

# EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 5th June, 2006**

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

### **06/07/42 MEMBERS**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Ferrar to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

Councillor Ferrar and Councillor Martin both signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the meeting.

### **06/07/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jefferies declared personal interests at agenda items 11 (NALC Northern Area Committee) being a member of the Committee, and 22 (Village Charities), being a trustee of United Charities.

Councillors Bardsley, de Bel and Jefferies each declared a personal interest at agenda item 12 (NEBF Reports) being members of NEBF.

Councillors Dunn and Jefferies each declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 31 (Planning Applications – Northfield Farmstead, Everton Sluice Lane, Everton), being neighbouring property owners and, in the case of Councillor Jefferies, neighbouring resident, and left the meeting during consideration of that item. Councillor Maclagan declared a personal interest at that item, being a nearby resident.

### **06/07/44 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006, were approved as a correct record.

### **06/07/45 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**06/07/46 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mrs. J. Pennington referred to planning applications 19/06/8R and 19/06/9L, and expressed great concern over the proposal to locate a wheeled bin collection point opposite her house.

After some discussion, Mrs. Pennington was informed that the matter would be referred to when the two applications were considered later in the meeting, with a view to requesting a planning condition requiring the bins to be kept at the individual dwellings at all times other than the weekly collection period.

**06/07/47 ACCOUNTS**

Resolved: That the June Accounts be approved for payment.

**06/07/48 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2006.

**06/07/49 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the June budget monitoring statement.

**06/07/50 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

There were no matters to report.

**06/07/51 MEMBERS' SURGERIES**

Councillor Dunn held a surgery on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2006. No members of the public attended.

In view of the very low public attendance at Members' Surgeries, a discussion took place as to whether there was any point in continuing them, especially as there were other methods of communication with the Parish Council and its Members.

Surgeries had been introduced as a Quality service, as a contribution to the discretionary criteria required for accreditation. The Parish Council had to comply with nine out of a possible 18 criteria, and had actually complied with all 12 criteria submitted to the Accreditation Panel. Discontinuing surgeries meant that the Parish Council would still comply with 11 criteria. The Clerk had discussed the matter with the County Secretary of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, who had agreed that it would be acceptable for surgeries to be discontinued owing to the low attendance.

Resolved: That surgeries be discontinued forthwith, and the Clerk

write an article in HEDS Together, explaining the position, and advising of the other ways of communication with the Parish Council.

**06/07/52 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jefferies submitted a brief report on the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2006, at which District Councillor Simpson had also been present. The report referred to the following:

- A committee had been established to discuss Double Taxation with the Head of Financial Services.
- The Head of Planning Services gave a presentation on the Bassetlaw Planning Process.
- The Head of Environment and Health Services gave a presentation on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
- A discussion took place on the problem of fly tipping.
- A discussion took place on children's play areas.

**06/07/53 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM**

The next meeting was to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 at Misterton.

As the Forum was involved with the question of Robin Hood Airport air traffic overlying Everton, Councillor Martin introduced a discussion on the current situation, when Members agreed that she was right to do so in view of the current level of training flights. The Clerk was asked to refer the matter to Bassetlaw District Council with a view to the matter being discussed by the Forum.

**06/07/54 QUALITY ACCREDITATION**

Letter was submitted from the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, giving formal notification of the award of Quality accreditation and congratulations. The Parish Council's Quality Council ID number was QC-05-06-00291.

The letter also said that the Accreditation Panel would very much like to present the Certificate to the Parish Council at a special event involving Gringley on the Hill and Misterton Parish Councils too. As the three parish councils were the first in Bassetlaw to receive accreditation, the Association suggested that it would be appropriate for the District Council to host the event.

District Councillor Simpson advised, pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/9 of

May, 2006, that she was in discussions with Bassetlaw District Council about arrangements for a presentation. She reported that the Chairman of Bassetlaw District Council would be pleased to participate in the presentation and that the Leader was pleased to hear of the success of the three parish councils.

**06/07/55      PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Dunn and Mr. Richard Scott had together surveyed the Parish and produced survey reports, including maps, in respect of every right of way.

The Clerk had since submitted the grant claim to the County Council, which had informally agreed to pay the grant in respect of vegetation clearance. However, it could not give formal approval to the grant until all the information contained on the individual maps had been transferred on to one A3 map. The Clerk advised that this requirement was most impractical.

The Clerk also advised that the County Council wanted the Parish Council to try to identify all relevant landowners by the end of the year.

Resolved:

- (a) That the appreciation of the Parish Council be extended to Councillor Dunn and Mr. Scott in respect of their survey work, and a letter be sent to Mr. Scott accordingly.
- (b) That the Clerk point out the impracticality of the County Council's requirement relating to the A3 map, and enquire as to why this was necessary.

**06/07/56      HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

The Clerk reported that he expected the survey to take place in July. The plan was for the questionnaires to go out with HEDS Together, with collection points for completed questionnaires being established at the two public houses and Holy Trinity Church.

**06/07/57      BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

- (a) Resolved: That no action be taken regarding entries in associated competitions.
- (b) The Clerk advised that, should Everton go through to the second round of the competition, Members should deliver leaflets to every household in early July, encouraging parishioners on to further success.

Resolved: That the Clerk's advice be accepted.

- (c) The Clerk reported on the areas that he had requested the organisers to exclude from the judging, as being outside the control of the Parish Council.
- (d) The Clerk agreed to attend to various matters now mentioned.
- (e) Councillor Maclagan reported that he was in the process of refurbishing the Village Hall notice board, prior to a decision being taken on its possible replacement.
- (f) Reference was made to Minute No. 05/06/250 of January, 2006, which assigned to each Member of the Parish Council a discrete part of the Parish, with a view to Members being responsible for their own sector for competition purposes. Members agreed to double check that everything in their own sector was in order.

**06/07/58 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CIVIC SERVICE –  
SOUTHWELL – SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2006**

Members noted the above. District Councillor Simpson informed the meeting that she would be in attendance.

**06/07/59 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP**

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, giving details of forthcoming meetings of the Group, which were now quarterly, and enclosing the minutes of the meeting of the Group held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2006.

**06/07/60 PROPOSED MERGER OF THE EAST MIDLANDS POLICE FORCES**

Letter was submitted from Nottinghamshire Police and Police Authority, consulting parish councils on the above.

District Councillor Simpson advised that the proposed merger would most likely be given a low profile given matters currently facing the Government, and that it was unlikely that anything would happen before July, 2007 or even the next General Election.

Councillor Maclagan kindly agreed to prepare a response to the consultation exercise in consultation with Members.

**06/07/61 TUNNEL TECH NORTH**

- (a) The minutes of the meeting of the Liaison Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were submitted.

- (b) The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Liaison Group would be on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2006. Councillor Bardsley was unavailable, but Ms. J. Marsh would be present. The Clerk was making arrangement with Ms. Marsh for reporting back to the Parish Council. District Councillor Simpson advised that she would also be attending meetings of the Liaison Group.

**06/07/62 VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS**

There was nothing to report.

**06/07/63 VILLAGE CHARITIES**

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/18(b) of May, 2006, Councillor de Bel confirmed that she had not yet concluded her dialogue with the Charity Commission about rationalisation of the village charities.
- (b) Resolved: That Mr. C. Chadburn be reappointed as trustee of the United Charities for a three-year term ending May, 2009.

**06/07/64 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Resolved:

- The Co-operative Bank plc would continue as the Parish Council's bankers.
- The Bank would be authorised to honour all cheques and all other documents made or accepted on the Parish Council's behalf even if such payment caused any account to be overdrawn or increase any overdraft, provided that such documents were signed in accordance with the specimen signatures shown in the Account Signatories Section (6).
- The Bank should act on all specimen signatures in accordance with any instruction, notice, request or other document in writing concerning the Parish Council's account (including the opening of new accounts), affairs or property, as shown in the Account Signatories Section (6).
- The Bank would be sent a copy of any future resolutions which affected the terms of these resolutions.
- The Bank would be sent a copy of any changes in the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- The Bank would be notified in writing of any changes in councillors.
- The Bank would be notified in writing of any change of official authorised to sign on the Parish Council's behalf.
- The Bank should otherwise continue to operate the Parish Council's accounts in accordance with the Business Account Mandate.

- The Bank would be notified in writing of any overall change in the Parish Council's management arrangements.
- All signatories to the Account were aged 18 or over.

**06/07/65 HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MATTERS**

- (a) The Chairman referred to the recent Email from Nottinghamshire County Council, which stated that the Building Better Communities proposal for High Street was unacceptable as it would involve reducing the width of the carriageway. However, subject to the availability of an electricity supply, it was hoped that funding could be allocated for the provision of an additional street light at the junction of the A631 and Harwell Road during the current financial year.

Whilst Members were pleased to hear about the street lighting proposal, concern was expressed that nothing was to be done about the problem on High Street. What the Parish Council wanted was the road to be narrowed to a single carriageway, with a footpath wide enough to accommodate a pram/wheelchair. A traffic priority system would then control the situation. To the Clerk's knowledge, there were good examples of this at The Green, Carlton in Lindrick and a very recent one in South Yorkshire at St. John's Road, Laughton.

Resolved: That the County Council be asked to reconsider the proposal for High Street.

- (b) Whilst Members were pleased that the first of the interactive signs on the A631 was now operational, concern was expressed that the sign on the westerly approach had not been installed. The Clerk undertook to investigate.
- (c) District Councillor Simpson reported that, pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/30 of May, 2006, she had written to Nottinghamshire County Council on the question of a one-way system through the village, but had not yet had a reply.

**06/07/66 PARISH PLAN**

It was expected that the Parish Plan Working Party would meet shortly.

**06/07/67 CRIME STATISTICS**

The crime statistics for May were noted.

**06/07/68 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Resolved: That a nomination be submitted in respect of Councillor Jefferies' continued membership on the Executive Committee.

**06/07/69 DONATIONS**

Letter was submitted from St. John Ambulance Blyth Neighbourhood First Responder Unit, thanking the Parish Council for its recent donation.

**06/07/70 NEW DOG WASTE BIN ON PINFOLD LANE**

Pursuant to Minute No. 05/06/346(b) of April, 2006, a letter was submitted from the owners of Pinfold Cottage, Pinfold Lane, Harwell, complaining that the new dog waste bin had not yet been removed. The Parish Council was asked to remove it within the next two weeks.

The Clerk undertook to request Mr. R. Troop to remove the bin into storage until such time as a suitable location could be found for it.

**06/07/71 FOUR NEW HOUSES AT PINFOLD LANE/HARWELL SLUICE LANE, HARWELL**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/25(c) of May, 2006, District Councillor Simpson reported that there was a breach of planning control insofar as there was no planning permission for the wall referred to. The matter had been taken up by the Bassetlaw Planning Department.

District Councillor Simpson was thanked for her help in this matter.

**06/07/72 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

District Councillor Simpson left the meeting at this point and did not return.

At applications 19/06/8R and 19/06/9L, Members requested Councillor Bacon to chair the meeting, and he did so, as Councillor Jefferies had left the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest and Councillor Maclagan had declared a personal interest.

**19/06/8R**

Wild Bennett Homes Ltd.

Convert buildings to form two dwellings, partially demolish existing buildings and rebuild/convert to form four dwellings, erect four dwellings, construct new and alter existing access at Northfield Farmstead, Everton Sluice Lane, Everton (Resubmission of 19/05/40 and earlier version of 19/06/8R)

Resolved: That Bassetlaw District Council be informed as follows:

Whilst the Parish Council was happy with the proposed redevelopment of the old barns, it was considered that the additional dwellings proposed would make the development too intensive, with the consequence that an unacceptable number of vehicles would need to access Everton Sluice Lane, which was mainly used by farm vehicles. This in turn would adversely affect the already unacceptable road traffic situation on High Street. The Parish Council, therefore, objected to this application.

The following points were also made:

1. There was concern as to the future of the listed dovecote, having seen a recent example of a listed dovecote lost in Harwell – see 19/06/9L below.

2. There was concern over the ability of the already inadequate sewerage in Everton to cope with this development.

3. The proposed collecting point for all the wheeled bins was impractical, especially given the distance across the courtyard. Furthermore, in the event that planning permission was given, a condition should be imposed, requiring bins to remain at the individual dwellings at all times other than the weekly collection period.

4. There was concern that the five bedroomed house at plot 7 would have only one garage.

Finally, if planning permission was granted, it was requested that a Section 106 agreement be required, requiring an obligation to bring the sewerage system up to standard.

#### **19/06/9L**

Wild Bennett Homes Ltd.,

Demolish dutch barn and single storey buildings, convert and alter two buildings to dwellings, carry out rebuild and conversion works to form four dwellings and erect four dwellings (Resubmission of 19/05/41L and earlier version of 19/06/9L)

The same observations were made as at 19/06/8R above, although Bassetlaw District Council would be informed that the Parish Council was pleased that it had taken steps to preserve more of the listed walls.

Furthermore, it would be reiterated to the District Council that there was concern on hearing from English Heritage that the District Council didn't believe it necessary for the application to be referred formally to it.

The dovecote was an unusual, ancient building; it and the other buildings on site were some of the oldest buildings left in the village. It was considered that the District Council had a certain responsibility for the current state of the buildings as it had the ultimate duty to ensure the preservation of listed buildings. The Parish Council drew the District Council's attention to the deliberate destruction of the dovecote roof over 10 years ago, but nothing had been done to protect it in the intervening years. These were attractive buildings but they had been allowed to deteriorate.

Following the recent catastrophe at Harwell, where a listed pigeoncote was allowed to be demolished without English Heritage being aware, the Parish Council trusted that English Heritage would be formally consulted on this occasion.

There was a real fear that, once building work started, problems could be found, which would lead to the demolition of the dovecote. It was, therefore, vital that English Heritage were involved.

**06/07/73      PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

There were no planning determinations.

**06/07/74      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.

**06/07/75      LAND REGISTRATION**

The Clerk submitted a report about the ongoing land registration matter.

Resolved:    That the Clerk be authorised to take action as now authorised.



