

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7:00pm

on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs N Stanley (Chairman), A Stanley, D Jopling, R Small, M Goddard, I Stephens; the Clerk; Cllr J Ogle. Members of the Public: 4

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Mackintosh
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2018** – approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. “It’s 30 for a reason” now displayed on Church Lane and Low Street.
 2. Planning – see below.
 3. Cllr Stephens is investigating the possibility of Sports Funding for the Village Hall.
 4. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.**

None.
5. **Planning –**
 - Application 19/00029/FUL – The Paddock, Long Lane, East Drayton “to retain change of use from equestrian to a single pitch traveller site”. The Chairman explained that in 1995 BDC gave permission for a hard standing exercise area for horses on this site. In 2004 permission was given for the erection of one brick building comprising of a stable and tack room for 2 horses. The current application is for one static and two touring caravans and associated vehicles. The Parish Council agreed the following response – that the application is not supported for the following reasons-
 1. Concern that there are no services.
 2. At the time of the application there are 5 caravans on the site (permission for 3 caravans – one static and two tourers requested).
 3. If BDC approve the application would they monitor the number of caravans and vehicles on site?
 4. The use of the building as a dayroom, when it is a stable and tack-room.
 - A query was raised as to whether or not planning permission had been sought (or was necessary) for a double field gate and the erection of a hay barn in a field opposite The Grange. Chairman to investigate.
 - The Chairman brought to the attention of the meeting the Draft Bassetlaw Plan, which now includes East Drayton with an additional housing requirement of 10 dwellings between 2018 and 2035 (capped at 20% or 19 dwellings).
6. **Correspondence** – see attached sheet. Plus – a letter from BDC regarding the Bassetlaw Spring Clean, to be held between 1st March and 31st May – the Clerk to respond and order bin bags from the BDC.
7. **Urgent Business** –

- Parish Council elections are to be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019. The Clerk asked the councillors to confirm their wish to stand again (or not) by 1st March. The notice of the election will be posted on March 26th and nomination papers will be distributed to interested persons from then, with a return deadline of 3rd April.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 20th May at 7pm.
- The estimates form for the Parish Precept (2019-20) was presented to the meeting. The Clerk explained that due to increased expense in the last financial year – tree pollarding; purchase of a heavy duty strimmer; purchase of the defibrillator and box; purchase of a new notice-board for the churchyard and a large donation to the Village Hall – this amounted to an increase of 128% on the previous year’s spending. It was agreed that the PC would request an increase of only 5% on the annual precept cost to council taxpayers.

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion –

- CClr Ogle further explained the impact of the Bassetlaw Draft Plan on housing in the area, with a target of 7% increase in housing stock. Concern was expressed at the levels of sustainability in smaller villages like East Drayton with a lack of sustainable services.
- CClr Ogle commented on the repair to the verges and drains on Bingham’s corner on the Retford road and noted that the drainage issue opposite Church Lane Farm would be addressed this year. The Chairman again commented on the deterioration of the road from North Green to Stokeham.
- Stating that there was now a dedicated police officer, PC Gareth Mitchell for this area (but based in Harworth), CClr Ogle noted that there was now specific training for rural policing through Operation Bifocal. Rural crime has increased by 30% in the last year with the force greatly stretched. It was noted that local farmers are suffering frequent incursions into their yards during the early hours and that police response is inadequate. CClr Ogle invited all interested parties to attend the quarterly policing meetings at the Town Hall and to put their concerns in writing to Inspector Rudd; the Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner.

9. Finance

- a. Income – nil
- b. Accounts for payment
 - NALC annual subscription £74.10 - APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 30/12/18
 - TSB - £3379.45
 - NBS - £1868.74
 - Total = £5248.19
- d. Transfer of funds – nil
- e. It was agreed to donate a total of £500 in grants, in this financial year, to the following village organisations- The Sports Club; The Clock Fund; The Churchyard Fund. The allocation would be decided on need.

10. General Business

- East Drayton Day, 29th June 2019. Cllr A Stanley reported that great interest had been shown in this by the landlord of the Blue Bell Inn, by the Chair of the Village Hall Committee and by individuals who had been approached to help with the historical research for an exhibition. A committee is to be set up to plan and run various activities throughout the day. It was agreed at the previous meeting that funds would be set aside to support these activities.

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19th March 2019 at **7:00pm** in the meeting room of the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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