

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20th January 2015
in East Drayton Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman

Cllrs A Stanley, M Goddard, H Mackintosh and R Small.

In attendance: the Clerk, S Pickard, DCllr K Isard and CCllr J Ogle.

Members of the public: 3

The Chairman welcomed everybody, especially members of the public, to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr I Stephens and DCllr S Isard.

Concerning the next agenda item, Mr David Jopling was asked to leave the room.

2. **Co-option of new Councillor** – the Clerk advised a request had been received in the form of a letter from David Jopling to join the council. After discussion the Chairman PROPOSED that Mr Jopling be co-opted onto the Parish Council and this was SECONDED by Cllr Small. All AGREED.

Mr Jopling was invited to re-enter the room and take his place on the Parish Council at the meeting table.

3. **Minutes of meeting held on 18th November 2014** – were approved and signed.

4. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.

5. Agenda item 11 ii) brought forward:

Village issue of speeding traffic – the Chairman briefly informed newcomers to the meeting of concerns from parishioners that had led to meetings with the Nottinghamshire Highways department to try and find a way forward. The chairman explained that in July 2014 the matter had been raised at the Council meeting when parishioners had asked what could be done. After a meeting with the Highways department it was agreed to undertake a traffic survey and the results showed there was a speeding problem in the village. A further meeting with Mr Ian Parker discussed options to try and slow down the traffic; interactive signs, or speed bumps. The County Council is not in favour of speed bumps because it has divided communities previously. They cost between £10-14,000 each and for a village to qualify, they are reliant on accident/injury history in the area, (of which there has been nothing seriously significant in East Drayton). The Chairman referred to his recent visit to Mattersey and conversations with two residents - each with very different views on the speed bumps installed in the village. It was felt, after much discussion that the best way forward was to investigate the interactive speed signs. The Highways department have to apply to themselves (Notts County Council) for planning permission and Mr Ian Parker has applied for funding for two signs in the village. The signs cost around £8,700 each.

Mr Ellis advised he had a petition with 25 signatures from residents on Top Street and they will be added to those from the rest of the village who are in favour of the interactive signs. The petition will be presented to CCllr Ogle, who will then support Mr Parker with the funding.

Mr David Stone, a parishioner had offered his help in contacting Rampton Hospital and

EDF in the area and there may be an update concerning his input in due course.

The Chairman asked for views from members of the public present:

Parishioner Mr Julian Moran expressed his concern at the interactive sign suggestion. Both he and Ms Massey said they had not experienced a volume of speeding traffic as they walked through the village and added that even at peak times there were probably only two cars per minute. He would like to see the figures involved and the Chairman said they were published on the County Council website. He felt that the signs would not be in character with the attractive, peaceful village; they would promote a negative feeling and would spoil the views. Mr Moran added that these types of sign were not designed as permanent structures, and in time they would lose their effectiveness, at a great cost.

Mr Moran mentioned the Police community speed watch cameras and felt these might be more of a deterrent to speeding motorists. He would be willing to be trained to use such a camera to monitor the traffic. The Chairman said the Council had previously considered this option, but no volunteers came forward at the time. DCllr Isard gave Mr Moran details of the speed watch cameras, and added that it was slightly more complicated than at first glance.

The Chairman explained that the siting of any signs would be up Nottinghamshire County Council and they would consult with the village to try and find a balance. Cllr Mackintosh queried whether the village's Conservation status would have any effect on the decision.

The Chairman asked if fellow Councillors were in favour of the Parish Council proceeding with investigations with Nottinghamshire County Council to try and find a solution to the traffic problem in the village. All AGREED. In addition it was AGREED a request should be made to PC Bailey concerning the community speed watch programme.

6. Report from CCllr Ogle:

- i) Electoral review of Nottinghamshire – CCllr Ogle commented that the public's views had been sought on future division boundaries for the council and more information could be viewed at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/nottinghamshire/nottinghamshire-county-council>
- ii) Broadband update – Extra funding was being made available to include another 2% of rural areas. CCllr Ogle will continue to monitor the rollout of superfast broadband. CCllr Ogle advised parishioners use their postcode to find out about broadband speed in their area. Further information can be found at: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/business/broadband/fags/>
- iii) Policing – CCllr Ogle spoke to Police Commissioner Paddy Tipping at a recent crime meeting and voiced his concern that rural areas weren't getting any Policing. He reiterated his opinion at the Bassetlaw Scrutiny meeting and said the most effective way of Policing was to use neighbourhood Police who knew the area in which they work. The plan is to withdraw PC Bailey and leave villages with the PCSOs. CCllr Ogle urged the Parish Council to add its concern and write to Commissioner Paddy Tipping and the new Nottinghamshire Chief Constable. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iv) CCllr Ogle added that in his personal opinion interactive speed signs were most effective if placed at the edge of the village.

7. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item** – there were no declarations.

8. **Planning**

- i) Location: Toll House, 1 Homefield Close, East Drayton. Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension forming sun lounge. Application Number: 14/01623/HSE Planning Portal ref: PP-03875191. Previously circulated to Councillors. The Council had no objections. Comments submitted accordingly by the Clerk.

9. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council:

- a) Appointment of new Chief Executive at Nottinghamshire County Council. In circulation folder.
- b) Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire – Parish Council update session; follow-up (Question and Answer session from the event can be viewed at: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/business/broadband/faqs/> In circulation folder.

Bassetlaw District Council:

- c) Whole Council elections: The System and Impact for Parish Councils. In circulation folder.
- d) Spring Clean 2015 (2-14 March). Application to be made before 13th February 2015. The Parish Council will participate. Litter bags to be ordered. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- e) Bassetlaw Site Allocations consultation. In circulation folder.
- f) Parish Forum meeting agenda for Monday, 19th January 2015 and Minutes from meeting held on Monday, 15th September 2014. In circulation folder.

NALC:

- g) National Association website. In circulation folder.
- h) Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities and Legal Briefing from NALC. In circulation folder.

General:

- i) Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield (helping communities transform spaces www.groundwork.org.uk/creswell In circulation folder.

10. **General Business**

- i) Best Kept Village competition. The Chairman confirmed prize money of £1,125 (being £125 for best in category and £1,000 for Best in Nottinghamshire). The sign had now been erected in the corner of the Churchyard. Initial discussion took place concerning expenditure of some of the winnings and the possible purchase of a new mower for the Churchyard. It was agreed that St Peter's Church had played a significant part in the success of the BKVC and this would perhaps be a fitting way of contributing to the general maintenance of the churchyard.
- ii) Village Newsletter – Cllr Mackintosh commented that the newsletter was separate from the Parish Council, but occasionally articles of interest from it were included. He envisaged the next edition being circulated within three to five weeks.
- iii) Winter Service – the Chairman confirmed the 5 x 25kg bagged salt is situated in the resilience container.
- iv) Flood Assistance – the Chairman confirmed the 80 x 15 kg sandbags are also sited at the resilience container. The Chairman requested this information be mentioned in the newsletter and on the village website.

11. **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** - No further comments were made.

12. **Finance**

a) Income – None.

b) Accounts for Payment

- i) The Council AGREED payment of £39.54 to the Clerk, being reimbursement for expenses. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- ii) The Council AGREED payment of £59.78 being NALC subscription for the year commencing 1 April 2015. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
- iii) The Council AGREED payment of £165.00 to the Village Hall Trust Fund being hire of village hall for Council meetings. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 20 th January 2015 were:	£	
	TSB	3,872.86
	Nottingham BS	<u>1,844.92</u>
		5,627.78

d) Transfer of Funds – not required.

13. **Urgent Business**

- a) Street light defects – the Clerk confirmed that Nos 4, 7 and street light on the corner at Church Lane and North Green had now been repaired.
- b) Parish Precept/contributions from Bassetlaw District Council - After debate the following figures were RESOLVED for the Precept and Grant Application 2015-2016: The concurrent grant is confirmed at £133 and this therefore involves a precept requirement of £3,315. Application form to be completed and returned to Bassetlaw District Council. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

14. **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday, 17th February 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____