

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 2nd March, 2009

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

08/09/293 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted from District Councillor Simpson.

08/09/294 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jefferies declared a personal interest at agenda item 11 (NALC Northern Area Committee), being a member of the Committee. She also declared a personal interest at agenda item 13 (Bassetlaw Parish Councils Liaison Group), being a member of the Group.

Councillor Bardsley declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 28 (Planning Applications – 19/09/1 Amendment - The Cottage, High Street, Everton), being a close neighbour, and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

08/09/295 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of a meeting of the Audit Committee, held on 2nd February, 2009, were approved as a correct record, and the recommendations contained therein were approved.

08/09/296 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 2nd February, 2009, were approved as a correct record.

08/09/297 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

08/09/298 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no members of the public present.

08/09/299 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the March Accounts be approved for payment.

08/09/300 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st January, 2009, which showed a balance of £11,428.58.

08/09/301 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

- (a) An email was submitted from the County Council, confirming that a bid had been made, through the traffic management revenue budget, for a triangular 'Give Way' marking to be placed on the carriageway on Ferry Lane on the approach to the junction with Chapel Lane.
- (b) A further email was submitted from the County Council on highway consultation, enclosing a copy of the slightly amended flow chart on highway consultation. The Clerk would query one particular amendment that appeared to remove consultation with the Parish Council from the process.
- (c) Concern was expressed about (i) the overgrown and unstable nature of the footway along Mattersey Road, between the Idle Bridge and the junction with Eel Pool Road, and (ii) a number of plastic-lined holes in the grass verge near Idle View Farm. The Clerk would report these matters to the County Council.

08/09/302 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Jefferies submitted a report of the meeting of the Committee held on 9th February, 2009. The minutes would shortly be available, and Councillor Jefferies reported that the main item under discussion was the need for the County Council to become a better communicator.

Other matters included the fact that District Councillor Kath Sutton had been given a rural remit, and the nomination of Mr. Steve Brown, Senior Support Services Manager, as link officer to the Parish Council as part of a group linkage programme. Insurance cover relating to work carried out under parish emergency plans was being examined.

**08/09/303 AFFORDABLE HOUSING VIABILITY STUDY: CONSULTATION
EVENT AT MANSFIELD**

Councillor Jefferies submitted a report on the above, held on 10th February, 2009. The event had been organised by Mansfield District Council on behalf of Mansfield, Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood District Councils, to undertake a study on, and provide a model for assessing, affordable housing viability within their areas.

She reported that the event had been worthwhile, if rather technical in nature. She gave details of some of the subject matter discussed, which included sustainability, the need for elderly persons' bungalows and Section 106 agreements relating to the provision of affordable housing.

08/09/304 BASSETLAW PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

Councillor Jefferies submitted a report of the meeting of the Group held on 11th February, 2009. The main items discussed included:

- Consultation on alterations to the NALC constitution.
- Travellers' sites and methods of dealing with unauthorised occupancy.
- Parish Charters and the fact that the County Council had not yet involved itself.
- Funding of local projects by principal councils.
- Mattersey was to receive air traffic noise monitoring equipment.
- Bassetlaw Rural Befriending.

08/09/305 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Councillor Ferrar submitted a report of the meeting of the Group held on 18th February, 2009. The main items discussed included:

- A further meeting was to be held on the issues of speeding and speedwatch, on 23rd March, 2009 at Beckingham.
- There was no news yet on the installation of the speed cameras on the Beckingham bypass. PCSO Jones would chase this up. A different type of housing was to be used for the camera that was set on fire at Gringley.
- Anti social behaviour had not been a problem for a while, and had for the moment been taken off the list of Safer Neighbourhood priorities.
- As regards parking, Everton was highlighted as more problematic than other villages, because it had a larger proportion of pupils who travelled in from outlying areas. In discussing the 'park and stride' scheme at Everton, PCSO Jones affirmed that the police could do nothing to prevent inconvenience to residents if cars were parked legally. She suggested that the scheme should run for a while, complaints be monitored, and, if problems persisted, discuss again in the future.
- Fly tipping may be exacerbated in the future, as a permit was now

required to dump waste from a trailer or van at Daneshill Household Waste and Recycling Centre. PCSO Jones would check the cost and the types of vehicle that required a permit.

- The burglary rate had increased recently – mainly due to house break-ins, often to steal car keys. PCSO Jones reported that tackling burglary was a current police priority.
- Several councillors suggested they would like to have regular feedback from the police on successful court convictions for local crimes. PCSO Jones did give feedback wherever possible to local victims of crime, but had a heavy workload. It was agreed that this should not be the responsibility of the PCSOs.
- All agreed that there was already too much pressure on PCSO Jones due to the size of her beat and the lack of continuity in relation to not having a permanent beat officer. The new temporary beat officer was unable to attend the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting because she had been drafted as extra help for a ‘direct action’ initiative in Retford.

The minutes of the meeting were also submitted.

PCSO Jones was present, and gave details of reported crime in February, which was lower than of late. She also submitted an update on safer neighbourhood matters.

The Clerk was asked to write to P.c. Gregson expressing the Parish Council’s appreciation in respect of his past service as Community Officer.

08/09/306 ROAD SAFETY MEETING

Resolved: That, pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/273 of February, 2009, Councillor Maclagan be authorised to attend the road safety meeting at Beckingham on 23rd March, 2009.

08/09/307 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Bardsley reported that he and the Clerk met with Mr. N. Thornton (Acis Group Ltd.) and District Council Housing and Planning Officers earlier in the day, to discuss issues relating to need. It was made clear by the Housing Officer that he would not recommend approval of an exception site without further evidence of need.

Resolved: That Councillor Bardsley be authorised to prepare an article for HEDS Together, in order to further assess need.

08/09/308 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported that it was expected that the County Council survey of rights of way would be completed by the end of March, 2009.

08/09/309 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.

An email was submitted from the District Council, explaining the current position, and its stance regarding possible prosecution.

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that the view of the Parish Council was that, as the main aim of the exercise was odour elimination, nothing should be done that might be counter-productive. If prosecution might hinder completion of the project, then it might not be advisable in the interests of residents who currently had to tolerate the odour nuisance.

08/09/310 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Clerk reported that a place had been reserved for Councillor Bardsley on the Green Matters conference at Aylesbury on 27th March, 2009.

08/09/311 TRAINING

The Clerk submitted a report on the NALC 'Stepping Stones' conference at York on 21st February, 2009, where he participated in workshops on Clerks' Good Practice, Council of the Year and Training. The main points he reported were:

- There was to be no Council of the Year competition in 2009. Instead, a revamped competition would commence in 2009, for completion in 2010.
- Details of the new Power of Wellbeing were available, and he had ordered a copy. The main point for Members was that a parish council would not be able to use the new power unless at least 80% of Members had attended a two-hour training course to be given by NALC.
- The Clerk would have to pass a new module within the CiLCA qualification on the Power of Wellbeing in order for the Parish Council to achieve reaccreditation as a Quality Council in 2010.

08/09/312 LOCAL HEALTH ISSUES

The Clerk reported that a health fayre would be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th April, 2009. Members were pleased, but expressed concern that the health fayre was not related to the issue of provision of better health services locally, which District Councillor Simpson had kindly agreed to investigate.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to District Councillor Simpson accordingly.

08/09/313 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

The Clerk reported that he was in the process of arranging the meeting referred to at Minute No. 08/09/283 of February, 2009.

08/09/314 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2009

Resolved: That, if the Competition was staged, the Parish Council should enter Everton.

08/09/315 TRAVEL PLAN

Consideration was given to representations received following the consultation exercise.

Resolved: That Brewery Lane be excluded from the Park and Stride Scheme, and those making representations be informed accordingly.

08/09/316 BASSETLAW SPRING CLEAN

Letter was submitted from the District Council, inviting the Parish Council to participate in the above. The Clerk would circulate Members with a view to arranging a one-hour litter pick.

08/09/317 BASSETLAW PRIMARY CARE TRUST – STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2013

Letter was submitted from the Primary Care Trust, enclosing the above consultation document.

In view of the deadline for responses, Councillor Dunn was authorised to prepare a response for submission by the Clerk.

08/09/318 SPORTS CLUB DIRECTORY

Letter was submitted from the District Council, enclosing the above, and requesting it be displayed as a reference item in an appropriate public place. The Clerk would send it to the Metcalfe Recreation Committee for consideration as to an appropriate place for display.

08/09/319 BASSETLAW EMPLOYMENT LAND STUDY 2009

Members noted the above.

08/09/320 CLOSURE OF THE A631 AT BAWTRY

The Clerk would request the County Council to provide signage at the Sun Inn crossroads relating to the above.

08/09/321 LITTER

Concern was expressed about litter in the Harwell Woods area. The Clerk would seek advice from the District Council.

08/09/322 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/09/1 - Amendment

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 experience 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.

19/09/2/R

Luca Homes

Erect detached four-bedroom dwelling with detached double garage and construct new access on land east of Dadsley House, Gainsborough Road, Everton – resubmission of 19/08/34

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

08/09/323 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

19/08/35

Mr. A. Rogers

Change flat roof to pitched roof to existing detached garage and chimney to south elevation and roof of property at Holmesdale Cottage, Brewery Lane, Everton

Permission Granted

19/08/39 & 19/08/40L

Ms. D. Harrison

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

Permission Granted

19/08/42R – Amended

Mr. H. Choppin

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

Permission Granted

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

Permission Granted

08/09/324 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.

08/09/325 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

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

08/09/326 TENANCY OF PARISH LANDS – RENT REVIEW

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/292 of February, 2009, a further letter was submitted from John H. Pickup & Co. relating to the above.

Resolved: That John H. Pickup & Co. be instructed to serve a notice on the tenant relating to a requested rent increase in September, 2010.

