

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 10th March 2015
in East Drayton Village Hall

Present:

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman

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

In attendance: the Clerk, S Pickard

Members of the public: 1

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr R Small.
2. **Minutes of meeting held on 17th February 2015** – were approved and signed.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - i) Purchase of mower for PCC – Community Grant from DCllr Keith Isard; Purchase has been deferred until next financial year.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item** – there were no declarations.
5. **Planning** – no planning matters. However, an application has been lodged with Bassetlaw District Council from Cllr Small's family regarding the addition of a summer room/conservatory to a property; being a new development planning permission is necessary and the delay is due to a further heritage survey being required.
6. **Correspondence**

Bassetlaw District Council:

 - a) **Whole council elections – Impact for Town and Parish Councils. Recent consultations on changing from the current system of electing district councillors by thirds to Whole Council elections was due to come into being in 2016, but after further public consultation this will now take effect from May 2015. The District Council has also agreed to change all Town and Parish council elections to this date. *This means that all Parish Councillors will retire and have to re-stand and serve four years.* The next full parish councils will then be 2019. Residents should be made aware that there will be Parish elections. There will be a briefing session on Monday, 16th March 2015 at Queen's Buildings and nomination packs can be collected there or requested from the Elections Office. A Notice of Election will be sent in due course. In circulation folder.**
 - b) Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014; Consultation and Notification on a Proposed Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Control; explanatory notes and Draft (response required by 31st March 2015). In circulation folder.
 - c) Withdrawal of the Bassetlaw Site Allocations Development Plan document. In circulation folder.
 - d) Neighbourhood Planning Event – 12th March 2015 at Hodsock Priory, Blyth from 6pm. In circulation folder.
 - e) Rural Conference – Programme for 25th March 2014 6.30 pm to 8pm at Retford Town Hall; Cllr Stephens will attend if possible. In circulation folder.
 - f) Neighbourhood Planning Event – 12th March 2015. In circulation folder.

NALC:

g) Legal Briefing No 5 – Transparency code for parish councils; in circulation folder.

Police:

h) Update from Paddy Tipping. In circulation folder

i) The Beat newsletter. In circulation folder.

General

j) George Scrinzi from Church Laneham – email re archaeological survey to find Archbishop of York's Palace; anyone interested in archaeology/history to contact him. The Clerk to email information to Steve Ellis for the village website.

k) Cosmic Cottage – new pop-in facility in Retford offering professional help via an internet café style service. In circulation folder.

l) Sturton Ward Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan information. In circulation folder.

m) Nottinghamshire Community Foundation – Dragons' Den offer of support for business development. In circulation folder.

n) Email report from CCllr John Ogle. In circulation folder.

7. General Business

i) **Expenditure of prize money from the Best Kept Village competition** – Cllr Jopling was quoted a very reasonable price for the 30 mph stickers and these have now been purchased. Brian and Gill Squire have kindly agreed to distribute these around the village (four per household; extra if requested) together with instructions on how best to affix these to the wheelie bins and advising they are courtesy of the Parish Council. Stickers also to be placed on the new green exchange boxes. Cllr Jopling will purchase envelopes for stickers and purchase a gift as appreciation to Mr and Mrs Squire.

ii) Other suggestions included:

- Christmas cards (Cllr Stephens)
- Calendar (Cllr A Stanley)
- Planters (siting suggestions included: village hall car park/near the seat by the Church gate).
- Framed photographs (Cllr Jopling) but after investigation cost would be prohibitive.

After discussion it was AGREED to purchase two black planters to begin with, at a cost of £330 plus VAT each (compost purchase required)

- Hedge cutter (battery/petrol driven) – currently Mrs Goddard cuts the hedge at the back of the Church by hand.

It was also pointed out that the footpath up the side of the Church has become very overgrown. The Chairman agreed to contact Laura Summers, Rights of Way Officer at Nottinghamshire County Council. **ACTION: The Chairman.**

8. **Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion** – no public discussion.

9. Finance

a) Income – None

b) Accounts for Payment

i) The Council noted payment of £30.50 being Clerk's expenses. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

ii) The Council noted payment of £87.62 to The Packaging Partnership Ltd for wheelie bin stickers. **ACTION: S Pickard.**

c) Balance of Accounts

The account balances as at 10 th March 2015 were:	£	
TSB		3,008.54
Nottingham BS		<u>1,844.92</u>
		4,853.46

- d) Internal Audit – the Clerk confirmed she had contacted Mrs Josie Ellis who has kindly agreed to undertake the internal audit of the Parish Council accounts.
e) Transfer of Funds – not required

10. **Urgent Business**

- i) Traffic calming – no further news.
ii) Annual Parish Meeting – invitations to attend were discussed and will be posted out in due course. **ACTION: S Pickard.**
iii) Cllr Goddard reported blocked drains in the village. The Chairman AGREED to talk to Mr Davies at Notts County Council. **ACTION: The Chairman.**
iv) The BKVC plaque that hangs in the village hall needs updating; there are two competition results missing. Enquiries to be made in the village for a sign writer.

11. **Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Parish Council will take on **Tuesday, 21st April 2015 at 7.30 pm** with the Annual Parish Meeting following on immediately afterwards at 8.00 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____