

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 3rd March, 2008

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

07/08/359 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

07/08/360 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of a meeting of the Audit Committee, held on 4th February, 2008, were approved as a correct record, and the recommendations contained therein were approved.

07/08/361 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 4th February, 2008, were approved as a correct record.

07/08/362 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Maclagan referred to Minute No. 07/08/330 (Safer Neighbourhood Group), and suggested that the concerns expressed in it be discussed at the meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group to be held on 11th March, 2008. Members agreed.

07/08/363 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no members of the public present.

07/08/364 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the March Accounts be approved for payment.

07/08/365 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st January, 2008, which showed a balance of £9,585.64 (after deduction of unpresented cheques of £115.00).

07/08/366 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the March budget monitoring statement.

07/08/367 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

There were no matters to report.

07/08/368 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

The minutes of a meeting held on 18th February, 2008 would be submitted when received.

07/08/369 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

The next meeting of the above would be held at Worksop on 16th April, 2008. The Clerk would request that Community Speedwatch be further discussed if he had news from the Police, as requested at Minute No. 07/08/333 of February, 2008 – see next minute.

07/08/370 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/333 of February, 2008, the Clerk reported that he had received an email from Inspector Phil Wilson, asking the Clerk to contact him. The Clerk was endeavouring to do so, but so far without success.

07/08/371 PARISH COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN

Further progress would be made once time permitted.

07/08/372 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN EVERTON

Councillor Bardsley and the Clerk submitted a report on the meeting held on 26th February, 2008, with Ms. Jayne Wilson, of ACIS Group Ltd. and Ms. Jackie Colquitt, Head of Rural Service at Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (formerly Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council).

The purpose of the meeting was to move towards finalising the Housing Needs Survey Report, subject to the satisfaction of Mr. Graham Jackson (Bassetlaw District Council Housing) with the conclusions contained in the Report.

07/08/373 SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SHARED VISION

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report on the public meeting held on 28th February, 2008, which he considered had been positive, and with over 30 people in attendance. Presentations were given by Jenny Lane, Head Teacher at the Primary School and Sue Hughes (Blue Skies), who explained that the School/Community Shared Vision was about community cohesion: the community, looking at the big picture, and working together to build a sustainable community.

Some attendees raised concerns over the possibility of Everton's much-loved traditional school being replaced with an unattractive modern building, but Miss Lane2 stressed the fact that there was no possibility of a new school in Everton. What was required was more space for the school to properly fulfil its role.

After discussion had ended, it was clear that there was a consensus in the meeting that a mechanism needed to be found to move the vision forward. It was, therefore, agreed in principle that an initial meeting of stakeholders be called.

Members now discussed the matter, and agreed that the initiative should be supported.

Resolved: That the stakeholder meeting be arranged by the Clerk – hopefully before the end of April.

07/08/374 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

A report was made that Broomfield Lane had been badly chewed up during carrot harvesting, which took place in wet weather. Mattersey Road was also badly affected by mud from farm vehicles.

Resolved: That the County Council Highways and Rights of Way Departments be informed of the Parish Council's concern that the harvesting took place in wet weather, thus causing damage and nuisance.

07/08/375 VILLAGE CHARITIES

Councillors de Bel and Jefferies still had to call meetings of the relevant charities.

07/08/376 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(a) Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/340(b) of February, 2008, Councillor Bardsley referred to certain concerns expressed over the works originally proposed at High Street, insofar as the ancient 'Bumpstone' would have to be removed. The threat had now disappeared, but he wondered whether the Parish Council should contact the District Council regarding possible Listing or other protection.

Resolved: That the Clerk make enquiries at the District Council.

(b) Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/340(b) of February, 2008, discussion took place about the alternative footway work currently being carried out on High Street. Members expressed satisfaction with the work taking place.

- (c) Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/340(c) of February, 2008, the Clerk reported that the supplier of the interactive signs had tested them on 22nd February, 2008, and found them to be in correct working order.
- (d) Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/340(e) of February, 2008, the Clerk reported that the County Council recently inspected Long Meadows. A works instruction had been issued for repair of potholes, and the road had been put forward for detailed visual inspection and assessment for consideration as part of the 2008/09 resurfacing programme.
- (e) Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/340(a) of February, 2008, the Clerk reported that the Road Safety Officer was to visit the school on 11th March, 2008, to discuss the possibility of providing a safe crossing point on Chapel Lane. Councillor Bardsley would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- (f) Reference was made to the proposed footpath reinstatement works on the A631, and the desirability of including a cycle track if possible.

Resolved: That the Clerk make enquiries at the County Council.
- (g) Reference was made to the desirability of kerbing being laid to protect the grass verge on Everton Sluice Lane from damage by parked vehicles - from its junction with Roe Lane in a northerly direction to the end of the garden area of the Northfield Farm development.

Resolved: That the Clerk propose the above to the County Council.

07/08/377 TUNNEL TECH NORTH

Councillor Bardsley reported that he had been informed that District Council representatives met with Tunnel Tech North Ltd. on 5th February, 2008 to discuss progress. The outstanding issue of the proposed site meeting for Parish Council representatives was raised, and the company agreed to write to each of the parish/town councils involved and offer to attend their next meeting to give a presentation/update.

The Clerk confirmed that no letter had been received.

Councillor Bardsley would continue to press the matter.

07/08/378 COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA)

A draft CPA Self-Assessment was submitted from the County Council.

07/08/379 TENANCY OF PARISH LANDS

Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/358 of February, 2008, a letter was submitted from R. Troop & Son stating that, following consultation with Natural England, 0.4ha of field SK6790 6057 must remain in environmental stewardship. The area to be planted with willow had, therefore, been amended to 2.86ha.

07/08/380 NOTTS NEWS

Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/347 of February, 2008, a letter was submitted from Notts News, relating to possible membership by the Parish Council.

Resolved: That no action be taken as regards membership, but the Clerk draw the attention of HEDS Together to the possibility of it becoming a member.

07/08/381 BASSETLAW SPRING CLEAN

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, inviting the Parish Council to participate in the above.

Resolved: That a spring clean take place on Sunday 27th April, 2008, between 11 am and noon.

07/08/382 AUDIT

Letter was submitted from the Audit Commission, stating that Clement Keys had been appointed External Auditor to the Joint Burial Committee.

07/08/383 CONSULTATION

Pursuant to Minute No. 07/08/188 of October, 2007 and subsequent minutes, a letter was submitted from the Leader of the County Council, confirming that it was the County Council's intention to have closer liaison with the community.

Resolved: That the Clerk write further to the Leader of the County Council, asking how the County Council intended to achieve this, particularly with regard to parish councils.

07/08/384 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS TRAINING COURSES

Resolved: That Councillors Ferrar and Martin be authorised to attend a New Councillor Training Course at Ranby on 26th June, 2008.

07/08/385 **EVERTON AND SCAFTWORTH JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE – PRECEPT 2008/09**

Letter was submitted from the Joint Burial Committee, confirming that the precept on the Parish Council was £2,821.

07/08/386 **AUDIT COMMISSION CORPORATE ASSESSMENT – SURVEY OF COUNCIL STAKEHOLDERS**

The Clerk would complete a questionnaire from the Audit Commission.

07/08/387 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/08/5

Mr. & Mrs. C. J. J. Harrison

Erect two-storey side extension and two single-storey porch extensions at The Old Brewery, Brewery Lane, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made

32/08/4R

Tunnel Tech North Ltd.

Resiting of proposed Phase II and Phase III tunnels Nos. 1-17 at Newington Farm, Bawtry Road, Misson – resubmission of 32/07/5

A copy letter of objection from Mr. M. Brearley, which had been circulated to all Members, was also considered.

Resolved: That the observations made at 32/07/5 be repeated.

07/08/388 **PLANNING DETERMINATION**

19/087/1R

Mr. & Mrs. G. Fairclough

Retain dwelling at Barrow Cragg, Nutcroft Way, Harwell – resubmission of 19/07/34

Permission Granted

Resolved: That the District Council be asked in what form it envisaged the boundary retention development at Conditions Nos. 2 and 4 to take place.