

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Methodist Church Schoolroom on Monday 8th January, 2007

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

06/07/271 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors de Bel (holiday) and Ferrar (unwell).

06/07/272 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bardsley declared a personal interest at agenda item 28 (Budget 2007/08), being a member of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, a member of the Sub-Committee of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee dealing with the new staging and performance seating issue, and a member of the Village Players.

06/07/273 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 4th December, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

06/07/274 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Councillor Bardsley referred to Minute No. 06/07/265 (Housing Needs Survey) and enquired as to progress. The Clerk replied that some information had been received from Ms. Carole Turner, Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, but he would make a further enquiry.
- (b) Councillor Bardsley referred to Minute No. 06/07/256 (Mains Drainage), and enquired as to progress. The Clerk replied that he had written both to Wiseton Parish Meeting and certain residents, but had not yet received a response.
- (c) Councillor Bardsley referred to Minute No. 06/07/262 (Future of the Daneshill Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and enquired as to whether anything had been heard from Nottinghamshire County Council. The Clerk replied that it hadn't, and he would write again.

- (d) Councillor Bardsley referred to Minute No. 06/07/267 (Planning Applications), and enquired as to whether a further, satisfactory set of plans had been furnished to the Parish Council in respect of planning application 19/06/36 (retrospective amendments to kennels/cattery - 19/05/19 - at Woodland View, Bawtry Road, Everton). The Clerk replied that nothing had been received. District Councillor Simpson informed the meeting that the application had been approved.

06/07/275 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no members of the public present.

06/07/276 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the January Accounts be approved for payment.

06/07/277 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 30th November, 2006.

06/07/278 BUDGET MONITORING

This item was considered later in the meeting during the 2007/08 Budget item.

06/07/279 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

There were no matters to report.

06/07/280 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Dunn reported that people visiting Harwell Woods to cycle were driving up Pinfold Lane and parking their cars at the top. The two problems were firstly that Pinfold Lane (albeit a private road) was classed as a public footpath and not open to such vehicular use; secondly that cycling was not legally permitted on a public footpath (Pinfold Lane and on through the woods – No. 15) The Clerk would pass details of registration numbers to the Police.

06/07/281 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2006 AND 2007

The Clerk was still awaiting a debriefing on Everton's 2006 performance.

06/07/282 FORMER COUNCILLOR ROBERT TROOP, DECEASED

The Clerk reported that he had recently had a discussion with Mrs. V. Troop about the possibility of the Parish Council commemorating Mr. Robert Troop, Deceased. Mrs. Troop indicated that the family would like either a tree or a seat in the Metcalfe Recreation Ground.

Resolved: That, subject to consultation with the Metcalfe Charitable Trust and the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, either an oak or walnut tree be planted in the Metcalfe Recreation Ground, to bear an appropriate plaque.

06/07/283 A PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DECISION MAKING

The Clerk submitted an example of a protocol for communications and decision making recently adopted by Misterton Parish Council.

After some discussion about the use of Email, the Clerk was asked to produce a draft protocol for consideration at the next meeting.

06/07/284 VILLAGE CHARITIES

There was nothing to report in Councillor de Bel's absence and the matter would be deferred until the February meeting.

06/07/285 HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/252 of December, 2006, the Members who recently toured the village with Mr. R. C. Statham, of Nottinghamshire County Council, submitted a report on the visit. Since the visit, Mr. Statham had furnished the Parish Council with a copy letter from himself to the Director of the Young Persons Division of the County Council with regard to the safety problems caused by on-street parking outside the Primary School. Further information was awaited.

Members observed that, whilst the action regarding on-street parking outside the Primary School was welcome, other matters had been drawn to Mr. Statham's attention. Councillor Maclagan would furnish the Clerk with details of the matters in question, which would be pursued with Mr. Statham.

06/07/286 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT: AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL

In addition to consideration of further concerns about low flying raised by Councillor Martin, Members discussed briefly the Airspace Change Proposal, which had been submitted to the Parish Council. The document would be circulated with a view to making observations on it at the February meeting, such observations to include reference to current concerns.

06/07/287 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.

Councillor Bardsley would make enquiries about the rescheduling of the postponed Liaison Group meeting.

06/07/288 CRIME STATISTICS

The crime statistics for December were submitted. The Clerk would check on a known crime that was missing from the statistics.

06/07/289 FUTURE OF RURAL POST OFFICES

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/231 of November, 2006, a letter was submitted from the Department of Trade and Industry on Government policy regarding the future of the post office network, which was considered by the Government to be unsustainable in its present state.

06/07/290 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

Letter was submitted from Mr. John Mann, MP, inviting all Bassetlaw parish councils to be represented at a Bassetlaw Parish Council Forum, to be held at Misterton Methodist Hall on Friday 19th January, 2007.

Resolved: That Councillor Jefferies be authorised to attend.

06/07/291 PARISH COUNCILS LIAISON GROUP

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, inviting agenda items in respect of the meeting of the Group to be held on 14th February, 2007. Members observed that an item had already been requested for consideration at the November, 2006 meeting, but had been deferred to the next meeting.

06/07/292 VILLAGE WEBSITE

Agreement was given to the Secretary of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee inputting data to the website direct to the website manager.

06/07/293 NORTHFIELD FARM BUILDINGS, SLUICE LANE, EVERTON – PLANNING APPLICATION 19/06/8R

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/260(a) of December, 2006, concern was expressed that the yellow developer signs displayed throughout the area were still in place, despite the developer having been requested to remove them.

The Clerk would further report the matter to the County Council.

06/07/294 EVERTON NURSERIES, OLD GAINSBOROUGH ROAD, EVERTON – PLANNING APPLICATION 19/06/29

Members were dismayed to learn from a resident who had visited the Chairman recently that the planning application to erect shop (general store/coffee shop and deli) had been refused planning permission. The Parish Council had not yet been formally notified of either the determination or a pending appeal.

The matter would be further considered when details were available.

**06/07/295 GRADE II LISTED PIGEONCOTE, MANOR FARM, HARWELL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS 19/04/42 AND 19/04/43L**

Pursuant to Minute No. 06/07/267 of December, 2006, an Email was submitted from Bassetlaw District Council, stating that a firm decision had not yet been taken after all regarding the requirement for a retrospective planning application for demolition of the listed pigeoncote.

06/07/296 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/06/37

Mr. & Mrs. C. Arden

Erect new double garage with adjoining stable and storage above on land adjacent to Mill Farm, Mattersey Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

06/07/297 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

19/06/30L

Mr. & Mrs. S. Vidani

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

Permission Granted

19/06/31

Magnus Educational Foundation

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

Permission Refused

06/07/298 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.

06/07/299 BUDGET 2007-08

The Clerk furnished Members with a set of Budget proposals.

Resolved:

- (a) That, within the £700 allocation for the Best Kept Village Competition, the County Council be requested to keep in good condition the grass verge on both sides of Bawtry Road between the junctions of High Street and Chapel Lane.

- (b) That within the £1,350 allocation to the Metcalfe Recreation Committee, £350 be earmarked for the Village Hall staging and performance seating project.
- (c) That the remainder of the Budget be approved in accordance with the statement to be circulated.
- (d) That the precept be set at £9,300, but that, in the event of Bassetlaw grants being reduced from the status quo, the Clerk be authorised to increase the precept by the relevant amount.

06/07/300 ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Members were satisfied that the Parish Council's Risk Assessment Policy was working efficiently, and required no amendment.
- (b) Members were satisfied that the Parish Council's internal controls, financial systems, financial regulations and standing orders were all satisfactory.
- (c) Members were satisfied that the Parish Council always endeavoured to ensure compliance with legislative requirements.
- (d) With regard to the above, Members observed that the Parish Council had been awarded Quality accreditation.

06/07/301 CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

The Clerk's contract was reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

06/07/302 THE CLERK'S SALARY

A review took place of the work carried out by the Clerk to the Council.

Resolved: That the Clerk's salary remain unaltered.

06/07/303 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL APPRAISAL

An appraisal took place, when both the Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council indicated their satisfaction with matters.

06/07/304 TENANCY OF PARISH LANDS

There was nothing to report.

06/07/305 REGISTRATION OF PARISH LANDS

Letter was submitted from the Parish Council's solicitors regarding the registration process.

Resolved: That the Clerk take action as now instructed.

06/07/306 STREET CLEANING

Consideration was given to an offer by Mr. S. Leach to carry out street cleaning.

Resolved:

- (a) That the offer be accepted in principle, and the Clerk discuss the matter further with Mr. Leach's father.
- (b) That the kind gesture by Councillor Woods to provide equipment and protective clothing be noted with appreciation.

