

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 6th October, 2008

Present: Councillors J. Dunn, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, Bardsley, de Bel, Jefferies and Woods

08/09/135 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Ferrar (holiday), Maclagan (unwell) and Martin (holiday).

08/09/136 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jefferies declared a personal interest at agenda item 10 (NALC Northern Area Committee), being a member of the Committee.

Councillors Bardsley, de Bel and Jefferies each declared a personal interest at agenda item 11 (North East Bassetlaw Forum), being members of the Forum.

Councillor Dunn declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 32 (Everton Affordable Housing Project), and left the meeting during consideration of that item. Councillor Woods declared a personal interest at the same item.

08/09/137 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held on 1st September, 2008, were approved as a correct record.

08/09/138 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Bardsley referred to Minute No. 08/09/105 (Matters Arising - Flood Fair), and again asked if Mr. John Bowler had been in touch. The Clerk replied that he had not, and he would try to contact Mr. Bowler.

Councillor Bardsley next referred to Minute No. 08/09/111 (Maintenance of Highway Verges), and asked if the observations of the County Council had been received. The Clerk replied that they had not, and he would contact the County Council.

Councillor Bardsley next referred to Minute No. 08/09/129 (Signage). Members had been informed by the Clerk since the last meeting that the District Council had decided to provide the Northfield Farmstead street nameplate, as the developer had failed to do so. The Clerk would enquire as to when the nameplate was to be erected.

08/09/139 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A Bawtry resident referred to Minute No. 08/09/107 of September, 2008, and addressed the meeting regarding his concerns over the current position at Tunnel Tech North Ltd.

08/09/140 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the October Accounts be approved for payment.

08/09/141 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st August, 2008, which showed a balance of £10,925.84.

08/09/142 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the October budget monitoring statement.

08/09/143 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS GROUP

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September, 2008 were submitted.

08/09/144 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Jefferies submitted a report of the meeting held on 8th September, 2008. The main business under discussion was Double Taxation, where some progress was being made with a view to change in the next financial year.

08/09/145 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

Councillors Bardsley and Jefferies submitted a report of the meeting held on 23rd September, 2008. The main points covered were:

- A discussion regarding Safer Neighbourhoods, when concern continued to be expressed over the relocation of PCSO Mitchell from Misterton and West Stockwith to Harworth, and the knock-on effects.
- A presentation on Building Better Communities.
- A discussion on Robin Hood Airport, particularly with regard to decreased numbers of passenger flights, but increasing freight traffic, particularly at night.

- Working towards reduction of the carbon footprint
- Working with young people
- The ongoing issue of the need for better consultation between parish councils and principal authorities over service provision.

08/09/146 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

The following were reported for action by the Clerk (and Councillors de Bel and Dunn in respect of the Cemetery matter):

- Fly tipping on the A631 at Mattersey Road and Scaftworth
- Dangerous parking outside the Sun Inn on the A631
- A large pothole on Mattersey Road
- A dangerous piece of angle iron protruding from the ground at the junction of Bawtry Road and Chapel Lane
- Vegetation overhanging the pavement on Everton Sluice Lane
- Conifers at the Cemetery requiring examination for stability.

08/09/147 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Bardsley gave a résumé of progress to date.

Members then agreed that consideration of this matter should be discussed later in the meeting in the absence of the press and public.

08/09/148 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

The Clerk reported that Ms. Laura Summers, Rights of Way Officer at the County Council, had suggested that, in order to get a clear idea of the state of the public rights of way in Everton, there should be a complete survey, in respect of which she would assist. This would include assessing (a) the general maintenance work required and (b) the possibility of making improvements that would make the paths easier or more pleasant to use, e.g. replacing stiles with gates or gaps.

The next stages would involve drawing up a work programme and costing it. It may be possible to carry out all of the proposed work with monies currently available. If not, the work could be prioritised and programmed to take place over several years.

Members noted that the earmarked P3 reserve could not be utilised until there was a firm direction on this matter. The Clerk would approach Ms. Summers with a view to starting the survey process.

08/09/149 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/107 of September, 2008, an email was submitted from the District Council giving details of possible legal action against the company.

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council was supportive of the District Council's stance.

08/09/150 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT

There was nothing to report.

08/09/151 LOCAL COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FUND

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/118 of September, 2008, the Clerk reported that, although he had heard nothing further from the Primary School regarding the proposed grant application, the Mums and Toddlers Group had a new leader, and he was in contact with her regarding the possibility of her completing an application form for grant.

08/09/152 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Pursuant to Minute No. 08/09/119 of September, 2008, the Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from Nottinghamshire Police, which said that further information would shortly be forthcoming from the Management Team for Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood.

08/09/153 NEW GP-LED HEALTH CENTRE

A decision had been reached to locate the above at Manton. The results of the public consultation would be circulated.

08/09/154 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

Consideration was given to making a submission under the above.

Resolved: That no application be made in 2008, but that it be agreed in principle to submit a bid in 2009 in respect of the provision of signs at the gateways to the village.

08/09/155 'ACT ON CO2' EVENT

Councillors Bardsley and Dunn submitted a report on the recent Act on CO2 event at Nottingham. The main points covered were:

- Preparation for adverse weather conditions
- The need for parish emergency plans
- Reduction of carbon emissions

- The need for action at parish council level generally

Resolved:

- (a) That Councillor Bardsley endeavour to arrange a meeting of the School and Community Group, particularly with a view to progressing the parish emergency plan.
- (b) That Councillor Jefferies ascertain the possibility of an energy roadshow taking place in Everton.
- (c) That a standing item be included on future agendas to cover these issues.
- (d) That the Clerk discuss with the County Council the possibility of reducing street lighting during the night, whilst replacing any older high-energy lighting with modern lighting.

08/09/156 QUALITY COUNCIL SCHEME CHANGES

The Clerk submitted a document produced by NALC on Communication and Community Engagement – A Guide to Quality Status. The document gave details of changes to the Quality Scheme.

The Clerk had begun work on the necessary changes, and submitted a draft Community Engagement Strategy and a draft Democracy and Citizenship Policy for consideration.

Resolved: That, subject to the amendments now agreed, both documents be adopted.

08/09/157 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2008

Letter was submitted from Clement Keys, the Parish Council's external auditor, returning the completed Annual Return, and confirming that the Parish Council had received an unqualified opinion.

08/09/158 ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF COUNTY COUNCIL WORKS IN THE PARISH

Councillor Bardsley reported that dialogue on routine consultation regarding the above had been established with Ms. Jeanne Wallace at County Highways. Ms. Wallace had already provided details of possible schemes currently in the system, as follows:

- Long Meadows was on the list of sites to receive a detailed visual inspection.

- The footway on the A631 between Everton and Scaftworth remained on the list from 2007/08, when it was unsuccessful in achieving funding. This length of footway had also been submitted for future consideration for a combined cycleway/footway scheme should funding become available in the future.

Councillor Bardsley added that the County Council had already agreed that a school crossing point on Chapel Lane would be provided at half term. Furthermore, he was working with the school which, under the School Travel Plan, was investigating the feasibility and sustainability of ‘park and stride’ zones in the village for parents and children.

Resolved: That, if possible, the Clerk arrange a meeting between Councillor Bardsley, Ms. Wallace and himself, in order to further develop the concept of routine consultation on highway schemes.

08/09/159 TRAINING COURSE AT MISTERTON – 28TH OCTOBER, 2008 – CODE OF CONDUCT AND BASICS OF THE LAW RELATING TO PARISH COUNCILS

Councillors Bardsley, de Bel, Dunn, Jefferies and Woods all expressed their intention to attend the above. The Clerk would contact the absent Members.

08/09/160 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS TRAINING COURSES

The following courses were noted:

The Council as Employer	Ollerton	11 th November, 2008
Budget & Finance	Epperstone	26 th November, 2008

08/09/161 THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYELAWS – CONSULTATION

Councillor Dunn would peruse the consultation document and report to the next meeting.

08/09/162 MEMORIAL TO THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS

Letter was submitted from the above, requesting financial assistance towards the placement of a memorial in Ypres, Belgium, to the men of the regiment who died or were wounded during the Great War.

Resolved: That a donation of £30 be made.

08/09/163 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – NEW MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Clerk reported that parish councils were required to adopt a new publication scheme by 31st December, 2008. The necessary requirements were:

- Adopt the Model Publication Scheme;
- Complete the Guide to Proactively Published Information;
- Publish the Guide

Resolved: That the Clerk prepare documentation for consideration at the next meeting.

08/09/164 FLOWERBED

An email was submitted from the Garden Holders, stating that they would plant bulbs in the village flowerbed in the autumn for spring flowering, at no cost to the Parish Council.

Members expressed their appreciation of this excellent gesture.

08/09/165 BBC NOTTINGHAM REACH OUT AWARDS

Councillor Dunn reported that he had nominated Mrs. Ann Hickman for a Good Neighbour Award. Presentation of awards was at Nottingham on 9th October, 2008.

08/09/166 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/08/22

Mr. K. McNichol

Demolition of outbuildings and construction of a new dwelling at Carr Hill Farm, Harwell

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made at outline stage.

19/08/23

Mr. S. Hainsworth

Erect detached house and garage and construct new access on land adjacent to 2 Chapel Lane and 1 Long Meadows, Everton – substitution of house type from previous approval at 19/07/38

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council objected to this application because of the amount of compaction of the site.

08/09/167 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

19/08/18

Mr. & Mrs. S. G. Elliott

Erect extensions and carry out alteration to dwelling at Everton Hill Cottage,
Old Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Refused

08/09/168 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.

08/09/169 EVERTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Bardsley assumed the chair for this item

Councillor Bardsley gave details of the current position regarding the various possible sites.

Resolved: That Acis Group Ltd. be requested to agree terms, if possible, with the owners of the preferred site.

