

# EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2006**

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

### **06/07/196 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted by District Councillor A. Simpson (attending Parish Council Liaison Group meeting)

### **06/07/197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jefferies declared a personal interest at agenda item 11 (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 12 (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 36 (Northfield Farm Buildings).

Councillor Martin declared a personal interest at agenda item 37 (Planning Applications: Harlington House, Church Street, Everton), being a friend of the applicants.

### **06/07/198 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

### **06/07/199 MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk referred to Minute No. 06/07/166 (Matters Arising – Parish Councils Liaison Group), and reported that the presentation by a District Council officer had been postponed owing to unavailability. In the circumstances, Councillor Ferrar had decided to attend the meeting of the Parish Council instead of the meeting of the Parish Councils Liaison Group.

A discussion ensued, when Members expressed the view that Mrs. Lynda Ogilvie, County Secretary of Nottinghamshire Local Councils Association, might be able to make a useful contribution to the presentation when it eventually took place. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

**06/07/200 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**06/07/201 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR A. SIMPSON**

An Email was submitted from District Councillor A. Simpson in which she said:

*"I am very pleased to note that the Parish Council has requested a talk from a District Council Officer on respective roles and jurisdiction of district, county and parish councillors.*

*My understanding of my role as an elected District Councillor is that I am elected to support my Ward, regardless of village areas, to the utmost of my ability. I accept that I have absolutely no rights whatsoever at any Parish Council meeting, and attend these simply to inform myself of current situations, and, where sensible, offer information and help on issues where this might be deemed useful.*

*My understanding, from the tone of the minutes, is that my attendance and offers to help the Parish Council are intrusive and unwelcome. I apologise if I have caused this to be the case, and will in future attend Parish Council meetings in the guise of a member of the public only, should the Council see fit to wish this.*

*I hope sincerely that Bassetlaw District Council put forward an Officer as requested. The Parish Council Tool Kit, ACSeS Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors, of which every Parish Council Member should have a copy, states on page 126,*

*'It is desirable that a positive relationship is developed at the earliest opportunity between the District Council and the new Parish Council. Formal arrangements can be developed subsequently, if desired, where services are undertaken by the District Council for the Parish Council'.*

*I would very much wish this situation to be the case."*

Resolved: That District Councillor Simpson be informed as follows:

Members regretted her interpretation of the tone of the Parish Council minutes, and pointed out that they could not find anything in them to offend.

They very much agreed on the desirability of maintaining a positive relationship with the District Council, and were satisfied that this had always been the case. Clearly, it was not possible to see eye-to-eye on everything with the District Council, but the Parish Council always acted in good faith. Similarly, the need for a positive relationship with the district councillor was recognised, and it was not considered that the Parish Council had done anything to adversely affect the relationship that had been in place for many years.

District Councillor Simpson was very welcome at Parish Council meetings in her capacity of district councillor, and she was encouraged to attend, because it was of vital importance that the Parish Council could turn to its district councillor. The Parish Council appreciated the help she had given to the Parish Council in certain planning matters to date.

As regards the issue of attendance by District Councillor Simpson in closed session, that was clearly out of the question, as otherwise the Parish Council would risk opening itself up to valid criticism. The Parish Council had never allowed anyone to stay in closed session other than the Clerk and any authorised adviser.

**06/07/202     ACCOUNTS**

Resolved:     That the November Accounts be approved for payment.

**06/07/203     BANK RECONCILIATION**

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

**06/07/204     BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the November budget monitoring statement.

**06/07/205     RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION**

There were no matters to report other than vandalism to security fencing in Barrow Hills SSSI, which had been partly repaired by Councillor Dunn.

**06/07/206     NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 were being circulated. The next meeting was on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 at Retford Town Hall.

**06/07/207     NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM**

There had been no meeting since the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, which was reported at the last meeting of the Parish Council.

**06/07/208      PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

- (a) Pursuant to discussion earlier in the year, the Clerk drew attention to the fact that the County Council had now dropped the requirement for parish councils to indemnify it against breaches of Ordnance Survey's monopoly over the use of Ordnance Survey data. A letter had now been received, simply asking the Parish Council to enter into a Contractor Licence for the use of Ordnance Survey Data. The Clerk had furnished all Members with a copy.

Resolved: That the Chairman be authorised to sign the Contractor Licence.

- (b) An Email was submitted from the County Council, indicating that the 2006 P3 grant would shortly be paid.

**06/07/209      BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2006**

- (a) Members who had attended the celebration on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 remarked that the occasion had been most memorable. Mr. John Mann, MP unveiled the winner's sign in the unavoidable absence of Ms. Una Green. The buffet provided by Mrs. D. Anderson, of the Blacksmiths Arms, had been well and truly excellent.

Resolved: That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson

- (b) Councillor de Bel agreed to accompany Councillor Jefferies to the Annual General Meeting of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2006, when the Best Kept Village Competition Awards Ceremony would take place.

**06/07/210      ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISPLAY OF PARISH COUNCIL CERTIFICATES**

The Clerk reported that the Metcalfe Charity Trustees had informed him that this matter was the responsibility of the Recreation Committee. As the Recreation Committee had already given its approval, all that remained was to agree with its Secretary the precise location within the Village Hall.

**06/07/211      STREET CLEANING**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/178 of October, 2006, the Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Cleansing Officer at Bassetlaw District Council that the Parish Council should continue to claim street cleaning grant, in arrangements whereby the District Council would help out as and when required.

**06/07/212 VILLAGE CHARITIES**

Councillor de Bel had nothing new to report, and the matter would be deferred until the December meeting.

**06/07/213 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/180(a) of October, 2006, an Email was submitted from the County Council, stating that its policy regarding one-way streets was that they may be considered where significant improvements could be achieved on safety or network capacity without access or safety problems. One-way streets would not be considered where:

- increased traffic speeds may generate accidents;
- significant access difficulties would be created;
- transferred traffic would cause problems elsewhere.

One-way streets would not be allowed at Everton because it was considered that speeds would increase. There were no accidents at present, and it was possible that there could be if one-way streets were introduced.

The Clerk reported that he had written further to the County Council, explaining that the Parish Council really wanted a comprehensive traffic management review. A reply was awaited.

**06/07/214 HIGHWAYS**

- (a) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/180(b) of October, 2006, an Email had been received from the County Council stating that the posts for the second interactive sign on the A631 had been erected, and the County Council was awaiting connection of a power supply prior to the sign being erected by Dambach.

As regards school signage, attention was drawn to an article in October Travel and Transport Briefing, that said that a scheme had been issued to improve road safety at Chapel Lane, by increasing driver awareness on approach to the school with the provision of improved warning signs and carriageway markings.

Resolved:

- (i) That a request be made for a “School” sign on the A631.
- (ii) That full details of the proposed road safety improvements at Chapel Lane be requested.

- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/94(d) of July, 2006, a letter was submitted from the County Council stating that, in view of the lack of left turning injury accidents at the junction of A631/Harwell Road, provision of a slip road off the A631 eastbound prior to the junction with Harwell Road could not be justified.

A letter was also submitted from Mr. A. Berry, who had made the initial request, suggesting that an alternative improvement would be to remove, or trim, the hedges for a few yards on both the A631 and Harwell Road.

Resolved: That the Clerk try to ascertain ownership of the land in question, with a view to making a request as suggested by Mr. Berry.

- (c) An Email was submitted from the County Council, stating that it was not possible to provide a directional sign for Everton Village Hall. The Department of Transport had strict conditions under which the County Council was allowed to introduce direction signing on the highway, in order to prevent a proliferation of signs which might be distracting to drivers. The criteria specified that signs could only be introduced for “large public buildings or destinations attracting a daily number of visitors in excess of one hundred persons on a permanent basis, the majority of which would be arriving by car and be unfamiliar with the highway network.”

Members considered that this was overkill, in view of the fact that the Parish Council had only requested a sign pointing to the Village Hall. It seemed odd that one small sign was not permitted, and yet yellow signs advertising the Northfield Farm development had proliferated for miles around. The Clerk agreed to enquire as to what the criteria was for such advertising signs.

#### **06/07/215 PARISH PLAN**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/181 of October, 2006, a letter was submitted from the Secretary of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, regarding the Parish Council’s wish to progress the parish plan proposal to develop facilities for children and young adults at the recreation ground. A meeting was proposed between the Parish Council representatives and representatives of the Recreation Committee.

Councillor Bardsley agreed to arrange the meeting – the Parish Council representatives being the Parish Plan Working Party.

#### **06/07/216 TUNNEL TECH NORTH**

There was nothing to report, other than the scheduled meeting of the Liaison Group had been postponed.

**06/07/217 FORMER COUNCILLOR ROBERT TROOP, DECEASED**

Members reported that villagers had suggested that the Parish Council should commemorate former Councillor Robert Troop, Deceased in some appropriate way. The Clerk was asked to discuss the matter with Mrs. V. Troop.

**06/07/218 MAINS DRAINAGE**

The Clerk reported that, following an article in HEDS Together, he had been approached by residents of Drakeholes, saying they wished to see Drakeholes put on mains drainage.

Resolved: That the Clerk take the matter up with Severn Trent Water Ltd.

**06/07/219 COMMUNITY SPEED OFFICERS/WARDENS**

A brief discussion took place about 'Speedwatch', and the Clerk reported that there was to be a public meeting at Misterton on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2007 when this topic would be discussed. Councillor Bardsley agreed to attend the meeting and report back to the February meeting of the Parish Council.

**06/07/220 AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2006**

Letter was submitted from UHY Hacker Young, the Parish Council's External Auditor, confirming that the audit was complete. There were no matters to report.

**06/07/221 A PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DECISION MAKING**

The Clerk reported that, in his capacity of Clerk to Misterton Parish Council, he had prepared a report on the above subject, to be considered by Misterton Parish Council on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2006. He suggested that consideration by Everton Parish Council could usefully be deferred until after Misterton Parish Council had finalised a protocol. Members agreed to defer consideration to the December meeting.

**06/07/222 LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT**

An Email was submitted from Councillor Martin regarding the possibility of Everton and Scrooby forming an alliance. However, Councillor Martin now suggested that, in view of the fact that Councillor Chris Stringer, of Misson Parish Council and the North East Bassetlaw Forum, had agreed to prepare an action plan for consideration by the Parish Council, she was happy for her proposal to be deferred at the moment.

**06/07/223 PLAY PROVISION MAPPING**

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, requesting the Parish Council to complete a play provision mapping exercise. As the matter related to the Parish Plan and matters within the responsibility of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, Councillor Bardsley kindly agreed to complete the survey forms in liaison with the Metcalfe Recreation Committee.

**06/07/224 THE FUTURE OF SHERWOOD – 2<sup>ND</sup> PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE – 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2006 – THORESBY RIDING SCHOOL**

Resolved: That Councillor Maclagan be authorised to attend the above.

**06/07/225 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES – ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Councillor Bardsley kindly agreed to study the above, with a view to preparing a draft response if appropriate.

The Clerk was asked to check on the position regarding a response to the Parish Council's observations on the Daneshill Recycling Centre consultation paper.

**06/07/226 CRIME STATISTICS**

The crime statistics for September and October were submitted. Members expressed grave concern about the recent increase in reported crime. They also asked questions about the potential of the new speed cameras on the A631 to identify potential offenders entering/leaving the area.

The Clerk reported that, contrary to an earlier report that P.c. Gregson was now covering Gringley on the Hill and Misterton, he was in fact covering these villages in addition to his existing beat, which now totalled 25 villages. He read out an Email from Inspector Hamilton which stated that Everton, Gringley on the Hill and Misterton were the beats that P.c. Gregson would be covering when the Safer Neighbourhoods agenda kicked in. There was a team of beat managers at Harworth Police Station which could be utilised to address any issues on any of the rural beats, so P.c. Gregson would not be left in isolation. Also, the three villages would eventually be getting a dedicated PCSO who would work only in the village concerned, and would provide a visible and accessible presence on every day that he/she worked.

Councillor Maclagan had prepared a schedule of crime statistics for the August to October period, which he circulated to Members.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to the Chief Superintendent, (a) enclosing a copy of the abovementioned schedule, and expressing concern over the increase in reported crime which coincided with P.c. Gregson taking on Gringley on the Hill and Misterton in addition to his existing beat, and (b) raising questions about the cameras on the A631.

**06/07/227 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER**

A letter from Mr. John Mann, MP regarding aspects of the above would be considered at the December meeting.

**06/07/228 DRAFT EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL PLAN**

The above consultation document was in circulation, and a response would be considered at the December meeting.

**06/07/229 SHIOP IN A BOX**

Councillor Jefferies updated Members on her discussions regarding the above, and suggested that, in view of the planning application for a general store/coffee shop and deli at Everton Nurseries (to be considered later in the meeting), no further action should be taken pending determination of that application.

**06/07/230 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - SHAPING COMMUNITIES EVENT – LONDON – 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2007**

Members noted the above.

**06/07/231 RURAL POST OFFICES**

Letter was submitted from the Countryside Alliance, referring to the Government's decision not to renew the Post Office Card Account beyond 2010 and its failure to make a decision on the subsidy given to rural post offices. The Parish Council was asked to display a card drawing the attention of parishioners to the threat to the future of rural post offices and explaining how they could take action. The Parish Council was also asked to write to Mr. Jim Fitzpatrick, MP, the minister responsible for post offices.

Resolved: That action be taken in accordance with the above.

**06/07/232 LOCAL WORKS – CAMPAIGN FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL**

Letter was submitted from the above, stating that the Parliamentary Private Members' Ballot was to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006, and urging supporters to write to their Member of Parliament accordingly.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to Mr. John Mann, MP.

**06/07/233      NORTHFIELD FARM BUILDINGS, SLUICE LANE, EVERTON –  
REMOVAL OF TREES – PLANNING APPLICATION 19/06/8R**

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, stating that the removal of trees at Northfield Farm had not constituted a breach of planning control. The letter added that the trees on the planning application drawings were indicative only.

Resolved:      That the attention of Bassetlaw District Council be drawn to the fact that trees shown on Drawing No. Y81 457.07 were real trees, and had been removed.

**06/07/234      PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/06/28**

Mr. & Mrs. A. Tompkin

Erect detached double garage at front and conversion of existing integral garage into habitable room, involving alterations to front elevation and widen existing access at Sandiland House, Pinfold Lane, Harwell

Resolved:      That no adverse comment be made.

**19/06/29**

Team Port Ltd.

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

Resolved:      That Bassetlaw District Council be informed that the Parish Council viewed this application positively. The development would create jobs and help to maintain sustainability of the village.

**19/06/30L**

Mr. & Mrs. S. Vidhani

Internal alterations to garage to form cloakroom WC at Harlington House, Church Lane, Everton

Resolved:      That no adverse comment be made.

**19/06/31**

Magnus Educational Foundation

Erect a two-storey detached dwelling and a detached garage on land adjacent to Dadsley House, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Resolved:      That Bassetlaw District Council be informed that the Parish Council did not object to this application, but wished to point out that the access (which was little used at present) was on to a very dangerous road

**06/07/235      PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

**19/06/23**

G. & P. M. Smith

Alterations and extensions to dwelling and change to access at Millfield Cottage, Old Gainsborough Road, Everton

Permission Granted

19/06/24

Mr. Gray

Erect conservatory at 11 Croft Way, Everton

Permission Granted

**19/06/27T**

Ms. D. Harrison

Fell three poplar Lombardi and prune holly tree at Wisteria Cottage, Old Post Office Street, Everton

Permission Granted

Note: The District Council failed to consult the Parish Council on this application, but the Clerk had since established that there was no statutory requirement for consultation on applications for tree work in conservation areas.

**06/07/236      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.

**06/07/237      TENANCY OF PARISH LANDS**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/163 of September, 2006, the Clerk reported further on this matter. Two individual applications for succession to the tenancy had been lodged with the Agricultural Land Tribunal (Midlands).

Mr. C. P. Goodall, of John H. Pickup & Co., had taken certain action on the instructions of the Clerk, acting in consultation with Members. The Clerk now reported on Mr. Goodall's advice with regard to the pending applications.

Resolved:      That the applications be opposed, and the Clerk be authorised to take action along the lines now discussed.