

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm

on Tuesday 21st March 2017 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr N Stanley, Chairman; Cllrs: I Stephens, R Small, H Mackintosh. The Clerk. Members of the Public: CCllr J Ogle, Steve Ellis.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. A Stanley, D Jopling
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2017**– approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. The notice board for St Peter's Church has been purchased and will be delivered to the Chairman on 24th March.
 2. The Clerk circulated information about the possible installation of a defibrillator in the phone box. Cllrs to discuss this at the next meeting.
 3. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations** by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item. None.
5. **Planning** – no planning matters.
6. **Correspondence** – see attached sheet.
Received after the agenda circulated:
Emails – RSN and BCVS weekly bulletins; NALC BKVC information; Retford Library poster – What's On in April; CPRE Housing White Paper (copy in circulation folder)

7. General Business – none

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion –CCllr John Ogle reported on the following issues:

- Policing – Notts Police Commissioner Paddy Tipping attended a meeting called by Tuxford Town Council regarding the future of local policing after the retirement of PC Bill Bailey later this year. The Commissioner, MP Robert Jenrick and Chief Inspector all agree the area needs a local policeman. The suggestion seems to be he would be replaced by Specials. The MP is not happy about this and has requested a like-for-like replacement. Members of the public should write to the Chief Constable/Chief Inspector to express their concerns over the future of policing in the area.
- Clarification that the Children's Ward at Bassetlaw Hospital is not closing, but admissions are not now taken overnight. This is due to a lack of paediatric cover for night shifts. Children requiring admission after 7pm will go to Doncaster or Sheffield.
- Village Gateways – name signs, lines, chicanes, speed restriction signs etc. being used to denote entry to villages and reduce the speed of traffic.
- SCR – Cllr Greaves still pursuing this but our MP does not expect this region to go into the Sheffield City Region. Long term policy is a Unitary Authority in Nottinghamshire.

- Cllr Ogle was thanked for attending the meeting and explaining progress on the above matters.

9. Finance

- a. Income – BDC grant £400
- b. Accounts for payment -
 - I) The Mower Shop – service and repairs £170.52. APPROVED
 - II) Clerk's salary £206.79. APPROVED
 - III) HMRC income tax £51.60. APPROVED
 - IV) Clerk's expenses £43.52. APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 28/02/17

TSB - £3409.05

NBS - £1863.84

Total = £5272.89
- d. Transfer of funds – nil
- e. Official Receiver's Office re Douglas Tonks – no change.

10. Urgent Business –

- a. Bassetlaw Spring Clean : 15-28th May 2017 “a chance for community minded individuals to help spruce up their area”.
- b. Best Kept Village Competition: volunteers have agreed to assist the Chairman in mowing the verges between the last houses and village signs on North Green, Low Street and Strawson's corner. However, if a volunteer is not forthcoming to help cut the verge on Church Lane, it was considered that the village could not enter the competition this year (deadline 31st May). VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED – please contact the Chairman for details.
- c. Notice of a new crematorium at Babworth.
- d. There is continued concern over the lack of mobile phone signals in the village. Mr Ellis considered a need for a multimast on the church tower.

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signed.....

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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