

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

06/07/344 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted by District Councillor Simpson.

06/07/345 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 de Bel and Dunn each declared a personal interest at agenda item 19 (Recreation Ground Matters), being members of the Metcalfe Charitable Trust.

Councillors Dunn (nearby property owner), Jefferies (nearby resident) and Maclagan (nearby resident) each declared a personal interest at agenda item 38 (Northfield Farmstead).

06/07/346 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 5th February, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

06/07/347 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

06/07/348 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mesdames Hughes and Ross were present to express concerns over planning application 1/46/06/00014. This was an application by Lafarge Aggregates (UK) Ltd. to open a sand and gravel quarry at Sturton le Steeple. The County and District Councils were not required by their procedures to consult all the villages lying along the proposed transport routes – and so they hadn't - but fortunately Mrs. Hughes found out through her links with Sturton le Steeple Parish Council. Now that the application was known about, the County Council had extended its consultation period until the end of March.

The Clerk had established that officers of the District Council, acting under delegated powers, had raised no objection to the application.

Everton was affected by the proposal contained in the application to transport most of the extracted materials by road to the markets of South Yorkshire, which inevitably meant heavy usage of the A631.

The Clerk had inspected the application, which would be considered later in the meeting at agenda item 39 (Planning Applications). The main points were that 7.5m tonnes of sand and gravel were to be extracted over 15 years from land to the north and east of Sturton le Steeple. Most of this was to be transported by road, although a “moderate” amount would be transported from a wharf on the Trent to the Lafarge-controlled wharf at Whitwood. The main road route would be along the Class C Gainsborough Road/Sturton Road, north towards the A620 and the A631 to “the markets of South Yorkshire”. There would be 260 working days per year, with working from Monday to Friday 7.00 am to 7.00 pm and Saturday 7.00 am to 1.00 pm.

The ongoing discussion centred on serious concerns for the quality of life for people living along the A631 and also for the deleterious effect of such heavy road traffic on the environment. There were also concerns that this particular application was only the beginning, with other identified mineral reserves to be extracted in the future.

Astonishment was expressed over the fact that Bassetlaw District Council had raised an objection using officers’ delegated powers. It was acknowledged that delegated powers were essential, but that their use should be confined to matters less important than the application in question. With this in mind, the Chairman reported that District Councillor Simpson was also extremely concerned over the District Council’s decision, and was pushing for reconsideration. She had also mentioned lobbying and a petition in a long conversation with the Chairman earlier in the evening, and she regretted being unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

At the end of a lengthy discussion, Mesdames Hughes and Ross were thanked for their attendance and the helpful information provided.

Resolved: That the attention to the public of Everton be drawn to the matter by all means possible, and the Clerk request the County Council to extend the consultation period beyond the end of March.

06/07/349 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the March Accounts be approved for payment.

06/07/350 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st January, 2007.

06/07/351 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the March budget monitoring statement.

06/07/352 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

Councillor Bardsley reported a damaged fence at Barrow Hills SSSI. Councillor Dunn undertook to inspect the damage and arrange appropriate repairs.

06/07/353 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

The Chairman had been unable to attend the meeting held on 19th February, 2007. The minutes would be circulated.

06/07/354 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

The next meeting of the Forum would be held at Gringley on the Hill on 19th March, 2007.

06/07/355 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Letter was submitted from the County Council regarding the Nottinghamshire Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan. The Parish Council's observations were requested.

Councillor Dunn kindly offered to study the Plan with a view to appraising the Parish Council on its content at the next meeting.

06/07/356 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

A consultation document relating to proposed changes to the above would be circulated. The Chairman summarised the proposals, to which Members raised no objections.

06/07/357 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2006 AND 2007

- (a) The Clerk was still awaiting a debriefing on Everton's 2006 performance from the competition organisers.
- (b) An Email was submitted from the County Council, giving details of its legal requirements in respect of the creation of two flowerbeds along the A631. The Clerk had requested further details, but he warned Members that the Parish Council would almost certainly not be able to comply with the stringent conditions of the necessary licence and health and safety requirements.

- (c) Councillor Dunn reported that a local resident, Mr. T. Ross, had been pledged community support from HBOS as a result of cancer fund raising. 60 hours voluntary work would earn the village £250, and Mr. Ross was happy to help in any way possible.

Resolved: That Mr. Ross be thanked for his community spirit, and be requested to carry out weed clearance and general inspection/reporting in connection with the Best Kept Village Competition.

- (d) The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the article in HEDS Together inviting residents to say whether they thought that Harwell should be entered into the Competition.

Councillor Ferrar reported concerns over the amount of litter and dog dirt in Harwell. She also expressed concern over damage to the green at the junction with Harwell Sluice Lane and Pasture Lane caused by turning vehicles. She wondered if there was a problem with some satellite navigation systems that was causing large vehicles to venture down Harwell Sluice Lane, only to find it was effectively a no through road.

The Clerk reported that he would ask Mr. G. Nelson (see Minute No. 06/07/368 below) to carry out some litter picking at Harwell. As regards dog fouling, offending owners should be reported to the Dog Warden at Bassetlaw District Council. The Clerk would look into the satellite navigation issue.

Resolved: That Harwell be not entered in the 2007 Competition.

- (e) The Clerk would request the District Council to sweep gravel from the carriageway at Mattersey Road.

06/07/358 VILLAGE CHARITIES

Councillor de Bel hoped to have something to report at the next meeting.

06/07/359 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/321(c) of February, 2007, a letter was submitted from the County Council, stating that it would be at least three years before reporting was submitted to the Cabinet on the results of 20 mph experiments at five trial sites.

Resolved: That the County Council be informed that the Parish Council was of the opinion that it was a serious waste of time and money to carry out the experiments when evidence was available from other 20 mph zones throughout the country.

- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/285 of January, 2007, a letter was submitted from the County Council, stating as follows:
- (i) No reply had yet been received from the Director of Children and Young People about parking problems at Chapel Lane, and in particular parking within the Blacksmiths Arms car park.
 - (ii) A bid had been submitted to have the footway outside the Village Hall widened.
 - (iii) The large puddle at High Street/Carr View would be attended to.
 - (iv) A bid had been submitted to amend all the footways along High Street (where possible), including constructing a new footway just south of the Village Hall.

06/07/360 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report on the meeting of the Tunnel Tech Liaison meeting held on 28th February, 2007, at which Ms. Jen Marsh had also been present. It was disappointing that no other parish councils were represented.

Councillor Bardsley and Ms. Marsh reported to the Liaison meeting that they felt the general perception in Everton was that the odour had not been so prevalent recently, but it was considered that this had much to do with the prevailing weather pattern. (In fact over the last few days, when high pressure had dominated, the smell had returned.)

Tunnel Tech reported that they had now complied with all the conditions imposed by Bassetlaw Environmental Health Department when the new guidelines had been issued, apart from enforced aeration of the mix. This was both the most complex (and potentially most effective) change. Tunnel Tech had agreed an approach to this change that required a significant civil engineering project, designed so that, if required subsequently, it could accommodate complete enclosure of the process. Tunnel Tech was to submit a planning application for this on 1st March, 2007, with the intention of completing work over the summer - some site clearance work had already commenced.

Mr. Chris Booth (Environmental Health) said that, although these works were behind the compliance date, he was happy with what was proposed and with the commitment of Tunnel Tech.

It was agreed to convene another meeting when the result of the planning application was known (assuming a positive response, a contractor had been appointed and a project plan was available). At this stage, discussions should take place with Tunnel Tech and the District Council about what "before and after" monitoring should be put in place.

Both Councillor Bardsley and Ms. Marsh felt that progress was being made.

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council fully supported the abovementioned planning application.

06/07/361 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Letter was submitted from the Audit Commission, extending the appointment of UHY Hacker Young as the Parish Council's External Auditor into 2006/07.

06/07/362 RECREATION GROUND

Letter was submitted from the Metcalfe Charitable Trust, stating that the Trustees had approved the Parish Council's request to plant a tree in memory of Mr. Bob Troop, Deceased in the Recreation Ground. The selected location was at the north end of the eastern boundary. The letter also confirmed that the tree guard on the Jack Bell Memorial Tree would be removed and retained for future use.

Resolved: That the Clerk ascertain whether Mrs. V. Troop was happy with the proposed location for the memorial tree.

06/07/363 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

Letter was submitted from the County Council, inviting the Parish Council to be represented at the annual event, to be held at Boughton Pumping Station on Tuesday 12th June, 2007.

Resolved: That Councillor Jefferies be authorised to attend.

06/07/364 LETTER FROM MR. JOHN MANN, MP

Letter was submitted from Mr. John Mann, MP, referring to the Parish Councils Forum held at Misterton on 19th January, 2007, and enclosing a copy of his submission regarding the Draft East Midlands Regional Plan. The letter and enclosure would be circulated.

06/07/365 PRINCIPAL COUNCILS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Letter was submitted from the Leader of the County Council, Councillor David Kirkham, confirming that the County Council had voted unanimously to support an improved two-tier structure in Nottinghamshire. Within the two-tier structure there was a need to:

- improve service delivery
- achieve better value for money by sharing service delivery
- establish better governance by working more effectively with parish councils
- explore ways of working more closely with local neighbourhoods not represented by a town or parish council.

A subsequent letter had been received from Councillor Kirkham in which he proposed two meetings with the County's Quality Parish Councils – one for the five in the south of the County and the other for the three in the north of the County. The Chairman and Clerk would be invited to attend a two to three hour lunchtime meeting, at which the following would be discussed:

- The White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' – What it means for parishes
- Quality Parish Council Award – What opportunities it offers for improved service delivery
- Enhancing the role of parish councils.

Resolved: That the Chairman, or substitute, and Clerk be authorised to attend the proposed meeting.

06/07/366 DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN

Letter was submitted from the Panel Secretariat, giving details for the Examination in Public of the above.

06/07/367 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire County Council, stating that it had adopted the above, and giving details of where it could be inspected.

06/07/368 STREET CLEANING

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/341 of February, 2007, the Clerk reported that Mr. G. Nelson was now carrying out voluntary litter picking work.

06/07/369 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

Letter was submitted from Local Works, stating that the above Bill had passed its Second Reading. The Parish Council was urged to write to Mr. John Mann, MP, expressing the hope that he and his Parliamentary colleagues would support the Bill in its future progress.

Resolved: That a letter be sent as requested.

06/07/370 REVIEW OF THE QUALITY TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL SCHEME

Letter was submitted from Defra, stating that the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill, if enacted, was expected to confirm the Government's commitment (expressed in the White Paper: Strong and Prosperous Communities) to extend the power of well-being to all parish and town councils that satisfied the Quality criteria.

It was also possible that the Quality scheme would be moved to a statutory basis.

06/07/371 DONATIONS

The Clerk submitted details of a request for financial assistance from 1st Mattersey Guides.

Resolved: That a donation of £75 be made, and an expression of appreciation be made to Mrs. Louise Daniels for her work with the Guides.

06/07/372 BASSETLAW SPRING CLEAN

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, inviting the Parish Council to participate in the annual spring clean.

Members agreed to carry out a Parish spring clean on Sunday 29th April, 2007 between 10.00 am and 11.00 am. The Clerk would invite village participation by means of an article in HEDS Together.

06/07/373 THREAT TO LOTTERY FUNDING

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, stating the threat to funding for rural and community groups as the Government sought ways of financing the London Olympics.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, etc. as suggested in the letter.

06/07/374 POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/333 of February, 2007, Councillor Bardsley submitted a draft response to the Department of Trade and Industry consultation exercise.

Resolved: That Councillor Bardsley be thanked for producing the draft response, and that it be approved, subject to certain amendments proposed by Councillor Maclagan.

06/07/375 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

Resolved: That, on the basis that the proposal was primarily related to air safety, it be supported.

06/07/376 DANESHILL HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire County Council, responding to the points made by the Parish Council in the consultation exercise.

A particular point made in the letter was that the County Council worked within national guidance for the provision of household waste and recycling centres (HWRCs). The guidance stated that all residents should be within five miles of a HWRC. The letter suggested that the distance from Everton to the Retford HWRC was only slightly more than five miles.

Councillor Maclagan had used a 1:25,000 OS map to measure the road distances from:

Everton Village Hall to Daneshill	7.25Km = 4.5 miles
Everton Village Hall to Retford HWRC	10.75 Km = 6.7 miles

Therefore, only Daneshill HWRC was within the national guidance requiring all residents to be within five miles of a HWRC.

A further point in the letter, which required comment, referred to the need to cost-in additional fuel for vehicles. The letter stated that, as this was not a direct cost on the County Council, it was inappropriate for it to be considered. Furthermore, in this particular context, the letter repeated the erroneous statement that Everton was only slightly more than five miles from Retford.

Resolved:

- (a) That the incorrect information regarding the distance from Everton to the Retford HWRC be drawn to the attention of the County Council.
- (b) That, with regard to the point about additional fuel, the attention of the County Council be drawn to the County Council's own policies on carbon emissions.

**06/07/377 GRADE II LISTED PIGEONCOTE, MANOR FARM, HARWELL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS 19/04/42 AND 19/04/43L**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/336(a) of February, 2007, the Clerk reported that the case officer at English Heritage was on maternity leave. The Clerk was trying to establish contact with the officer who had taken over the case.

**06/07/378 NORTHFIELD FARM BUILDINGS, SLUICE LANE, EVERTON –
PLANNING APPLICATION 19/06/8R**

The Clerk reported that, following a query to the District Council, a letter had subsequently been received stating that no breach of planning control had taken place regarding the site boundary.

06/07/379 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

46/06/00014

Lafarge Aggregates (UK) Ltd.

Open a sand and gravel quarry at Sturton le Steeple

Prior to consideration of this application, the Clerk read out a letter from Mrs. A. Hickman, strongly objecting to the proposed development.

Resolved:

- (a) That an objection be lodged – not to the quarry itself, but to the primary mode of transport proposed, i.e. road. It was considered that extracted materials should be primarily transported by rail and water. The proposal would (i) have a harmful effect on the quality of life of people living along the roads concerned, and particularly the A631, (ii) be damaging to the environment, and (iii) create an additional burden on the taxpayer through wear and tear on the roads.

It was believed that the practical effect of the proposed mode of transport would be in the region of an additional 150 to 190 heavy lorries per day on the A631 through Everton – an average of one lorry every four or five minutes during the working day.

The Parish Council was of the opinion that the proposal was not in accordance with the Nottinghamshire Local Minerals Plan, adopted in December 2005, and contravened the following policy statements:

Section 1.5 (c) Aims of the Plan – “Promoting sustainable modes of transport”

Policy M3.13 Vehicle Movements – “Planning permission for minerals development will only be granted where the highway network can satisfactorily accommodate the vehicle movements likely to be generated and would not cause unacceptable impact on the environment and disturbance to local community”

Policy M3.15 Bulk Transport of Minerals – “The bulk transport of minerals waste/fill by rail, barge, pipeline or conveyor will be permitted where this will result in an overall environment benefit. Where major proposals rely on road transport, planning permission will not be granted until it has been demonstrated that more sustainable forms of transport are not viable”

- (b) That Councillor Bardsley and the Clerk be authorised to attend any joint meeting called on the subject and to commit the Parish Council to a joint response.

19/07/1R

Team Port T/A Everton Nurseries

Change of use of storage building to form general store/coffee shop and deli with associated alterations at Everton Nurseries, Old Gainsborough Road, Everton – resubmission of 19/06/29

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council viewed this application positively. The development would create jobs and help to achieve sustainability of the village. The Parish Council was disappointed that the petition and other letters of support in respect of 19/06/29 were not considered relevant. Everton had a Parish Plan: an issue raised in it was “The re-establishment of a shop/Post Office facility”. In the questionnaire exercise, 69% of respondents wanted a village shop. Expanded to a shop/Post Office, the percentage increased to 80%. Lack of convenient shopping facilities was the biggest “Dislike” about Everton expressed in the survey, being at the top of the list of dislikes for 57% of the population.

19/07/3

Riverside Design & Development Co. Ltd.

Convert existing attached outbuildings to form two-storey living accommodation with three dormer windows, erect conservatory and alter/extend existing garage with pitched roof at Moores Cottage, Chapel Lane, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

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

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

19/07/6

Mr. A. Routh & Miss M. Chappell

Erect dwelling and alter existing access at land adjoining Woodlands View, Bawtry Road, Everton

Resolved: That an objection be lodged on the following grounds:

1. The site was outside the village envelope.
2. The development would be in conflict with policy 2/10 of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Joint Structure Plan.
3. The development would be in conflict with policy 6/14 of the Bassetlaw Local Plan and the relevant Planning Policy Statement.
4. There was no agricultural connection.

06/07/380 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

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

Permission Granted

19/06/37

Mr. & Mrs. C. Arden

Erect new double garage with adjoining stable and storage above at Marples Barn, land adjacent to Mill Farm, Mattersey Road, Everton

Permission Refused

06/07/381 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.

06/07/382 REGISTRATION OF PARISH LANDS

- (a) The Clerk submitted an update on ongoing action.
- (b) A letter from the Land Registry, giving notice of a proposed registration of land adjoining the Parish lands, was noted.

06/07/383 TENANCY OF PARISH LANDS

The Clerk submitted a report regarding a discussion he had had with Mr. R. Troop regarding the possibility of an exchange of land at the field south of Roe Lane (OS No. 9100 – 5.206 acres), confirmed in a subsequent email from Mr. Troop. There was no physical boundary to distinguish the Parish land from the surrounding land. An exchange of land would provide a clear means of identifying the Parish land, as the land to be transferred to the Parish Council was bounded on three sides by natural, permanent boundaries of hedgerows and ditches. The transferred land was adjacent to the Parish land, and of the same soil type, and had been cropped in exactly the same way for the last 30 years. It also had an existing gateway close to the present gateway.

Resolved:

- (a) That the exchange of land be agreed in principle, subject to the Parish Council's costs being met by Mr. Troop.
- (b) That Mr. Troop be further requested to enter into a farm business tenancy in respect of all the tenanted Parish lands.

