

# EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th December, 2009**

**Present:** Councillor D. J. Bardsley, Chairman. Councillors Bacon, de Bel, Dunn, Ferrar, Jefferies MBE, Maclagan and Woods, together with County Councillor Yates

**09/10/168 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor Martin (personal matter).

**09/10/169 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jefferies MBE declared a personal interest at agenda item 13 (NALC Northern Area Committee), being a member of the Committee.

Later in the meeting, at an additional item (Stonegate Farm, Bawtry Road, Everton), Councillor Woods declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting, having lodged a personal objection to planning application 19/09/27.

**09/10/170 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

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

**09/10/171 MATTERS ARISING**

- (a) The Clerk referred to Minute No. 09/10/163 (Fire at Long Meadows, Everton), and reported that, as the Fire and Rescue Service had failed to provide information relating to the fire, he had written to E.ON.
- (b) The Clerk referred to Minute No. 09/10/164 (Nottinghamshire County Council – Parish Councils Consultation Meeting), and reported that Councillor Jefferies MBE, had kindly offered to attend the meeting at Nottingham on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.
- (c) The Clerk referred to Minute No. 09/10/165 (Street Name Signage), and reported that the survey had been completed and the results passed to the District Council.

**09/10/172 PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

A resident made representations about alleged noise nuisance emanating from an agricultural building at Stonegate Farm, Bawtry Road, Everton (planning permission granted under 19/08/27). He expressed concerns over intensification of use of the site if planning permission was granted at 19/09/27 (Extension to farm building to create a commercial farm machinery parts depot with attached office).

After some considerable discussion, Members agreed that consideration would be given to the matter later in the meeting.

**09/10/173 SURE START**

Amanda Needham and Marie Townrow were present to give a briefing on Sure Start's current and future plans.

The Parish Council was encouraged to be represented at future Sure Start meetings, and Members indicated that they would be happy to attend.

The Parish Council would assist in publicising Sure Start activities.

**09/10/174 CRIME AND POLICING**

P.c. Nathan Thomas attended the meeting to provide an update on current matters:

- Changes to Safer Neighbourhood arrangements, with an end to Group meetings, and an emphasis on regular attendance by police officers at parish council meetings.
- Anti poaching operations
- A recent car chase in Everton
- Crime statistics

A discussion also took place about concerns over speeding in Everton.

**09/10/175 ACCOUNTS**

Resolved: That the December Accounts, totaling £1,429.51, be approved for payment.

**09/10/176 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009, which showed a balance of £12,879.43.

**09/10/177 BUDGET MONITORING**

The Clerk submitted the December budget monitoring statement.

**09/10/178 RISK REVIEW, ASSET INSPECTION AND HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- (a) Councillor Bardsley reported that the Clerk had reported a blocked drain on Chapel Lane to the County Council.
- (b) A discussion would take place about the Northfield Farmstead verge situation at the January meeting.
- (c) Councillor Bardsley reported that Mr. Ian Davies, District Council, had received a fairly positive indication of funding provision to enable a surface water survey to take place at Gainsborough Road.
- (d) The Clerk would raise concerns about the deteriorating state of the footway along Mattersey Road, from the end of the 30 mph zone in a southerly direction.
- (e) The Clerk would enquire as to when the remedial works to the footway on Mattersey Road (River Idle stretch) were to commence, in view of the increasingly dangerous situation there.
- (f) The Clerk would request the District Council to carry out a final leaf clearance on Chapel Lane.
- (g) The Clerk would request an update from the County Council regarding its trialing of 20 mph zones.
- (h) Councillor Maclagan had, in consultation with Members and the Clerk, drafted an item for HEDS Together regarding the new Jack Bell seat, which had now arrived. The Clerk would arrange for its inclusion in the January edition.

**09/10/179 CPRE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

Councillors Bardsley and Jefferies MBE, together with the Clerk, attended the Annual General Meeting of Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils at Epperstone on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, when the winner's certificate and cheque for £125 were presented to Councillor Bardsley. The winner of Wilko Best of Notts was Southwell.

**09/10/180 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jefferies MBE submitted a report on the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2009, when the main matter under discussion was the District Council's current consultation on its proposal to withdraw the bulk refuse collection service.

**09/10/181 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

- (a) Councillor Dunn and the Clerk reported that, following completion of registration of some of the Parish lands, the unofficial right of way along the barrier bank, between bridleways 4 and 8, was confirmed as being in the Parish Council's ownership. It would, therefore, be possible to apply to the County Council to dedicate the route as a formal bridleway.

Resolved: That the County Council be approached accordingly.

- (b) Letter was submitted from the County Council, confirming that, subject to resolution of the question of the condition and future maintenance of the footbridge over the River Idle, a report would be submitted to the County Council's Rights of Way Committee regarding the Parish Council's application for a creation order in respect of Old Mattersey Road.

**09/10/182 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.**

An email was submitted from the District Council stating that the new bunker system was complete and in use. The company was not, however, happy with the level of odour still being produced, and intended to upgrade the water treatment system. Quotations were being obtained, and a meeting was planned with the District Council in December.

Further details of regulatory requirements were also given.

**09/10/183 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- (a) Councillor Bardsley presented a review of the Everton Green Fayre, held at the Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, which he proposed to submit to the District Council and North East Bassetlaw Forum.

Resolved: That Councillor Bardsley's proposal be approved, and a number of suggestions arising from the questionnaire exercise be considered at the January meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk would approach British Gas to enquire as to whether it might be prepared to donate an electricity smart meter to the Parish Council for use by residents.

- (b) Correspondence was submitted from Mr. John Mann MP, relating to action taken in support of the Sustainable Communities Act 2007, including his signing of Early Day Motion 1545.

**09/10/184 BASSETLAW COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Letter was submitted from Ms. Laura Goad, Bassetlaw Community Outreach Advisor at Retford Action Centre. Her role was to visit people aged 50 and over, in their own homes and in local groups and clubs, to offer help and information on issues they had queries on. Ms. Goad requested advice on how to link to the Everton community.

Resolved: That the Clerk request Ms. Goad to produce an item for HEDS Together.

**09/10/185 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Pursuant to Minute No. 09/10/160 of November, 2009, Councillor Bardsley reported that Acis Group Ltd. was still not yet in a position to firmly commit to the current proposal

**09/10/186 TRAINING**

- (a) The Clerk reported that several Members had expressed an interest in attending a Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils training seminar on 'How to understand planning applications and how to challenge them', to be held at Sutton-cum-Lound on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2010. However, places were currently limited to one per council.

Resolved: That Councillor Woods be authorised to attend, and that consideration be given to further attendance if and when places became available. Furthermore, the Association be requested to run a further course, or courses, in view of the demand for places.

- (b) The Clerk reported that, having researched the concept of 'predetermination' with Standards for England, he had formed the opinion that, whilst not all predeterminations involved a prejudicial interest, those that did not almost certainly offended the natural justice concept of bias (the Monitoring Officer had refused to comment). It was important, therefore, that a member caught by 'bias' should not participate in any business relating to the matter in question.

**09/10/187 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

The Clerk reported that public interest in Community Speed Watch volunteering was insufficient to allow a scheme to proceed in Everton.

Resolved: That an item be included in HEDS Together.

**09/10/188 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: CORE STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Councillor Bardsley summarised the Parish Council Workshop, held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. Arising out of the Workshop, and in view of the pressing timescale, the Clerk had (in consultation with Members) furnished the District Council with the Parish Council's formal response to the above, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved: That the formal submission be approved.

**09/10/189 COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2010/11**

This matter would be considered at the January meeting.

**09/10/190 REGISTRATION OF PARISH LANDS**

The Clerk reported that the tenanted lands had been registered at HM Land Registry with Title Absolute.

Atteys, Solicitors, were now in the process of working towards registration of the remaining lands.

**09/10/191 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

- (a) Councillor Bardsley reported that he had been elected as a member of the Association's Executive Committee.
- (b) Councillor Jefferies informed the meeting of the sad death of Councillor Jim George, the Association's Chairman.

**09/10/192 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**19/09/30**

Mr. D. Cowlam

Construct dwelling with detached garage on land east of Dadsley House, Gainsborough Road, Everton

Resolved: That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council objected to this application, firstly on the ground that (as stressed by members at the recent LDF workshop at Everton, led by Richard Schofield and Tom Bannister) three-storey development in a rural settlement such as Everton was generally unacceptable. Secondly, the proposed development would dominate neighbouring property and was out-of-keeping with the character of the area.

**19/09/32 & 19/09/33L**

Mr. S. Midgley

Demolition of outbuildings, internal alterations and construction of

single-storey rear extension at Stones Cottage, Church Street, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

**09/10/193 PLANNING DETERMINATION**

**19/09/26T**

Mrs. W. Moody

Works to hedge (H1), works to trees (T1 to T35 inclusive) and other associated tree works at Gordon House including land to the south, Chapel Lane, Everton

Permission Granted

**09/10/194 PLANNING APPEAL**

**19/09/7**

Mr. & Mrs. Flinders, Ms. Newrick and Mr. Fenley

Outline application for two dwellings on land to the east of Woodland View, Bawtry Road, Everton

Appeal Dismissed

**09/10/195 STONEGATE FARM, BAWTRY ROAD, EVERTON**

Consideration took place over the concerns expressed by a resident earlier in the meeting.

Resolved: That the matter be drawn to the attention of Bassetlaw Planning Department.