

# EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2007**

**Present:** Councillor E. M. Jefferies, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, Bardsley, de Bel, Dunn, Ferrar, Maclagan and Woods

### **06/07/384 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Martin (private commitment) and District Councillor Simpson.

### **06/07/385 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors de Bel and Dunn each declared a personal interest at agenda item 4 (Matters arising from the Minutes – Recreation Ground Matters), being members of the Metcalfe Charitable Trust.

Councillor Jefferies declared a personal interest at agenda item 10 (NALC Northern Area Committee Reports), being a member of the Committee.

Councillors Bardsley, de Bel, and Jefferies each declared a personal interest at agenda item 11 (NEBF Reports), being members of the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

### **06/07/386 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

### **06/07/387 MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk referred to Minute No. 06/07/362 (Recreation Ground), and reported that Mrs. V. Troop was very pleased to hear of the proposed planting of an oak or walnut in the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Dunn kindly offered to pursue the matter of obtaining and planting a tree.

### **06/07/388 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

No matters were raised by the public present.

**06/07/389      ACCOUNTS**

Resolved:      That the April Accounts be approved for payment.

**06/07/390      BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.

**06/07/391      BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the April budget monitoring statement.

**06/07/392      RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

Councillor Bardsley reported that bricks were missing from the wall that bounded the northern side of the recreation ground. He had informed the Metcalfe Charitable Trust, and Councillor de Bel confirmed that the question of ownership of the wall was being examined.

**06/07/393      NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE**

The next meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2007.

**06/07/394      NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM**

Councillors Bardsley and Jefferies submitted a brief report on the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2007. The main items under consideration were:

- the possible impact of the current Robin Hood Airport Change Proposal on the local area;
- the Lafarge planning application for a quarry at Sturton-le-Steeple, where the Forum had agreed to lodge an objection, and
- the recently conducted transport needs survey, where funding had been obtained by the Forum to facilitate professional analysis.

**06/07/395      PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 were being circulated.

Councillor Jefferies submitted a brief report on the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2007, when a draft charter between the District Council and parish councils was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

**06/07/396      PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

Councillors Dunn and Jefferies, having studied submitted the Nottinghamshire Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan, proposed that it be circulated amongst Members, with a view to a formal response being agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

**06/07/397      THE MISTERTON CENTRE**

The Clerk submitted a report on the Misterton Centre, a mini business centre/community one-stop shop operated in partnership by Bassetlaw District Council, Misterton Parish Council and Nottinghamshire Police, located at the former Lincolnshire Co-op shop at High Street, Misterton. It recently opened for business, and would be officially opened by the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007. The facilities comprised entrance lobby, reception desk/area, interview/small meeting room, an office each for the three partners, kitchen and toilets.

The initiative was an attempt to make life easier for residents of Misterton and nearby villages, avoiding the need to make a longish journey to Worksop or Retford to access facilities which were now on offer at the Centre, or would be in the near future.

In essence, the facility was a first point of contact for local government and police services generally. A receptionist was currently working from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm Tuesday to Saturday, although demand could lead to alteration of those days and times in the future. A video link to Bassetlaw District Council was to be installed shortly, facilitating the public to hook up with District Council officers and staff from other organisations when they were not in attendance at the Centre.

Eventually it was hoped to see the Centre fully used, and management was happy to offer the facilities to public and voluntary sector groups that might wish to provide a service in the area.

A letter from the Receptionist, Mrs. Andrea Sly, would be circulated in due course.

**06/07/398      BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

- (a) Councillor Dunn reported that, pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/357(c) of March, 2007, Mr. Ross's personal circumstances had changed, and he would not, unfortunately, be able to carry out the community work previously envisaged.

- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/357(b) of March, 2007, a letter was submitted from the County Council, giving details of its legal requirements in respect of the creation of two flowerbeds along the A631.

Members agreed that, as suggested by the Clerk at the March meeting, the requirements were too stringent for the Parish Council to comply with. Alternative arrangements were agreed.

- (c) Resolved: That the Clerk request the County Council to cut and spray the A631 through the village.
- (d) The Clerk would publicise the Best Kept Village Competition in the next edition of HEDS Together.

**06/07/399 VILLAGE CHARITIES**

Councillor de Bel still had nothing to report.

**06/07/400 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/359(a) of March, 2007, a letter was submitted from the County Council explaining the reasoning behind its decision to trial 20 mph zones.
- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/214(b) of November, 2006, a letter was submitted from Mr. R. L. Harrison stating that he did not agree that removing or trimming the hedges for a few yards on both the A631 and Harwell Road would improve visibility. Alternatively, he suggested that the 30 mph zone be extended.

Resolved: That no further action be taken with regard to this matter, and Mr. A. Berry be informed accordingly.

- (c) Resolved: That the Clerk make enquiries with the County Council about replacing the mirror formerly located at the junction of Harwell Lane and Chapel Lane.

**06/07/401 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.**

The Clerk reported that, as required at Minute No. 06/07/360 of March, 2007, he had informed the District Council of the Parish Council's support for the current planning application – on the basis that it was intended to eliminate the odour nuisance. However, the Clerk had since learned that the application also contained proposals to significantly expand the operation. He intended to view the application.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to take any appropriate action with regard to the abovementioned planning application, in consultation with Members.

**06/07/402      SPEEDWATCH**

The Clerk reported that public response to the recent article in HEDS Together was very limited.

Resolved:      That the Clerk write a further article for HEDS Together, pointing out that unless the number of volunteers increased, the project would not proceed.

**06/07/403      WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/365 of March, 2007, Councillor Jefferies and the Clerk reported on the meeting they had attended earlier in the day with representatives of the County Council and Gringley on the Hill and Misterton Parish Councils. The meeting was mainly concerned with (a) improving communications between the County Council and parish councils, (b) better service delivery by partnership working and (c) getting the best out of the Quality Council initiative.

The meeting with representatives of the five Quality Councils in the south of the county had yet to take place. When it had, the County Council would review the matter before consulting further.

Councillor Jefferies and the Clerk considered that the meeting had been positive and successful.

**06/07/404      ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT**

Consideration of any further action with regard to noise nuisance would be deferred until Councillor Martin was present.

**06/07/405      DANESHILL HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/376 of March, 2007, a letter was submitted from the County Council stating that, following the consultation exercise, the above facility was to close on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009. Users would be redirected to the facilities at Retford and Worksop.

Members observed that it appeared that the consultation exercise had merely been a token gesture, with the decision having already been made prior to the exercise.

Resolved:

- (a)      That the Parish Council continue to fight the decision, using evidence provided by Councillors Bardsley and Maclagan.

- (b) That the Clerk inform Mattersey and Ranskill Parish Councils of the Parish Council's decision to fight on.
- (c) That the Clerk write an article for HEDS Together, drawing attention to the decision to fight on.

**06/07/406 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES – ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Letter was submitted from the County Council, stating that, following the recent consultation exercise, a Preferred Options document was to be published for consultation in July, 2007.

**06/07/407 CLERKS' MODEL CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

Letter was submitted from the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks, enclosing a list of revisions to the above. The Clerk would submit a report in due course.

**06/07/408 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

Letter was submitted from the District Council, explaining that there would be delays in dealing with enforcement matters owing to a staff shortage.

**06/07/409 DONATION**

Letter was submitted from 1<sup>st</sup> Mattersey Guides, thanking the Parish Council for its recent donation.

**06/07/410 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

The draft report was submitted for Members' initial attention. The Clerk would refer certain queries to Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council prior to Ms. Carole Turner being invited to a meeting to formally present the draft report.

**06/07/411 DOG WASTE BIN AT THE EASTERN END OF PINFOLD LANE, HARWELL**

Members were informed that the resident who had volunteered to empty the above bin was no longer available to do so. In the meantime, the Clerk had arranged for Bassetlaw District Council to empty it, but there was a need to find a permanent solution. The matter would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**06/07/412      GRADE II LISTED PIGEONCOTE, MANOR FARM, HARWELL  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS 19/04/42 AND 19/04/43L**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/377 of March, 2007, the Clerk reported that Mr. James Darwin, Historic Buildings Inspector at English Heritage was dealing with the case. He had sent an email saying that he understood there to be a need for a retrospective planning application. He would report further in due course.

**06/07/413      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**1/46/06/14 (Sturton le Steeple)**  
Lafarge Aggregates (UK) Ltd.  
Sand and gravel quarry at Sturton le Steeple.

Copy correspondence from objectors was submitted for information.

Councillor Bardsley and the Clerk reported on the recent meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple, when the County Council officer gave an assurance that discussions would take place with the applicant about the transport issues raised.

Resolved:

- (a) That the Clerk write an update article for HEDS Together.
- (b) That the Clerk write to Mr. John Mann, MP, enquiring whether he was aware of how the applicant proposed to offset its carbon emissions from the proposed development.

**19/07/8**  
Mr. J. D. Graham  
Single-storey dwelling on land adjacent Drakeholes Farm, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/07/9**  
Mr. & Mrs. M. Deakin  
Erect single-storey extension at Drakeholes House, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**06/07/414 PLANNING DETERMINATION**

**19/07/5**

Mr. & Mrs. Hoursepool

Erect single storey rear extension to include lounge, bedroom and dressing area and double garage to the front at Orchard View Cottage, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Refused

**06/07/415 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.

**06/07/416 TENANCY OF PARISH LANDS**

The Clerk submitted correspondence from John H. Pickup & Co. relating to the possibility of a Farm Business Tenancy with Mr. Troop. The company was in communication with Mr. Troop's agents, Brown & Co.

The correspondence also commented on aspects of the decision at Minute No. 06/07/383(b) of March, 2007 regarding the possibility of an exchange of land.