

# EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009**

**Present:** Councillors J. Dunn, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, de Bel, Bardsley, Ferrar, Jefferies, Maclagan, Martin and Woods.

**08/09/264 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted from District Councillor Simpson (weather).

**08/09/265 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Bardsley, de Bel and Jefferies each declared a personal interest at agenda item 10 (NEBF), being members of the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

Councillor Bardsley declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 27 (Planning Applications – 19/09/1 The Cottage, High Street, Everton), being a close neighbour, and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Woods declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 29 (Everton Affordable Housing Project), but consideration of that item was withdrawn, there being nothing to discuss.

**08/09/266 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, were approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment at Minute No. 08/09/246.

**08/09/267 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**08/09/268 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A resident referred to the proposed Travel Plan, and drew attention to difficulties she experienced through motorists blocking her drive. She also offered the opinion that motorists would take little notice of the suggested parking areas.

**08/09/269 ACCOUNTS**

Resolved: That the February Accounts be approved for payment.

**08/09/270 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2008, which showed a balance of £11,778.00

**08/09/271 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/233(a)(i) of January, 2009, the Clerk reported that the replacement beacon had been installed at the Sun Inn crossroads.

**08/09/272 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM**

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report of the meeting of the Group held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009. The main items discussed included:

- A presentation by Bassetlaw Planning Policy Section on sites for travellers and showpeople, in which confirmation was given that consultation would take place before potential sites were considered.
- A presentation by Chief Inspector Harper on local policing.
- Safer Neighbourhood Groups, which were considered not to be working well in rural areas, although the Local Action Group was. A sub-group was established, under the chairmanship of Councillor Bardsley, to examine
  - Developing proposals to be discussed with Inspector Hinchliffe about a revised model for Safer Neighbourhood Group working in the rural communities, and link with the support that NEBF might provide
  - Developing a service level agreement, or local standard, for policing.

Membership of the sub-group was currently Councillor Bardsley, District Councillor A. Simpson, Councillor C. Stringer (Misson) and Councillor S. Harwood-Gray (Misterton). Councillor Bardsley considered that there should also be a Safer Neighbourhood Group member on the sub-group, and he would pursue the matter.

- An expression of views by Councillor Stringer regarding Robin Hood Airport.

**08/09/273 ROAD SAFETY**

Councillor Maclagan submitted a report on a road safety meeting, organised by the Police, at Sutton-cum-Lound on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2009. The only item under consideration was Community Speedwatch. The general consensus was that, for various reasons, Community Speedwatch was not working properly. The police representatives present wished to address the problems in order to revive it. Another meeting was planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009.

**08/09/274 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP**

- (a) PCSO Jones attended the meeting and gave a brief report on recent reported crime in the Parish, which had increased slightly recently. She also announced the news that P.c. Gregson was moving to other duties and P.c. Janine Roe had been appointed to act as Community Beat Manager on a temporary basis.

PCSO Jones agreed to keep an eye on the parking situation on Chapel Lane and Long Meadows.

- (b) Consideration was given to possible agenda items for the meeting to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. Councillor Maclagan drew attention to a recent Ringmaster email, which reported that there had been an increase in dwelling house burglaries around the rural East Bassetlaw area. These burglaries were occurring in the early evening and night times. The offenders were using good quality vehicles that were often stolen.

Resolved: That this matter be submitted for inclusion on the agenda.

- (c) Councillor Ferrar kindly offered to attend the next meeting of the Group, owing to Councillor Maclagan's unavailability.

**08/09/275 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT**

Councillor Bardsley gave a résumé of progress to date, and reported that he and the Clerk were to meet with Mr. N. Thornton (Acis Group Ltd.) and District Council Housing and Planning Officers on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, to discuss issues relating to need.

**08/09/276 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

There was nothing to report.

**08/09/277 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.**

An email was submitted from the District Council, indicating that prosecution was likely, for failure to comply with the terms of an Enforcement Notice.

The Clerk was asked to endeavour to obtain further information about this matter; the Parish Council's interest was elimination of odour nuisance.

**08/09/278 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- (a) The Clerk reported that Councillor H. M. Brand, Chairman of Misterton Parish Council and the North East Bassetlaw Forum, had suggested that it would be beneficial if the Quality councils within the Forum could be jointly represented at appropriate environmental seminars, etc. Misterton Parish Council would consider the matter shortly, and an approach had been made to Gringley on the Hill Parish Council.

Mr. S. Brown, the District Council officer responsible for the North East Bassetlaw Forum, had agreed that the Forum would fund such representation, provided that representatives submitted reports to the Forum.

Members welcomed this development, and considered a 'Green Matters' seminar being organised by NALC at Aylesbury on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

Resolved: That Councillor Bardsley be authorised to attend, and Gringley on the Hill and Misterton Parish Councils be informed accordingly.

- (b) Councillor Jefferies would furnish the Clerk with documentation relating to environmental awareness publicity.

**08/09/279 TRAINING**

The Clerk reported that he had been accepted on the NALC 'Stepping Stones' conference at York on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2009.

**08/09/280 FLOODING**

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report on his tour of the village problem areas with Mr. I. Davies, District Council, on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2009. A preliminary report had since been received from Mr. Davies, which confirmed that, from initial observations, it appeared that any natural watercourses which served the properties off Gainsborough Road had ceased to exist over time, and any piped systems had been built over, blocked-off or had lost their outfalls and become blocked.

Further detailed investigation needed to be carried out to establish where the various piped systems ran and out fell to. This would involve generating flows and dye testing, plus CCTV work. Some topographical survey work would also be required.

The District Council was currently applying to Defra and the Environment Agency for funding towards such small schemes, and an assurance was given by Mr. Davies that the District Council was committed to reducing flood risk and working with local communities and landowners.

Councillor Bardsley said that the District Council should be congratulated on its appointment of Mr. Davies.

**08/09/281      CONSULTATION PAPER – COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL: REAL PEOPLE, REAL POWER – CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY**

Councillor Dunn reported that he had perused the above, which he did not consider had any relevance for a small parish council such as Everton.

**08/09/282      LOCAL HEALTH ISSUES**

Pursuant to Minute Nos. 08/09/216(a) of December, 2008 and 08/09/244 of January, 2009, email correspondence between the Clerk and District Councillor Simpson was considered. Following receipt of District Councillor Simpson's email, Councillor Bardsley had discussed the matter with her, and she had assured him that she would submit a report shortly.

**08/09/283      PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN**

Councillor Bardsley reported that the working group had met, when it was agreed that the plan should be a fairly simple document. The working group considered that, before a decision was made to proceed, there needed to be a commitment from a minimum number of parish councillors to act as local co-ordinators. Councillors Bardsley, de Bel, Dunn, Jefferies and Martin then volunteered.

Resolved:      That work on the plan begin, and representatives of the Church, School, Metcalfe Recreation Committee and Women's Institute be invited to attend a meeting with the working group.

**08/09/284      LOCAL COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND**

The Clerk reported that the grant application on behalf of the Cheeky Monkeys Mums and Toddlers Group had been approved in full, with £500 being awarded, and banked by the Parish Council. The Group was in the process of opening a bank account, and a cheque would be drawn in due course.

**08/09/285 PROPOSED VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS**

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/238 of January, 2009, the Clerk submitted details of likely costs and the service provided by Signs of the Times.

Resolved: That the Clerk apply for planning permission for signs on Bawtry Road, Gainsborough Road and Mattersey Road, at the locations agreed some years ago when planning permission was previously obtained.

**08/09/286 TRAVEL PLAN**

An article had been placed in HEDS Together, consulting the public on the proposal, and the matter would be considered at the March meeting.

**08/09/287 VILLAGE HALL STAGING PROJECT**

Councillor Bardsley reported the excellent news that all funding requirements in respect of the above had been met, and it was intended to commence work on the project shortly.

**08/09/288 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/08/40L**

Mrs. D. Harrison

Demolish existing garage and rebuild garage with annexe accommodation to cottage at Wisteria Cottage, Old Post Office Street, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/08/42R – Amended**

Mr. H. Choppin

Erect dwelling and construct new access on land at 17 Windyridge, Everton – resubmission of 19/08/29

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council remained strongly opposed to the application.

**19/08/43**

T & N Tomlinson

Remove roof to bungalow and replace with attic truss structure to provide first floor accommodation and carry out alterations at Sunny Dale, Bawtry Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/09/1**

Mr. A. Wood

Demolition of dwelling and outbuildings, and erection of new dwelling and ancillary accommodation at The Cottage, High Street, Everton

Resolved: That an objection be lodged on the following grounds:

1. Chapel Lane was a narrow road, which already experienced serious parking problems, particularly related to school parking. The proposed development, with five garages/vehicles, would put an unacceptable strain on the road. Access had previously been refused at this location.
2. The proposed dwelling was very imposing, and would dominate the neighbouring area.

**08/03469/CON**

Doncaster Sheffield Airport Ltd.

Consultation by Doncaster Sheffield Airport on Variations to Agreement under Section 106 of Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to upgrade night noise provisions and alter restrictions on night cargo operations including 1. Introduction of Quota Council 4 aircraft at night 2. Introduction of a new 0.25 Quota Count Control 3. Prohibition of use of airport at night by Quota Count 8 and 16 aircraft.

Copy correspondence from a Beckingham resident to the Airport, expressing concern about the application, and an explanatory letter from Councillor Gordon Brown, Chairman of Mattersey Parish Council, were also considered.

Resolved: That Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council was against the introduction of Quota Count 4 aircraft at night (see reasons below). However, the Parish Council was in favour of the introduction of a new QC0.25 and the prohibition of use of airport at night by QC8 and QC16aircraft.

Allowing QC4 at night would be a backwards step (equivalent to dumbing down) thereby increasing noise pollution for residents. The status quo should be maintained.

There was a suspicion that the estimates for nighttime use of QC4 were understated at 10% of movements (43 arrivals and 43 departures), given that 8 hours night was 33.3% of the day; additionally the Master Plan envisaged a very substantial increase in freight business. Bawtry Town Council had very similar reservations.

It was also noted that it was stated that the South East departure route over Everton was now expected to be one of the most used for freight, whilst in 2007, in response to the Airspace Change Proposal, RHADS stated "...the route will become a secondary route and be used infrequently". Everton and surrounding villages would thus be particularly affected, the corridor extending some 1½ miles either side of the indicated route.

**08/09/289 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

**19/08/30 & 19/08/31L**

Mr. R. Grocock

Replace existing roof, installation of vents and boiler flue outlet on south elevation at barns at Hall Farm, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Granted

**19/08/33R**

Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Elliott

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

Permission Granted

**19/08/37**

Mr. & Mrs. N. C. Clark

Erect single-storey side extension at Everton House, Post Office Street, Everton

Permission Granted

**19/08/38**

Mr. P. Eley

Demolish bungalow, erect three dwellings and alter existing access at Cumbrae, Mattersey Road, Everton

Application Withdrawn

**08/09/290 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.

**08/09/291 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT**

There was no confidential business to discuss, and this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**08/09/292 TENANCY OF PARISH LANDS – RENT REVIEW**

Letter was submitted from John H. Pickup & Co. relating to the above.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to discuss the matter with Mr. Goodall, of John H. Pickup & Co.

