

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th February, 2007

Present: Councillor E. M. Jefferies, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, Bardsley, de Bel, Dunn, Maclagan, Martin and Woods, together with District Councillor Simpson

06/07/307 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor Ferrar (private engagement).

06/07/308 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

Councillors Dunn (nearby property owner), Jefferies (nearby resident) and Maclagan (nearby resident) each declared a personal interest at agenda item 31 (Planning Applications - Northfield Farm Development).

06/07/309 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 8th January, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

06/07/310 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

06/07/311 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no members of the public present.

06/07/312 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the February Accounts be approved for payment.

06/07/313 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st December, 2006.

06/07/314 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the February budget monitoring statement.

06/07/315 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

Councillor Bardsley reported that the metal surround to the Jack Bell memorial tree in the recreation ground needed to be removed to prevent damage to the tree. The Clerk would discuss the matter with the Secretaries of the Metcalfe Charitable Trust and the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, with a view to removal and storage.

06/07/316 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

The next meeting was to be held at Retford on 19th February, 2007.

06/07/317 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

Councillor Bardsley and District Councillor Simpson submitted a brief report on the meeting held on 23rd January, 2007. The main points of the meeting related to (a) the current threat to rural post offices, (b) hospital and health service matters, and (c) adoption of a constitution by the Forum.

06/07/318 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

- (a) The Clerk referred to the significant balance on the P3 earmarked reserve. Members agreed to inspect rights of way in the Spring, with a view to utilisation of this money to effect desirable improvements.
- (b) An Email was submitted from the Wayfinder Officer, Mr. Chris Jackson, saying he had been promoted to a new position within the County Council.
- (c) The Clerk would liaise with Councillor Dunn and Mr. Richard Troop with regard to the installation of P3 furniture which had recently arrived.
- (d) Councillor Dunn would inspect a stile on footpath 1, to ascertain its condition and suitability.

06/07/319 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report on the public meeting held at Misterton on 17th January, 2007 on the theme of Neighbourliness, when Ms. Melissa Pickance, Partnerships Officer at Nottinghamshire Police, gave a presentation about Community Speedwatch. Such schemes arose from an idea to involve local residents in speed reduction in the village of Ash, Somerset. Three Bassetlaw parishes now had schemes in which trained community volunteers carried out speed monitoring, with follow-up work on education and enforcement by the police.

Any village scheme must be recognised and supported by the Parish Council. The scheme must have at least six volunteers prepared to dedicate at least one hour per week. The Community Safety Partnership provided equipment and village signage. Active volunteers monitored traffic speed during daylight hours within the 30 and 40 mph zones. The Partnerships Officer wrote to offenders identified, asking for their assistance in keeping speeds down. Details of persistent offenders were passed to the police for targeted enforcement.

Following Councillor Bardsley's report, a discussion took place when it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain further details and then write an article for HEDS Together, in order to gauge local interest in participation.

06/07/320 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2006 AND 2007

- (a) The Clerk was still awaiting a debriefing from the competition organiser on Everton's 2006 performance.
- (b) As regards 2007, Members had begun regular inspection of their designated areas of the village. An observation was made that the bungalows at Carr View/High Street were very much in need of repainting.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to A1 Housing Ltd. accordingly.

- (c) The Clerk reported that, pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/299(a) of January, 2007, the County Council had agreed to offer up to three additional cuts of the verges along the A631 between the junctions of High Street and Chapel Lane, at a cost of £50 per cut.

Resolved: That the County Council's offer be accepted, and the County Council be also asked for permission for the Parish Council to establish two flower beds in one of the verges, which Members now agreed to in principle.

06/07/321 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- (a) The second interactive sign had been installed on the A631 and was now working. The Clerk would contact the County Council over concerns that both signs may need some operational adjustments.
- (b) The meeting was informed that the new street lighting column at the junction of Harwell Road and the A631, requested under the County Council's Building Better Communities Scheme, had been provided.
- (c) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/285 of January, 2007, the Clerk was asked to research past correspondence about the possibility of a 20 mph zone in the village.

06/07/322 VILLAGE CHARITIES

Councillor de Bel had no news to report, but would endeavour to bring a positive report to the March meeting.

06/07/323 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.

Members observed that the stench had been very bad over the last three days.

Councillor Bardsley would make further enquiries about the rescheduling of the postponed Liaison Group meeting.

District Councillor Simpson reported on dialogue with the company management at a meeting at Misson, when it was explained to her that the company was running behind schedule for meeting the necessary operational criteria. However, there was no possibility of production ceasing, and, as a last resort, production would be moved totally indoors.

06/07/324 MAINS DRAINAGE AT DRAKEHOLES

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/274 of January, 2007, the Clerk reported that he had discussed the issue with the Chairman of Wiseton Parish Meeting, who was to raise it at the Wiseton Annual Parish Meeting in May.

06/07/325 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT: AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

The consultation document had not yet been seen by all Members, and so consideration would be deferred to the March meeting.

06/07/326 RETIREMENT OF DR. BOB MIDDLETON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council regarding the imminent retirement of Dr. Middleton.

Resolved: That a letter be sent to Dr. Middleton, expressing good wishes and appreciation of his past service.

06/07/327 A PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DECISION MAKING

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/284 of January, 2007, the Clerk submitted a draft protocol for communications and decision making.

Resolved: That the draft protocol be adopted, subject to the amendments now agreed.

06/07/328 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/274(a) of January, 2007, an Email was submitted from Ms. Carole Turner, of Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, in which she stated that she was awaiting some contextual information from Bassetlaw District Council before finalising the draft report.

06/07/329 DANESHILL HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/274(c) of January, 2007, the Clerk reported receipt of a lengthy letter from the County Council, which he would submit to the March meeting of the Parish Council.

06/07/330 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

The Chairman and Clerk submitted a brief report on the meeting organised by Mr. John Mann, MP on 19th January, 2007. It became clear at the meeting that, whilst there was no general consensus as to the way forward, there was agreement that any devolution of services from principal councils to parish councils should be properly funded, with money flowing down to finance the service.

The Chairman would attend a regional seminar on the Local Government White Paper, organised by The Federation of East Midlands Associations of Local Councils (FEMALC), to be held at Melton Mowbray on 1st March, 2007, if her diary permitted.

06/07/331 MISTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

Letter was submitted from Misterton Primary School confirming that sufficient funds had been raised to allow the swimming pool improvements to go ahead. The Parish Council was requested to pay over its donation of £300 agreed at the last meeting as part of the 2007/08 budget.

Resolved: That the donation be paid immediately.

06/07/332 CRIME STATISTICS

The January crime statistics were submitted.

06/07/333 POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils on the current threat to rural post offices, urging parish councils to respond to a Department of Trade and Industry consultation exercise.

Resolved: That the Clerk respond accordingly.

06/07/334 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEMES

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, stating that the Information Commissioner had advised that the review of publication schemes was to be delayed until the second half of 2008.

06/07/335 CEMETERY

The Clerk referred to a number of matters relating to the Cemetery, and requested Members' guidance, which was given, and would be reported to the March meeting of the Joint Burial Committee.

**06/07/336 GRADE II LISTED PIGEONCOTE, MANOR FARM, HARWELL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS 19/04/42 AND 19/04/43L**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/295 of January, 2007, an Email was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, stating that there was no legal requirement for the dovecote to be rebuilt, and, therefore, it was likely that the planning application would be withdrawn. A planning application had, however, been requested from the owners in respect of the boundary wall erected without permission.

Members made observations about ongoing building work at the property, including the erection of a gate.

Resolved:

- (a) That English Heritage be asked for its observations on the issue of demolition of the pigeoncote.
- (b) That the ongoing building work be drawn to the attention of Bassetlaw District Council.

06/07/337 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/06/34 & 19/06/35L

Wild Bennett Homes Ltd.

Install bedroom window to Plot 9 on first floor at Northfield Farm, Sluice Lane, Everton – amendment to 19/06/8R

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

06/07/338 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

19/06/29

Team Port Ltd.

Erect shop (general store/coffee shop and deli) at Everton Nurseries, Old Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Refused

Resolved: That, should an appeal be lodged, the Parish Council write to the Planning Inspectorate fully supporting it.

19/06/32 & 19/06/33L

Wild Bennett Homes Ltd.

Double garage to Plot 6 to replace approved single garage at Northfield Farm, Sluice Lane, Everton

Permission Granted

19/06/36

Jackie Evans

Retrospective amendments to kennels/cattery application 19/05/19 at Woodland View, Bawtry Road, Everton

Permission Granted

06/07/339 PLANNING APPEAL

19/06/22

Team Port Ltd.

Retain existing tunnel to sell plants at Everton Nurseries, Old Gainsborough Road, Everton

Appeal Submitted

06/07/340 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.

06/07/341 STREET CLEANING

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/306 of January, 2007, further consideration was given to street cleaning requirements, including an offer by Mr. G. Nelson to carry out litter picking on a voluntary basis.

Resolved: That the Clerk discuss the matter with both Mr. S. Leach and Mr. G. Nelson, with a view to enlisting their services on the basis now discussed.

06/07/342 REGISTRATION OF PARISH LANDS

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/305 of January, 2007, the Clerk submitted a report on his recent meeting with the Parish Council's solicitor and ongoing action.

06/07/343 CEMETERY

The Clerk submitted a report on a confidential matter which would be reported to the next meeting of the Joint Burial Committee.

