

# **EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Metcalfe Tea Rooms on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2009**

**Present:** Councillors J. Dunn, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, de Bel, Bardsley, Ferrar, Jefferies, Maclagan, Martin and Woods

### **08/09/327 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Bardsley, de Bel and Jefferies each declared a personal interest at agenda items 11 (NEBF – Safer Neighbourhood Sub-Group) and 12 (NEBF Meeting – Reports), being members of NEBF and, in Councillor Bardsley's case, the Safer Neighbourhood Sub-Group.

Councillor Jefferies also declared a personal interest at agenda item 24 (RCAN – Introduction of Membership Fee), being Chairman of RCAN.

Councillor Woods declared a personal interest at agenda item 29 (Planning Applications), being a relative of the architect in the case of all four planning applications.

### **08/09/328 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009, were approved as a correct record.

### **08/09/329 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### **08/09/330 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were no members of the public present.

### **08/09/331 ACCOUNTS**

Resolved: That the April Accounts be approved for payment.

### **08/09/332 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, which showed a balance of £10,997.84.

**08/09/333 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the April budget monitoring statement.

**08/09/334 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

- (a) The Clerk reported that, following a report by Councillor Maclagan, he had requested North Nottinghamshire Lions to repair the Lion Jack Bell memorial seat, and it was currently undergoing repairs off-site.
- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/301(b) of March, 2009, a revised draft process map was received from the County Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk enter into further dialogue with the County Council with a view to including better consultation with the Parish Council in the highway maintenance process.

**08/09/335 ROAD SAFETY MEETING AT BECKINGHAM – 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2009**

Councillor Maclagan submitted a report of the above meeting, which was called by East Bassetlaw Police to follow-up progress on Community Speed Watch in the area since it became a local responsibility.

Nine villages were now operating Community Speed Watch. The Police were processing reports, issuing letters and providing training for new volunteers. Problems were minor, and rules less onerous.

Inspector Hinchcliffe said that the Police could not be responsible for insurance. She suggested that Everton Parish Council should follow the lead of other groups and obtain insurance cover through its insurance policy. Other representatives agreed with her, and suggested that Community Speed Watch be a sub-group of the Parish Council, with a standing agenda item and report.

Resolved: That, subject to insurance cover being obtainable under the Parish Council's policy, and to a sufficient number of volunteers still being available, a working party be established to operate Community Speedwatch.

**08/09/336 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM - SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD SUB-GROUP – 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2009**

Councillor Bardsley submitted a report of the above meeting. The main conclusions were:

- The sub-group was not a suitable forum to pursue the future format of the Safer Neighbourhood Group. This should be up to the Group itself; if necessary a senior police officer should attend the Group for this purpose.

- The Group should pursue a service level agreement with the Police, based on the national 'Police Pledge'. This would be an agreement between the Police and the constituent parish councils comprising the NEBF. The sub-group was arranging to meet with the Police to follow this up. They would be circulating a suggested draft for comment/agreement by the parish councils before any final agreement with the Police.

**08/09/337 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM – 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2009**

Councillors Bardsley, de Bel and Jefferies submitted a report of the above meeting. The main items discussed included:

- A presentation by the District Council's Head of Planning Policy, which covered affordable housing, housing needs surveys and the emerging Local Development Framework.
- The possibility of organising a local environmental fayre.
- Participatory budgeting.
- The over 50s initiative in Bassetlaw.
- Local business centres in Bassetlaw parishes.

**08/09/338 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

- (a) Councillor Dunn reported on arrangements for installation of the three public seats funded by Building Better Communities.
- (b) Councillor Dunn raised the possibility of requesting a permissive bridleway joining Toft Hill (bridleway 8) and footpath 7a along the Barrier Bank.

Resolved: That the Clerk approach the relevant landowner, Mr. G. Troop, regarding this matter.

- (c) Members were informed that a 'Restricted Byeway' sign had appeared on Middle Cross Lane. The Clerk would enquire as to the meaning of a restricted byeway.

**08/09/339 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.**

There was nothing to report.

## **08/09/340 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY - TRAINING**

Councillor Bardsley submitted a detailed report on the Green Matters conference held at Aylesbury on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009. Further information had been requested from the conference organisers, which he would report on at the next meeting. Key points from the conference were:

- The approach to climate change (recommended by the Stern Report) was one based on economic consequences of global warming rather than 'green' issues. Initiatives had a dual approach:
  - Adaptation to elements of change that were now available;
  - Mitigation of global warming (e.g. new energy sources).
- Defra had a national programme, cornerstones of which were:
  - Providing evidence;
  - Setting a national framework;
  - Embedding across government;
  - Raising awareness and generating action.
- 56 local authorities, including Nottinghamshire County Council, had signed up to monitor and report on their capability to face climate change (a process indicator).

## **08/09/341 REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Consideration was given to a request for financial assistance by Victim Support in Nottinghamshire.

Resolved: That a donation of £30 be made.

## **08/09/342 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Clerk reported that he was waiting for confirmation of representation by the Metcalfe Recreation Committee before arranging the meeting of the working group and key stakeholders.

Resolved: That the meeting be arranged, and details be submitted to the Metcalfe Recreation Committee.

**08/09/343 HARWELL/SCAFTWORTH WOODS**

Correspondence was submitted from a resident of Pinfold Lane, Harwell, about the problem of cyclists using Harwell Woods as an adventure park, and the associated problem of vans (that brought the cyclists) illegally parking for long periods of time on Pinfold Lane.

The Clerk had taken the matter up with Thornely Taylor Estates, who had agreed to look into the possibility of signage.

**08/09/344 BLUE SKIES COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

Correspondence was submitted from Blue Skies requesting ideas for the Elizabethan family school improvement plan. Members were requested to email ideas to the Clerk.

**08/09/345 GYPSY, TRAVELLER AND SHOWMEN'S SITES IN BASSETLAW**

Letter was submitted from Mr. John Mann, MP, expressing concern, following adoption of the East Midlands Regional Spatial Plan that Bassetlaw District Council, along with Newark and Sherwood District Council, had agreed to have the vast majority of proposed new traveller sites allocated for the whole of the North Midlands Area. Bassetlaw District Council had agreed that 43 new pitches be created in the Bassetlaw area, even though it had not yet identified any sites for the growth and there was no evidence of need.

Mr. Mann had written to all Bassetlaw parish councils, saying he was happy to work with parish councils to ensure that proposals such as the one for a showmen's site at Oldcotes were not re-created either there or elsewhere in the area.

**08/09/346 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP**

The next meeting of the above would be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2009.

**08/09/347 CONSERVATION AREAS AT RISK IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

An email was submitted from English Heritage, containing a press release regarding pressure on conservation areas.

**08/09/348 RURAL COMMUNITY ACTION NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (RCAN)**

Letter was submitted from RCAN, explaining that, because of the financial situation, a membership fee was being introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009. In the Parish Council's case, the fee was £70, subject to a 50% discount if paid prior to September, 2009.

Resolved: That approval be given to continued membership.

**08/09/349      EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT**

Councillor Bardsley submitted a brief report on the current consultation exercise.

**08/09/350      LOCAL HEALTH ISSUES**

The Clerk reported that a health fayre would be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. He also reported on his email correspondence with District Councillor Simpson on the question of better health services locally.

Resolved:      That the Clerk contact Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust regarding the provision of local services such as a flu fayre.

**08/09/351      EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN: PARTIAL REVIEW**

Letter was submitted from the East Midlands Regional Assembly, giving details of key changes made to the Partial Review Project Plan.

**08/09/352      SELECT PANEL 3 – SERVICES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**

Councillor Jefferies kindly undertook to complete a questionnaire regarding the above.

**08/09/353      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/09/3**

Mr. A. Buzzard

Demolish single-storey outbuilding and erect two-storey extension at Eastfield, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Resolved:      That no adverse comment be made.

**19/09/5**

Mr. A. Buzzard

Extensions and alteration to property at Milners Holt, Eel Pool Road, Everton

Resolved:

- (a)      That no adverse comment be made, other than to request a landscaping condition if approved.
- (b)      That it be observed that, although the application stated that the property could not be seen from the road, that was incorrect.
- (c)      That, in view of the dismay expressed by Members at the recent removal of a large number of mature trees from the site, the Clerk enquire as to whether a felling licence was required or obtained from the Forestry Commission.

**19/09/6R**

Mr. P. Eley

Demolish bungalow and erect two detached dwellings at Cumbrae, Mattersey Road, Everton – Resubmission of 19/08/38

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**19/09/8**

Mr. R. Scott

Demolish attached garage and erect two-storey extension for new garage and bedroom above at 3 Long Meadows, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**08/09/354 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

**19/09/1 Amendment**

Mr. A. Wood

Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Erection of new dwelling and ancillary accommodation at The Cottage, High Street, Everton

Permission Granted