

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th January, 2009

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

08/09/224 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors de Bel (holiday) and Ferrar (unwell).

08/09/225 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bardsley declared a personal interest at agenda item 25 (Urgent Business – NEBF), being a member of the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

Councillor Woods declared a personal interest at agenda item 26 (Planning Applications – Cumbrae, Mattersey Road, Everton), being a relative of the architect.

Councillor Woods declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 30 (Everton Affordable Housing Project), and left the meeting during consideration of that item.

08/09/226 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 1st December, 2008, were approved as a correct record, subject to a minor alteration at Minute No. 08/09/211 (Robin Hood Airport).

08/09/227 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

08/09/228 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. P. Hirst addressed the meeting in support of a letter of objection lodged by residents of Windyridge to planning application 19/08/42R, which would be considered later in the meeting. The Clerk informed Mr. Hirst that all Members had been furnished with a copy of the letter of objection.

08/09/229 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the January Accounts be approved for payment.

08/09/230 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 30th November, 2008, which showed a balance of £12,355.29.

08/09/231 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

The next meeting of the Group was to take place on 11th February, 2009. No items were considered necessary for inclusion on the agenda.

08/09/232 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

There were no matters to report.

08/09/233 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/204 of December, 2008, the Clerk reported receipt of an email from the County Council, stating as follows:
 - (i) Following difficulties in ordering a replacement beacon for the Sun Inn crossroads, an order had recently been accepted and it was hoped to install the beacon in the near future.
 - (ii) The pothole on Mattersey Road had been repaired.
 - (iii) The Network Inspector had been asked to pursue the developer regarding required works to the verge at Northfield Farmstead.
 - (iv) With respect to the matter referred to at Minute No. 08/09/111 of September, 2008, confirmation was given that the County Council's 'Licence to Cultivate' was undergoing a review. As regards the verge in question, the County Council had not cut it.
- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/186 of November, 2008, the Clerk reported receipt of an email from the County Council, which stated that it was currently working on a computerised programme for its highway asset management system, whereby requests received for detailed visual inspections could be entered and a report produced identifying all sites where requests had been received. This would make the process more efficient. It might, however, alter the process mapping. The programme was due to be completed early in 2009.

08/09/234 NALC QUALITY COUNCIL EVENT – LINCOLN – 19TH DECEMBER, 2008

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report on the above, which had been a most enjoyable event, although he questioned whether the format provided much added value. He would respond to NALC's event questionnaire accordingly.

08/09/235 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

This item was considered in confidential session later in the meeting.

08/09/236 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.

The Clerk reported that his several attempts to elicit a response from Mr. Proudman with regard to the query at Minute No. 08/09/210 of December, 2008 had proved unsuccessful. He would persevere.

08/09/237 LOCAL COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting confirmation as to whether the grant application on behalf of the Mums and Toddlers Group had been approved.

08/09/238 PROPOSED VILLAGE ENTRANCE SIGNS

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/214 of December, 2008, Councillor Bardsley submitted a selection of draft designs, from which a preferred choice was made. Councillor Bardsley was thanked for his efforts.

Resolved: That the Clerk discuss the matter further with Signs of the Times.

08/09/239 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

There was nothing to report.

08/09/240 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT

Consideration was given to the Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield Master Plan to 2030 consultation document.

Resolved: That the Parish Council's observations to the Airport be as follows:

- The Master Plan appears to have been drafted early in 2008. The effect of the current economic downturn/credit crisis is not taken into account, nor mentioned.
- The Parish Council queries whether the Government White Paper of 2003, to which the consultation responds, is still relevant?

- The Master Plan contains unrealistic and overoptimistic expectations of growth in passenger and freight business.
- In order to increase freight business the Airport wishes to increase night flying of freighters, and allow noisy QC4 aircraft to operate at night, to the detriment of residents under and near flight paths.
- The Airport should a to be a "good neighbour" and reduce noise and pollution, as is being suggested for the proposed third runway at Heathrow.
- General Business Aviation growth seems to rely, in part, on persuading small plane owners to move to the Airport from smaller local airfields, to the detriment of these latter airports. This is viewed as being unfriendly.
- General Business Aviation growth is also to be obtained by an increase in training flights, which cause a disproportionate amount of annoyance due to their low flight paths and frequency of return. Large passenger aircraft repetitively performing low-level training circuits are the biggest source of nuisance to Everton residents.
- The Parish Council is not against all growth. By providing a service to popular destinations, the Airport helps to reduce the overall carbon footprint associated with aircraft travel.

08/09/241 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Councillor Jefferies would furnish the Clerk with copy email correspondence relating to the issue of energy efficiency roadshows.

08/09/242 TRAINING

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to attend a 'Stepping Stones' event (seminar and workshops) for Quality Councils, at York on 21st February, 2009.

08/09/243 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

A meeting of the Parish Council Working Group would take place shortly.

08/09/244 LOCAL HEALTH ISSUES

This matter, referred to at Minute No. 08/09/216(a) of December, 2008, would be considered when District Councillor Simpson next attended a meeting of the Parish Council.

08/09/245 RURAL SERVICE NETWORK

A letter from the above, inviting membership, was noted.

08/09/246 TRAVEL PLAN

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report on the proposed 'Park & Stride' initiative, whereby, instead of parking outside the school, those parents who had the time would be encouraged to park in one of several designated nearby areas and then walk with their children to and from school.

The suggested parking areas were:

- Brewery Lane (south side)
- Church Street (north side)
- High Street (north of Pine Close)

Resolved: That the initiative be supported, and the views of the public be sought in an article in HEDS Together.

08/09/247 HILL HOUSE SCHOOL, DONCASTER

Councillor Dunn reported that, unfortunately, work commitments prevented him accepting an invitation to attend the official opening of the above.

08/09/248 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

Councillor Bardsley reported on the agenda for the next meeting of the Forum, and pointed out in particular that Chief Inspector Glen Harper was to address the meeting on Safer Neighbourhoods/Policing. This provided an opportunity to express views on what local policing should entail.

Resolved: That Councillor Bardsley be authorised to represent the Parish Council's views on Safer Neighbourhoods/Policing.

08/09/249 HOUSING

The Clerk reported that Bassetlaw's Head of Community Prosperity had, in a letter to Misterton Parish Council, confirmed that he had made representations to the Regional Assembly about the impact of ever increasing housing numbers, particularly without any direct link to regeneration priorities.

The letter also went on to say that, in accordance with recent changes to Government Guidance, the District Council was now requiring developers to make affordable housing provision on sites of 15 dwellings.

08/09/250 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/08/37

Mr. & Mrs. N. C. Clarke

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

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

19/08/38

Mr. P. Eley

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

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

19/08/39

Ms. D. Harrison

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

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

19/08/42R

Mr. H. Choppin

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

Consideration was also given to a letter of objection from residents.

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that, having had the benefit of studying the abovementioned letter of objection, the Parish Council fully supported the case made by the objectors, summarised below, and strongly objected to the application on the following grounds:

- alteration to scale and character of area
- an undesirable precedent
- vehicular turning problems, parking congestion and general road safety issues
- detrimental effect on 15 and 19 Windyridge, specifically with regard to more intensive use resulting in additional noise, access/parking problems, loss of privacy and change of character of the area

19/08/27

R. Troop & Son

Erect new farm building for general agricultural purposes and detached single-storey farm office with kitchen and WC and alter existing access at land rear the former Dolphin Farm site, Bawtry Road, Everton

Permission Granted

19/08/29

Mr. H. Choppin

Erect dwelling attached to 17 Windyridge, Everton

Withdrawn

19/08/34

Luca Developments

Two detached, three-bedroom dormer bungalows with integral garages on land adjoining Dadsley House, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Refused

08/09/252 BUDGET 2009-10

The Clerk furnished Members with a set of draft Budget proposals.

Resolved:

- (a) That the Budget be approved in accordance with the statement to be circulated.
- (b) That the precept be set at £9,700.
- (c) That the Clerk discuss street cleaning with the Headteacher of Everton Primary School prior to allocation of the 2008/09 street cleaning grant, and to a request being submitted to the District Council for 2009/10 street cleaning grant.

08/09/253 ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

Members were satisfied as follows:

- (a) The Risk Assessment Policy was working efficiently, and required no amendment.
- (b) Internal controls (including internal audit), financial systems, financial regulations and standing orders were all satisfactory.
- (c) The Parish Council always endeavoured to ensure compliance with legislative requirements.

- (d) The Protocol on Communications and Delegated Powers was working satisfactorily.
- (e) The Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and Guide to Proactively Published Information had recently been approved (Minute No. 08/09/189 of November, 2008) and published.

08/09/254 CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerk's contract was reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

08/09/255 THE CLERK'S SALARY

A review took place of the work carried out by the Clerk to the Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk's salary remain unaltered.

08/09/256 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL APPRAISAL

An appraisal took place, when both the Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council indicated their satisfaction with matters.

08/09/257 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.

08/09/258 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Bardsley gave details of the current position regarding the preferred sites and the current housing market.

Resolved: That Councillor Bardsley and the Clerk be authorised, together with a representative of Acis Group Ltd., to meet District Council representatives for further discussions.