

# EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2008**

**Present:** Councillors D. J. Bardsley, Chairman (in the absence of Councillor Dunn).  
Councillors Bacon, de Bel, Ferrar, Jefferies, Maclagan and Woods.

**08/09/48 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Dunn (holiday) and Martin (holiday).

**08/09/49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor de Bel declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 19 (Planning Applications – Everton Village Hall), being a trustee of the applicant, and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

**08/09/50 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on 12th May, 2008, were approved as a correct record.

**08/09/51 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**08/09/52 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**08/09/53 ACCOUNTS**

Resolved: That the June Accounts be approved for payment.

**08/09/54 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008, which showed a balance of £13,599.75 (after deduction of unrepresented cheques of £90.00).

**08/09/55 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the June budget monitoring statement.

**08/09/56 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

There were no matters to report.

**08/09/57 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP AND POLICING GENERALLY**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 were submitted, and Councillor Maclagan expanded on them. It was a matter of concern that only three parishes were represented at the meeting, and this could have been due to the limited jurisdiction of safer neighbourhood groups, which excluded burglary in particular.

The Group had identified the fact that vehicles parked outside certain schools were obstructing the highway. High visibility patrols would visit affected areas, and contact would be made with the schools and other relevant parties in an attempt to resolve the problem.

Subsequent to the meeting, an email was received from P.c. Gregson, giving details of a survey he had conducted of Everton pupils.

Resolved:

- (a) That the above be noted.
- (b) That, pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/406 of April, 2008, the Clerk contact the school with regard to expediting the postponed meeting about a school crossing point.

**08/09/58 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT**

Councillor Bardsley submitted a monthly progress report. Activities in the past month included:

- Project Initiation Document approved by the Parish Council
- Architect proposed by Acis Group Ltd. agreed by the Parish Council
- Discussions with one landowner continued, and contact was made with another

Planning activities over the next month included:

- Architect to be appointed
- A potential site to be identified (subject to response from identified landowners)

Progress was on target.

**08/09/59 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Dunn had completed the annual rights of way survey, which the Clerk had submitted to the County Council together with the annual grant claim.

There was a question mark over whether the 2007 infrastructure work had been carried out, which the Clerk was looking into.

The Clerk was also aware that Councillor Dunn had met Ms. Laura Summers, Rights of Way Officer at the County Council, regarding proposed repairs to bridleway 4, and a report was awaited.

**08/09/60 TUNNEL TECH NORTH**

Councillor Bardsley reported that he had abandoned the formal liaison mechanism as it was non-effective. Instead, he had personally engaged Mr. Simon Middlebrook, Managing Director of Tunnel Tech North Ltd. in dialogue. An email from Mr. Middlebrook, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2008, stated:

*“The current construction is for 3 bunkers to be built. These are constructed as per the planning that we discussed at the last Liaison meeting. These structures are 8m wide and 8m high. The walls are cast concrete, whilst the roof is of concrete panels.*

*The guidance note obviously states an aerated floor, which would not require to be an investment of this nature, however, as per our mootings previously, we are sticking to our commitment to build to the final construction. Because this is much more costly, this has contributed to some of the delays in starting and to the modified enforcement date agreed with Bassetlaw.*

*We are reporting on progress to Bassetlaw, who in turn are reporting to DEFRA and the Minister, on a fortnightly basis. BDC Officers are now visiting the site every 2 weeks to inspect progress against the plan.”*

**08/09/61 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

A discussion took place on action taken and action needing to be taken. The Clerk would act accordingly.

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/33 of May, 2008, the Clerk reported that A1 Housing Ltd. had not responded to his most recent urging over the need for urgent maintenance work to be carried out to the bungalows on Carr View/High Street. Members expressed great concern and disappointment over the failure of the company to maintain its property in a satisfactory condition.

Resolved:

- (a) That the Competition judges be requested to exclude these properties from the judging, on the basis that the Parish Council had been involved in an unsuccessful attempt over the last nine months to persuade the company to maintain its property.
- (b) That a formal complaint be made to the company over its failure to maintain the properties.

**08/09/62 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT**

Letter was submitted from Robin Hood Airport, giving details of the Airspace Change Proposal, due to be implemented on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2008.

**08/09/63 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

The Clerk reported that he was still waiting for a firm decision from the Police. Having sent three emails to Inspector Wilson, with no response, he would now revert to the Chief Constable.

**08/09/64 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS – REGIONAL CONFERENCE – QUORN – 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2008**

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to attend this conference.

**08/09/65 DOG WASTE BIN**

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/44 of May, 2008 the Clerk reported that the County Council was prepared to install the bin, and the District Council was prepared to empty it.

Resolved: That a suitable bin be purchased.

**08/09/66 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting would be held at Retford Town Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 would be circulated.

**08/09/67 STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (SHLAA) FOR THE NORTHERN HOUSING MARKET AREA (NHMA) METHODOLOGY**

Letter was submitted from Chesterfield Borough Council, attaching details of the above, which included Bassetlaw District. The Parish Council's observations were requested.

Resolved: That Chesterfield Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council's only observation was that parish councils should be consulted as early in the process as possible, and that this requirement was built into the process.

**08/09/68**

**PLANNING APPEAL**

**APP/A3010/A/08/2073740/WF**

**19/07/34**

Retain detached dwelling and erect triple garage at Barrow Cragg, Nutcroft Way, Harwell

Resolved: That the Planning Inspectorate be informed that the Parish Council wished to stress its overriding concern that the Inspector's report at 1/19/04/30 appeared to have been completely ignored. The Inspector ruled that, if his conditions were not complied with, the house must be reduced to its original height. The conditions were not complied with and yet the District Council allowed the house to be retained. The Parish Council could not understand the logic of this.

Legal advice was not given at the Planning Committee on the pros and cons of implementing the Inspector's edict that the building should be reduced to its original dimensions, and there was, therefore, a lack of clarity surrounding the legal position.

**08/09/69**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/08/8**

Metcalfe Charitable Trust

Remove 4 windows, relocate 1 window and install 6 replacement windows at Everton Village Hall

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to submit a response, in consultation with Members, following receipt of a missing drawing.

**19/08/9**

Mrs. S. Bellamy

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

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/08/10T**

Mr. A. McDonald

Remove 2 red maples at Corner House, The Willows, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**08/09/70 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

**19/07/27**

Mr. C. Arden

Retrospective planning permission for the erection of retaining walls and dwarf walls to front of Marples Barn, Mill Lane, Everton

Permission Granted

**19/07/45R**

**19/07/47L**

Mr. & Mrs. J. Torr

Renewal of existing planning permission (19/01/24) for conversion of former farm buildings to a dwelling at Pear Tree Farm, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Granted

**08/09/71 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.

**07/08/72 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT**

Councillor Bardsley gave details of negotiations between Acis Group Ltd. and potential vendors of land.

