for. Cllr Mackintosh AGREED to mention this in the next newsletter and Cllr Small was thanked for his generous offer.

ii) Village postman – the Chairman confirmed that the current postman will now be staying in the village for the foreseeable future.

iii) IT support for Clerk – the Chairman advised he had been in contact with Bassetlaw District Council and they had confirmed that for the purposes of data storage a separate memory stick would be the best option. DCllr Isard kindly offered a spare memory stick for use by the Clerk for Parish Council business.

iv) Rural Conference held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013; Cllr Ann Stanley gave a brief report:

- The underlying message was that yes, everyone wants to continue doing what they are, but resources will diminish.
- There has been a 25% reduction in staff at Bassetlaw District Council.
- Suggested sharing of building accommodation – Council offices and Police Station sited together.
- 2014-15 will see a substantial reduction in funds; council tax v services (grant made payable to the Parish Council could be lost)
- Dementia strategy – the NHS is concerned about rural areas and those living on their own. Investigation under way concerning a rapid response team and more resources being put into health centres and surgeries to support those families with dementia sufferers.
- Neighbourhood plans – tied into Localism plans.
- Rural Action Plan – draft currently out to consultation.
- Broadband – central hub in Retford – some funding available.
- Next forum meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 pm in Retford Town Hall.

Cllr Stanley added that the conference was well attended and delivered efficiently with knowledgeable key speakers, notably the speaker on flood protection. It was noted that some thought the district council tier of government may eventually be cut and DCllr Keith Isard said the responsibility would be to the County with a North/South divide.

v) Plaque in memory of Mrs Taylor – the Chairman confirmed he will arrange for a plaque to be placed in the bus shelter in memory of the late Mrs Veronica Taylor.

vi) Flood resilience container – the bag of grit is solid and Cllr Small AGREED to attend to this by dropping the bag to loosen it.

8. **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** – no members of the public present.

9. **Finance**

a) Income – None.

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council AGREED payment of £165.00 for hire of the village hall throughout the year. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 were:	£
TSB	3,110.61
Nottingham BS	<u>1,833.92</u>
	4,944.53

d) Transfer of Funds – not required.

10. **Urgent Business**

i) Email addresses for Parish Councillors – Cllr Small passed email details to the Clerk for future reference.

ii) Cllr Stephens asked about the skip and damage to the ground in the Church yard and was advised this would be made good once it has been removed.

iii) Councillors were warned of an air ambulance clothing bags scam and Cllr Mackintosh AGREED to mention this in the next newsletter.

iv) DCllrs Keith and Shirley Isard announced they were pleased to offer £350 from the Councillor Community Grant for the benefit of the village. Councillors thanked the District Councillors for their generous grant and it was AGREED the money should be passed to the Church Roof Fund. The application form was passed to the Clerk for completion. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

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

11. **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at 7.30 pm**

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