

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm

on Tuesday 19th November 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs N Stanley (Chairman), A Stanley, R Small, P Darlow, D Jopling, I Stephens; the Clerk; CCllr J Ogle; S Ellis; PC N Thomas: 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr S Manson
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2019** – approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. The Clerk reminded Councillors to pass details of Parish Council specific email addresses asap (as the ICO directive circulated previously).
 2. New Police Constable Nathan Thomas introduced himself and explained his role in the community. See below.
 3. Neighbourhood Plan update – see below.
 4. Parish Clock – Mr Ellis said a number of quotes had been requested and the range of prices was extensive. A decision had not yet been reached by the trustees. A grant of £400 had been received by the Parish Council from BDC through Cllrs Isard to be used for clock repairs. The Clerk to thank Mr and Mrs Isard and to forward a cheque for £400 to the Clock Fund. ACTION – the Clerk.
 5. Plans to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May 2020 are in the circulation file for consideration and to be discussed at the next PC meeting in January.
 6. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** None.
5. **Planning** – Application 19/01201/FUL, for “demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new bungalow and garage at Harrowside, Top St.” is still showing as pending on the BDC Planning Portal. However an email received by the Chairman today (19th November) from the Planning Development Manager at BDC, for the Parish Council, states “The existing dwelling has been demolished without planning permission so the application should now be described as the erection of a detached bungalow as we obviously cannot consider whether the demolition is acceptable. I am of the view that this is now a vacant site within the East Drayton Conservation Area so the design of the dwelling should be of a standard to preserve and enhance the Conservation Area and the setting of the adjacent listed building. It is considered that the current proposal is not of a suitable design and the applicant has been informed of this. Should any amended plans be received we will re-consult everyone who was originally notified of the application and any additional parties who have submitted comments.”

For details of the reasons the proposal was considered unsuitable, refer to the BDC Planning Portal using the above reference number.

6. Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk reported that

- Stage 1 – the establishment of a neighbourhood area to be known as the “East Drayton Neighbourhood Plan” was confirmed by BDC on 14th October.
- The necessary OS licence for reproduction of the relevant maps of the Parish Area has been obtained.
- .Stage 2 has been started and a Public Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 20th November as part of the public consultation process.
- The Steering Group will meet on Thursday 5th December.

7. Correspondence – see attached sheet.

8. Urgent Business – Drainage issues.

- On Thursday 7th November there was considerable flooding in the village, including the flooding of properties. Various issues were raised regarding dykes, land drainage and the inadequacy of the storm-water drainage in the village. The issue was particularly significant in the case of a property on Top Street, resulting in mental health issues for a resident. Cllr Ogle asked the homeowner to send all details of the problems of drainage and flooding relating to the property – both historic and current (including photographs) - to him and he would send these to the Flood Officer at NCC. Members of the Parish Council and village residents were thanked for their assistance on the day of the flooding and since.
- Cllr Small and a resident to investigate the state of the dyke running between his field and the boundaries of the properties on Top St which are the other side of the dyke. They will also investigate the site of a possible drain at south corner of the field. Cllr Small also offered to clean out the dyke. ACTION – Cllr Small.
- It was mentioned that there is a Government Action Plan on Flooding which involves householders, local councils and farmers. The Chairman to contact BDC regarding this. ACTION – the Chairman.
- It was noted that the village had to build 20 more properties by 2035 and this would impact heavily on services, especially roads and drainage. This issue to be highlighted in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

9. Meeting adjourned for public discussion – PC Thomas, now the local beat bobby, based at Harworth. He can be contacted by email (nathan.thomas@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) but asked that the 101 service is used to report issues and in this way the incidents are logged by Notts Police. In response to questions about his role, PC Thomas explained his work in harassment and neighbourhood disputes, mediation and rural policing. He advised that poaching incidents were called in rather than action being taken by individuals, for their safety and the purpose of accurately recording crime numbers in the locality.

10. Finance

- a. Income : Second part of BDC Precept £1287.63; BDC Grant £400
- b. Accounts for payment
 - Cllr Manson – Refilling and maintenance of 3 village planters- £244.79 – APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 31/10/19
 - TSB - £2547.46
 - NBS - £1870.61
 - Total = £4418.07
- d. Transfer of funds – nil

11. General Business

- Cllrs Manson and Darlow have taken on the care of the village planters. The Chairman thanked Mrs Jean Stone for her care and maintenance of the 3 planters over recent years and noted that the planters were a welcome site in the village.. ACTION – the Clerk.
- The Clerk has responded to a BDC Audit on Services and Facilities in the village. The only change was the closure of the Blue Bell Inn.
- It was noted that the church is now floodlit for the winter season (thanks to Mr Ellis for his work and to this year’s anonymous sponsors) and that the “Soldier” is also lit. The six poppies represent the 4 WW1 soldiers from the village who are buried in France; the fifth the soldier who died of his wounds in Chatham in April 1919 and the sixth, the only soldier from the village who was killed in WW2.

12. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7:00pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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