

# EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010**

**Present:** Councillor D. J. Bardsley, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, de Bel (arrived during agenda item 6 – Public Discussion), Dunn, Ferrar, Jefferies, Maclagan, Martin and Woods

### **09/10/250 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted by District Councillor Simpson.

### **09/10/251 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jefferies declared a personal interest at agenda item 12 (Northern Area Committee), being a member of the Committee.

Councillor Maclagan declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 24 (Planning Applications – Glebe House, Sluice Lane, Everton), being a close neighbour, and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Woods declared personal interests at agenda items 14 (Affordable Housing), being a relative of a connected person, and 24 (Planning Applications – Milners Holt, Eel Pool Road, Everton), as the architect was a relative.

Later in the meeting Councillor Ferrar declared a personal interest during consideration of a report on energy conservation proposals at Holy Trinity Church, being a relative of a connected person.

### **09/10/252 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2010, were approved as a correct record.

### **09/10/253 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Bardsley referred to Minute No. 09/10/230(a), and reported that the Clerk had received confirmation that Mr. John Mann MP had written to E.ON about the fire at Long Meadows which occurred in September, 2009.

**09/10/254 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. R. Evers referred to the following:

- (a) He thanked the Parish Council for getting the District Council to replace the dog fouling notices, but drew attention to the fact that the notice at the junction of Sluice Lane/Roe Lane hadn't been replaced. The Clerk would report the matter to the District Council.

He also thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to consider provision of further dog waste bins.

- (b) He asked for a progress report on the TunnelTech problem. The Clerk had attended a meeting organised by Mr. John Mann MP at Misson Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, and now reported as follows:

*Mr. John Mann MP read out a letter from the District Council Chief Executive, stating that no officer was available to attend. He also read out a letter from Cllr. Pugsley (Cabinet Member for Environment and Housing), in which he said that it wouldn't be appropriate for him to attend, being an elected member.*

*The District and County Councillors were not present. POST MEETING NOTE: The Clerk learned on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 that they were not invited.*

*Mr. Mann spoke of his research into any public health implications relating to the work carried out at TunnelTech, and some residents expressed their opinions.*

*Mr. Mann expressed the view that, whilst jobs were a consideration, the Misson factory was in the wrong place. Tunneltech was developing a new factory in the south of England - miles from anywhere.*

*There was quite a lot of discussion about mass requests for Council Tax reductions, and withdrawal of payment of Council Tax, but these suggestions foundered for the obvious reason that what people really wanted was an end to the nuisance.*

*One person spoke articulately about the possibility of judicial review. Others spoke of mass lobbying.*

*At the conclusion of a good, extremely well-attended meeting, it was agreed that the next step would be a request for a high-level meeting at the District Council.*

Councillor Bardsley thanked the Clerk for attending the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council, and expressed the view that one matter that might be raised by the delegation could be a request for the review of the efficacy of the recent works carried out to be brought forward.

- (c) He referred to the playground project which had stalled – although not through any fault of the Parish Council - and requested the assistance of the Parish Council in restarting the process. Relevant members agreed to attempt to do so.

**09/10/255 CRIME AND POLICING**

P.c. Nathan Thomas (with PCSO Jones) attended the meeting and updated Members on the following:

- Recent recorded crime in the area, which included an increase in burglary
- Recent reported incidents of suspicious activity
- Arrangements for a second ‘farmers’ meeting
- Pending prosecutions.

**09/10/256 ACCOUNTS**

Resolved: That the March Accounts, totaling £1,637.55, be approved for payment.

**09/10/257 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010, which showed a balance of £10,349.52.

**09/10/258 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the March budget monitoring statement.

**09/10/259 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP**

No member was available to attend the recent meeting.

**09/10/260 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jefferies submitted a report of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010. The main points under discussion were:

- A decision on withdrawing the bulk refuse collection scheme had been deferred until after the forthcoming elections.
- Parish Grant would continue in 2010/11.
- Funding for the County Contact Points was being withdrawn by the County Council.

- Winter gritting.
- Consultation on Equalities

**9/10/261 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN**

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley and Jefferies be authorised to attend a County Council event on emergency planning within the community, to be held at Boughton on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.

**09/10/262 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Councillor Bardsley reported on discussions between Acis Group Ltd. and a possible developer. Members indicated their satisfaction with the matters raised.

**09/10/263 RISK REVIEW, ASSET INSPECTION AND HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- Councillor Bardsley reported that a scheme was being prepared by the District Council to resolve the surface water drainage problem on Gainsborough Road, and would proceed subject to Cabinet approval.
- Councillor Bardsley reported that the District Council was to carry out a survey regarding drainage problems at Harwell.

**09/10/264 DOG WASTE BINS**

Consideration was given to a number of potential sites for dog waste bins.

Resolved: That a bid for funding under the Parish Grant Scheme be made for the provision and installation of three dog waste bins, and no action be taken regarding the earlier decision to apply for such funding towards the purchase of the Lion Jack Bell Seat.

**09/10/265 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.**

This matter was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**09/10/266 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

- Councillor Dunn kindly agreed to complete the 2010 Rights of Way Survey.
- The Clerk reported that the County Council was consulting relevant parties regarding the proposed bridleway adjacent to the River Idle.

**09/10/267 LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Councillor Bardsley reported that efforts were being made to encourage the Primary Care Trust to follow up the agreements reached at the meeting at Retford Hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

**09/10/268 HIGH STREET TELEPHONE KIOSK**

Consideration was given to an email from BT regarding a change in the scheme which gave parish councils the opportunity to adopt a redundant telephone kiosk.

Resolved: That no action be taken.

**09/10/269 TRAINING**

Members reported on the planning training course held at Sutton-cum-Lound on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.

**09/10/270 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Councillor Maclagan reported that he had received a letter from the District Council giving details of the timetable for continuing consultation, etc. He would furnish Members with the information.

**09/10/271 REGISTRATION OF PARISH LANDS**

The Clerk submitted a report regarding progress towards registration of the remaining unregistered parish lands.

**09/10/272 ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUSTAINABILITY**

(a) Councillor Dunn reported that discussions were taking place regarding the possibility of installing a solar PV array at Holy Trinity Church

(b) Resolved: That the Parish Council joins the Energy Saving Trust's Green Communities initiative.

**09/10/273 NSPCC**

Resolved: That the Parish Council become a campaign partner of the NSPCC Helpline, and the Clerk discuss with the Editor of HEDS Together the possibility of publicising the Helpline

**09/10/274 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/09/22 & 19/09/23/L**

Mr. R. Eyre

Conversion of games room over garage and garden store to form ancillary accommodation to Davenport House, Bawtry Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/10/2**

Everton Nurseries

Remove Agricultural Occupancy Condition 4 of 19/94/21 at Everton Nurseries, The Manor House, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/10/3T**

Mr. I. Raeburn

Remove several lower limbs and crown reduce sycamore tree at Glebe House, Sluice Lane, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/10/5R**

Mr. D. Cowlam

Construct new dwelling with detached garage on land adjacent to Dadsley House, Gainsborough Road, Everton – resubmission of 19/09/30

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made, subject to the visibility splay meeting the approval of County Highways.

**19/10/6**

Mr. A. Buzzard

Erect two-storey and single storey extension to dwelling at Milners Holt, Eel Pool Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**09/10/275 PLANNING DETERMINATION**

**19/09/36**

Mr. & Mrs. S. Harley

Conversion of integral garage into dining study in roof space, erect two-storey detached triple garage, new parking/turning area at The Granary, Sluice Lane, Harwell

Permission Granted

**09/10/276 PLANNING APPEAL**

**19/09/27**

Mr. R. Troop

Extension to farm building to create a commercial farm machinery parts depot with attached office at Stonegate Farm, Bawtry Road, Everton

Appeal Lodged