

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Metcalf Tea Rooms on Monday 1st September, 2008

Present: Councillors J. Dunn, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, Bardsley, de Bel (arrived during consideration of item 15 – Tunnel Tech North Ltd. – brought forward to item 6), Ferrar, Jefferies, Maclagan, Martin and Woods

08/09/103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dunn declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 31 (Everton Affordable Housing Project), and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

08/09/104 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 14th July, 2008, were approved as a correct record.

08/09/105 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Bardsley first referred to Minute No. 08/09/91 (Flood Fair), and asked if Mr. John Bowler had been in touch. The Clerk replied that he had not.

Councillor Bardsley next referred to Minute No. 08/09/96 (Bungalows at Carr View and High Street, Everton), when the Clerk confirmed that he had informed A1 Housing Ltd. that the Parish Council was of the opinion that a five-year cyclical housing maintenance programme was too long.

08/09/106 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A resident raised concern over the maintenance of the Cemetery – in particular the area to the rear of Stonebeck Cottage. Councillor Woods confirmed the resident's concern as being a matter requiring attention. The Clerk would take the matter up with the contractor.

08/09/107 TUNNEL TECH NORTH

Mr. Simon Middlebrook, General Manager of Tunnel Tech North Ltd., was present to update the Parish Council on the current position at Tunnel Tech North.

The bunkers for aerating the composting process were nearly complete and would be available for use in the near future. The Company was working to a schedule to complete the bunkers agreed with Bassetlaw District Council.

The roofs of the bunkers could not be installed within that schedule. In order to get a sustainable result that gave satisfaction to those who lived in the area, the Company had requested an extension to the current building timetable to allow the roofs to be installed, and had made additional commitments to go beyond the requirements of the current legislation to help to bring about a long term improvement that allowed the Company and its neighbours to live together.

Mr. Middlebrook furnished the Parish Council with a copy letter to Mr. Chris Shaw, Acting Director of Community Services at Bassetlaw District Council, outlining the company's request. The letter had also been forwarded to Mr. John Mann MP. Mr. Middlebrook explained that the District Council appeared reluctant to agree to the extension to the timetable because of earlier delays. He also spoke about the desirability of eventually installing a chimney, which would require planning permission.

Mr. Middlebrook requested the Parish Council to consider the matter, which it did after he had left.

Resolved: That the Clerk inform the District Council that its provisional view was that an extension to the timetable of three months was acceptable, but that it requested the views of the District Council before reaching a firm conclusion.

08/09/108 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the September Accounts be approved for payment.

08/09/109 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st July, 2008, which showed a balance of £10,916.81 (after deduction of un-presented cheques of £383.14).

08/09/110 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the September budget monitoring statement.

08/09/111 MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY VERGES

Consideration was given to an email from Mrs. M. Ribchester, Pinfold Lodge, Gainsborough Road, Everton, expressing concern about the state of maintenance of the grass verges on Gainsborough Road, and suggesting the planting of shrubs or trees.

The Clerk reported that he had requested the observations of the County Council Highways Department on Mrs. Ribchester's email.

Resolved: That consideration be deferred pending the observations of the County Council.

08/09/112 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July, 2008 would be circulated.

08/09/113 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

There were no matters to report.

08/09/114 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Consideration was given to a new priority issue for the Group, and to email correspondence from P.c. Chris Gregson.

There was an overriding consensus on the following:

1. The major local community safety concern was fear of burglary.
2. There was a role for the Group in providing public information. A good example related to the number of vehicles stolen by thieves walking through open doors and removing car keys.

Members noted a Sheffield Safer Communities Partnership Strategy Consultation July 2008, which said that anti-social issues cut across the priorities of the crime reduction strategy for Sheffield, one of which was reducing high-volume crimes of theft and violence.

Resolved: That the Group be requested to address the major community safety concerns referred to above as a priority.

08/09/115 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Bardsley gave a résumé of progress to date for the benefit of the public present.

Members then agreed that consideration of this matter should be discussed later in the meeting in the absence of the press and public.

08/09/116 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported that Ms. Laura Summers, Rights of Way Officer at the County Council, had been in touch following her meeting with Councillor Dunn regarding proposed repairs to bridleway 4. Tractors were causing the damage to the carriageway. Ms. Summers was to speak to the farmer responsible, asking him to co-operate in preventing such damage.

However, Ms. Summers had suggested that, rather than spend the whole of the

P3 earmarked reserve on one right of way, the Parish Council may wish to consider a full rights of way survey which Ms. Summers would assist with, at which desirable improvements throughout the network might be identified.

Resolved: That Ms. Summers' suggestion be approved.

08/09/117 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT

The Clerk had circulated the Decision Notice on the application for Controlled Airspace, which took effect on 28th August, 2008.

However, there was a more important development. A planning application was expected from Peel Airports (Finningley) Ltd. to relax Paragraph 8 of the planning agreement which prohibited the landing and taking off of Quota Count 4 aircraft (very large aircraft) between 2300 and 0700, in order to fly freight at night. Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council had agreed that the Parish Council would be treated as a formal consultee when the application was submitted.

08/09/118 LOCAL COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/94 of July, 2008, The Clerk reported that he still awaited firm information from the Primary School regarding the proposed grant application.

08/09/119 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/95 of July, 2008, the Clerk reported that he was still awaiting a reply from the Chief Constable.

08/09/120 THE VALERIE GILLESPIE CUP

To mark the memory of Mrs. Valerie Gillespie, MBE, the Nottinghamshire Branch of CPRE had instituted an award scheme, supported and sponsored by Severn Trent Water Ltd. The award would be made annually to a community initiative, which enhanced the environment, and selected as being the best in Nottinghamshire. The award would comprise a cup to be held for one year, to be replaced with a permanently engraved plaque, plus a cheque for £150.

Entry was open to any group or individual who could show that their initiative met the criteria. Entries would probably have a better chance of success if they were first submitted to the Parish Council for support. This year's deadline was 31st October. The Clerk had publicised the initiative in HEDS Together.

08/09/121 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Consideration of a letter inviting submissions would be deferred until the next meeting.

08/09/122 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE REGISTRATION SERVICE - PROPOSAL FOR MODERNISATION

Resolved: That the Clerk respond to the consultation exercise, stressing the fact that a local, personal contact with a registrar was fundamentally important.

08/09/123 TRANSITION MOVEMENT

Consideration of this item would be deferred pending attendance by Councillors Bardsley and Dunn at a briefing event organised by RCAN at Nottingham on 2nd October, 2008 called 'Act on CO2'

08/09/124 QUALITY COUNCILS

The Clerk reported that he was awaiting advice from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils regarding changes to the Quality Councils Scheme.

08/09/125 DONATIONS

Letters of thanks were submitted from Bassetlaw Citizens Advice Bureau and HEDS Together.

08/09/126 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGIONAL PLAN

Details were obtainable either on the Internet or in hard copy form available from the Clerk. Councillor Bardsley had studied the changes and gave a brief report.

08/09/127 FAIRTRADE STATUS FOR BASSETLAW

Details were given of an open public meeting to take place at Worksop on 17th September, 2008.

08/09/128 WINDY RIDGE, EVERTON

The Clerk would make enquiries with the District Council regarding promised gardening works to the head of Windy Ridge.

08/09/129 SIGNAGE

The Clerk would make enquiries as to progress regarding signage for Northfield Farmstead.

08/09/130 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

UK Coal Mining Ltd.

Deep borehole at Youldholes Lane, Mattersey Thorpe to prove the depth, quality and thickness of the Top Hard seam for Harworth Colliery

The Clerk, in consultation with Members, had responded saying that the Parish Council did not wish to make any adverse comment.

19/08/18

Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Elliott

Erect extensions and carry out alterations to dwelling at Everton Hill Cottage, Old Gainsborough Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

08/09/131 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

19/08/9

Mrs. S. Bellamy

Removal of agricultural occupancy condition from N/19/291 at Haywayne, Pasture Farm, Harwell

Permission Granted

19/08/11

Mr. L. Mills

Erect two-storey extension at Orchard View, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Granted

19/08/15

Mr. W. McDonald

Erect rear conservatory at Willow Cottage, 8 The Willows, Everton

Permission Granted

08/09/132 PLANNING APPEAL

APP/A3010/A/08/2073740/WF - 19/08/9

Mr. & Mrs. G. Fairclough

Retention of dwelling and erection of triple garage at Barrow Cragg, Nutcroft Way, Harwell

Appeal Allowed

08/09/133 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Resolved: That, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be excluded, and they are requested to withdraw.

08/09/134 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Bardsley assumed the chair for this item

Councillor Bardsley gave details of sites that the District Council had agreed were possibilities.

Resolved: That Acis Group Ltd. be requested to pursue the viability of the sites now agreed.

