

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 17th February 2015
in East Drayton Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman

Cllrs A Stanley, M Goddard, H Mackintosh, D Jopling, I Stephens and R Small.

In attendance: the Clerk, S Pickard, CCllr J Ogle.

Members of the public: 3

The Chairman opened the meeting by reporting that last week it had come to light remarks had been made in the village suggesting misappropriation of prize money from the BKVC. This, together with comments passed on a personal level had saddened him and led to Cllr Neil Stanley considering resigning as Chairman, and from the Parish Council all together. After deliberation, Cllr Stanley decided against this course of action because all observations made by parties in the village were completely without foundation. The funds gained from the BKVC are banked in the Parish Council TSB account and bank statements confirm such action. All minutes are published on the village noticeboard and website and the Parish Council accounts will be available at the end of the financial year for inspection by anyone wishing so to do.

1. **Apologies for absence** no apologies.
2. **Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2015** – were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - i) Speeding issues – The Chairman presented the village petition for action regarding speeding traffic to CCllr John Ogle (128 signatures on petition). CCllr Ogle agreed to check with his office and added he should be able to present it at full council next Thursday. If that is the case it will be accepted and then go to the relevant committee to be put forward to see what they propose.

Also, EDF are in negotiations with Notts County Council for one sign.

Cllr Mackintosh said he had seen an alternative smaller sign and the chairman confirmed he had contacted Ian Parker suggesting they consider this too as it is sited on Council property (the tip) and could be just as effective as a traffic calming measure. Currently a reply is awaited from Ian Parker who has had to make further enquiries. There is a major problem with speeding traffic on Top Street, but the other two streets also have issues; if the smaller sign is more cost effective, then possibly two may be considered.

CCllr Ogle advised that the budget for safety issues, such as pedestrian crossings and speed issues etc, has been cut by 43% at Notts County Council.

At this point CCllr Ogle left the meeting, but added that he was pleased to be able to attend this evening, being 'two months on the trot'.

Regarding the Community Speed Watch scheme, PC Bailey had emailed the Clerk to advise this had gone into decline a little, but was now being re-invigorated and two vehicles are being purchased and volunteers will book a car out and collect it from a local Police station to use it. To date the vehicles have not been delivered.

Cllr Mackintosh queried just how much worse had the situation become and commented that if the proposal was to have one sign on North Green; should it first be tested to see if this was effective – if so, then another one could be placed on Top Street, but if not, there would be a need to seek another solution. Would there be checks made to see if the measure was working?

At this point Cllr Ann Stanley joined the meeting.

- ii) Bassetlaw Spring Clean – the Clerk confirmed refuse sacks had been ordered from the Council and Cllr Mackintosh has asked for volunteers via the newsletter.

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

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

6. **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

- a) Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities; in Circulation folder.
- b) Misconnected drains; noted in village newsletter; in Circulation folder.

NALC:

- c) Legal topic note re Elections January 2015; in Circulation folder.

Police:

- d) Rural East Bassetlaw Safer Neighbourhood committee meeting minutes held on 14th January 2015; in Circulation folder.
- e) PC Bailey re community speed watch cameras; in Circulation folder.
- f) Police and Crime Plan 2015-18; in Circulation folder.
- g) Reply from Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping regarding rural Policing enclosing letter from Inspector Andy Knight. In circulation folder.

7. **General Business**

- i) **Consideration of expenditure of prize money from the Best Kept Village competition** – Cllr David Jopling advised he had received a suggestion from one parishioner to put 30 mph stickers on wheelie bins. Therefore once a week there would be a wall of the warnings along all the roads in the village. He had researched this and checked the legalities; they could be printed as self-adhesive stickers and he was awaiting a quote. Further, he suggested these could be handed out to all those living within the 30 mile an hour limit or sell them and donate the proceeds to the Church. The Chairman asked for costings when to hand.

Cllr Jopling also suggested the commissioning of a framed photograph of St Peter's Church in Spring time and this be given to the residents of the village as a token to acknowledge efforts made regarding the BKVC.

Cllr Stephens suggested a snowy Church scene to be used on Christmas cards to sell.

The Chairman suggested flower planters, to be sited in the village hall car park, village hall wall, or either side of the entrance to the Church and information was placed in the Circulation folder for consideration. Other suggestions included more bulbs and also the village seat needs tidying. It was AGREED to debate this further at the next meeting when hopefully members of the public may attend.

- ii) **Community Grant Fund** – cheque value £300 has now been received from DCllr Keith Isard. Previously it had been discussed this grant money should be used to purchase a mower for the Church at a cost of £350 plus VAT. It was PROPOSED by Chairman Neil Stanley and SECONDED by Ian Stephens to buy the mower.

8. **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion**

- i) Mr Ellis suggested each household receive two '30 mph' stickers, one for each bin.
ii) Suggestions from members of the public included planters with enough space in the middle for a sign announcing the village speed limit, to be placed at the village signs. The Chairman added he had seen similar signs stating a particular village was a BKVC winner and 'your speed limit is 30 mph'. Notts County Council would have to be consulted on siting of these, should they be agreed upon.

9. **Finance**

- a) Income – £300 from DCllr Keith Isard from the Community Grant Fund. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

- b) Accounts for Payment – none, but payments made as (d).

- c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 17th February 2015 were: £

TSB	3,518.54
Nottingham BS	<u>1,844.92</u>
	5,363.46

- d) Funding of village organisations:

After discussion it was AGREED to make donations to the following:

Village Hall £200

Churchyard fund £250

Clock Fund £100

Hedge cutting £60

Sports Club £200 **ACTION: S Pickard.**

Cllr Ann Stanley asked how the Educational Charity used their money and was there a need for financial support from the Parish Council. Cllr Goddard said he felt the need was more around advertising that funds are available for both the Educational Charity and the Constable Charity. The object being similar for both; to promote the education of persons under the age of 25 years, who are resident in East Drayton and who are in need of financial assistance to purchase books for College/University.

- e) Transfer of Funds – not required.

10. **Urgent Business** – no urgent business.

11. **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place a week earlier than usual, ie on **Tuesday, 10th March 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____