

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Metcalfe Tea Rooms on Monday 15th May, 2006

Present: Councillors Bacon, Bardsley, de Bel, Dunn, Jefferies, Maclagan and Woods, together with District Councillor A. Simpson

06/07/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Resolved: That Councillor Jefferies be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Jefferies assumed the chair at that point, and welcomed Members to the new Council. She asked that a letter be sent to former Councillor Marsh, thanking her for her excellent service over the previous four years. She also extended a warm welcome to newly elected District Councillor Simpson, who in turn said a few words about her hopes and expectations for the Everton Ward.

06/07/2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Jefferies signed her declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman.

06/07/3 APOLOGIES

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

The Clerk reported that Councillor Martin had not yet signed her declaration of acceptance of office, but was to do so prior to the next meeting.

The seven Members present had all signed their declarations of acceptance of office immediately before the meeting.

Resolved: That approval be given to Councillor Martin signing her declaration of acceptance of office at, or prior to, the meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 5th June, 2006.

06/07/4 CO-OPTION

An Email was submitted from Dr Lynne Ferrar, Rock Cottage, Harwell, offering to serve as a co-opted Member of the Parish Council.

Resolved: That Dr. Ferrar's offer be accepted.

06/07/5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Woods declared a personal interest at agenda item 40 (Planning Applications – Two Trees, Mattersey Road, Everton), being a neighbour.

Councillor de Bel also declared a personal interest at agenda item 40 (Planning Applications – Blacksmiths Arms, Church Street, Everton), being a neighbour.

Councillor Bacon declared a prejudicial interest at agenda item 40 (Planning Applications – 19 Long Meadows), being a neighbour and also agenda item 40 (Planning Applications – Blacksmiths Arms, Church Street, Everton), being a friend of the applicant. He left the meeting during consideration of those two planning applications.

The Clerk advised that there was no need for any Member to declare an interest at agenda item 40 (Planning Applications – 33/06/14L Grounds of Metcalfe House, High Street Everton), as the application was merely the Listed element of the application considered at the previous meeting.

Later in the meeting, Councillors Dunn and Maclagan each declared a personal interest at agenda item 17 (Resolution from the Annual Parish Meeting), being trustees of the Metcalfe Charitable Trust. Councillor de Bel also declared a personal interest at that item, being Secretary of the Parochial School Endowment, as did Councillor Jefferies, being Secretary of Everton United Charities and the Wells Educational Foundation.

06/07/6 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Resolved: That Councillor Maclagan be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

06/07/7 MINUTES OF THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council, held on 10th April, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

06/07/8 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes, other than a query from Councillor Bardsley regarding Minute No. 05/06/360 (Everton Nurseries), and an observation that, because of the location of the development at planning application 19/06/12 (Grounds of Metcalfe House, High Street, Everton), he need not have declared a personal interest at the meeting.

06/07/9 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL ACCREDITATION

The Clerk reported that, on Friday 12th May, 2006, the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils Accreditation Panel had awarded the Parish Council Quality accreditation. He added that Gringley on the Hill and Misterton Parish Councils had also been awarded Quality accreditation the same day.

Members expressed great satisfaction at this achievement, the three Parish Councils becoming the first in Bassetlaw to receive Quality accreditation. Whilst Members were greatly appreciative of the Clerk's contribution to this success, the Clerk stressed that it could not have been achieved without the dedication and discipline of Members.

The Clerk also mentioned the significant contribution provided firstly by Mr. Ian Bower, of BCVS, by way of document design and website presentation, and secondly Mr. Maurice Hayden, of Bassetlaw District Council, for providing an efficient and effective printing service to the Parish Council. Members endorsed these sentiments.

A brief discussion took place about arrangements for presentation of the Certificate, and District Councillor Simpson agreed to discuss the matter at Bassetlaw District Council, perhaps with a view to a joint presentation on behalf of all three Parish Councils.

Resolved: That a vote of appreciation be extended to the Clerk in respect of all his efforts in this matter since work began on the project in September, 2003.

06/07/10 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no members of the public present

06/07/11 PARISH PLAN WORKING PARTY

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley, Dunn and Jefferies continue to represent the Parish Council on the Parish Plan Working Party.

06/07/12 QUALITY WORKING PARTY

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley, Dunn and Jefferies continue to represent the Parish Council on the Quality Working Party.

06/07/13 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

Resolved: That Councillor Jefferies continue to represent the Parish Council on the NALC Northern Area Committee.

06/07/14 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

Resolved: That Councillors de Bel and Jefferies continue to represent the Parish Council, and Councillor Bardsley continue to represent the Parish Plan, on the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

06/07/15 METCALFE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Resolved: That Councillor Woods be appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the Metcalfe Recreation Committee.

06/07/16 TUNNEL TECH NORTH LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that former Councillor Marsh had indicated that she would be happy to continue to serve as a local representative on the Tunnel Tech North Liaison Committee.

Resolved: That Councillor Bardsley and Ms. Marsh continue to represent the Parish Council/Parish on the Tunnel Tech North Liaison Committee

06/07/17 UNITED CHARITIES

Resolved: That Norma Charles be reappointed trustee for a three-year term ending May, 2009.

06/07/18 VILLAGE CHARITIES

Consideration was given to the following resolution passed at the Annual Parish Meeting:

The parish council should approach the Charity Commission for permission to transfer the funds/income of the Everton United Charities, the Wells Educational Foundation and the Parochial School Endowment to the Metcalfe Charity, on the grounds that the charitable aims of the three small charities are irrelevant to Everton in 2006. All the residents of the village do benefit from the facilities provided by the Metcalfe Charity and so the money would serve the village better if it were used in this way.

After some considerable discussion it was resolved as follows:

- (a) That no action be taken on the above resolution.

- (b) That, pending the conclusion of current dialogue between Councillor de Bel and the Charity Commission on the question of rationalisation, a request be made to the Charity Commission for trusteeship of the three charities to be transferred to the Parish Council.

06/07/19 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the May Accounts be approved for payment.

06/07/20 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st March, 2006.

06/07/21 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the May budget monitoring statement.

06/07/22 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

There were no matters to report.

06/07/23 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2006

The Clerk submitted the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 2006, which included the following documents:

- ÿ Receipts & Payments Summary including year-end Bank Reconciliation
- ÿ Summary Receipts and Payments Account
- ÿ Supporting Notes to the Accounts
- ÿ Annual Return - Sections 1 (Statement of Accounts) with explanation of significant variations & Section 2 (Statement of Assurance)

Resolved:

- (a) That the Accounts be approved.
- (b) That all elements of the Statement of Assurance be answered in the affirmative.

06/07/24 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

- (a) The Clerk reported that he had only received two letters from residents supporting the creation of a public footpath from Nutcroft Way to Barrow Hills, through The Shroggs.

Resolved: That the Clerk write an article in HEDS Together, explaining that the Parish Council could not take the matter any further with such limited evidence.

- (b) The Clerk referred again to the County Council's request that the Parish Council sign an Ordnance Survey mapping agreement and indemnity letter. It now seemed likely that the County Council would drop the requirement for the indemnity letter.
- (c) The Clerk was asked to arrange for vegetation on path 1 to be sprayed with weedkiller.
- (d) The Clerk was asked to write to the Cricket Club, requesting that top netting be fitted to the new nets, in order to prevent cricket balls being hit over the top on to path 1 and other private property.

06/07/25 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

- (a) Resolved: That an entry be made for the village of Everton (excluding Drakeholes) in Category C (population 300 to 700) of the Competition.
- (b) The Clerk reported that he had only received one response to the article in HEDS Together, which invited comment about the possibility of Harwell entering the Competition. The response, from Dr. Lynne Ferrar, expressed similar concerns to those already expressed about the current problems in Harwell.

Resolved:

- (i) That, in view of the lack of response to the article, and the mess caused by current building work, etc. in Harwell, no entry be made in 2006, but that the matter be revisited in 2007, possibly after a meeting with Harwell residents to discuss their worries over the changing face of Harwell.
- (ii) That the Clerk write an article in Heds Together, drawing attention to (i) above.
- (c) A brief discussion took place about the four dwellings being built at Pinfold Lane/Harwell Sluice Lane, when it was reported that the owner was understood to have recently said that they looked higher than he thought they would. Members explained to District Councillor Simpson the circumstances surrounding the Parish Council's opposition to the grant of planning permission, and she in turn remarked that she was surprised that planning permission had been given for a development so out-of-keeping with Harwell.

District Councillor Simpson agreed to make enquiries about the requirements of a condition requiring an embankment to be built on site, as it was understood that there wasn't sufficient room for the embankment to be built and a wall was being built instead.

06/07/26 VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS

There was nothing to report.

06/07/27 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) The Clerk was asked to request Nottinghamshire County Council to cut down the weed growth at the Sun Inn crossroads in the interests of road safety.
- (b) An Email was submitted from Nottinghamshire County Council, stating that the old temporary interactive sign on the A631 had been disconnected. The next step would be to instruct Dambach to remove the old sign and erect the new, permanent ones. That work should be completed within the next month. When completed, Central Networks would be instructed to connect the new signs, although it was not possible to give a date for this work at the moment.
- (c) The Clerk reported receipt of an Email from the County Council, confirming that its Operations Section was to examine the state of the pavement at Roe Lane, with a view to carrying out necessary repairs.
- (d) The Clerk was asked to request Nottinghamshire County Council to treat kerb edges throughout the Parish with weedkiller.

06/07/28 PARISH PLAN

Councillor Bardsley submitted an update, together with a copy of the Work Programme containing [progress notes](#) (both appended to the minutes).

Resolved: That continued implementation of the [Parish Plan](#) be taken up by the Parish Council, initially through the medium of the Parish Plan Working Party.

06/07/29 TUNNEL TECH NORTH

The Clerk would contact Mr. Chris Booth at Bassetlaw District Council regarding details of the next meeting of the Liaison Group, expected in early June.

06/07/30 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN EVERTON

Councillor de Bel explained the problems faced by buses using Ferry Lane. The Chairman expressed the view that it was time to address the possibility of a one-way system through the village. Members agreed that it would be advisable for a traffic expert to advise on the position.

District Councillor Simpson agreed to request the necessary advice from the County Council.

06/07/31 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

- (a) Letter was submitted from Councillor Hugh Burton, inviting parish councils to give their views on their workloads – increasing or otherwise. The Clerk agreed to attend to this.
- (b) The Chairman indicated her availability to attend a meeting of the NALC Northern Area Committee on 22nd May, 2006, at which there would be a special session on Double Taxation.
- (c) District Councillor Simpson advised that District Councillor Terry Yates, Cabinet Member for Finance, would be happy to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council if requested to do so, in order to discuss Double Taxation.

06/07/32 STREET CLEANING

The Clerk reported as follows:

- (a) Bassetlaw District Council had agreed to empty the village litter bins whilst continuing to award street cleaning grant to the Parish Council.
- (b) It had been established that neither the schoolchildren nor the Brownies collected litter south of the A631. In the circumstances the Clerk, in consultation with Councillor Dunn, had written an article for Heds Together, inviting local organisations/individuals to express interest in carrying out this grant-aided work.

06/07/33 HARWELL WOODS PROBLEMS

Councillor Dunn reported that, on 12th May, 2006, a visit to Barrow Hills SSSI took place by himself, the Clerk, P.c. Gregson and Mr. Steve Clifton, Conservation Officer at English Nature. Mr. Scourfield, of

Thornely Taylor Estates Company, had been invited to attend, but was not in attendance. It was agreed by those present at the site visit as follows:

- Mr. Clifton would produce a number of joint English Nature/Nottinghamshire Police laminated notices, drawing attention to the protected nature of the SSSI. Councillor Dunn would arrange their display at the SSSI.
- Fencing was to be erected by volunteers in order to allow damaged areas to recover.
- The Nottinghamshire Police off-road motorcycle team was to visit the SSSI.
- Residents should be encouraged to report all incidents to Nottinghamshire Police.

A letter was submitted from Thornely Taylor Estates Company, regarding the problem in Harwell Woods generally, and indicating that the provision of a barrier across Theaker Lane was being considered.

06/07/34 MEMBERS' SURGERIES

Councillor Dunn agreed to attend the rescheduled surgery on 20th May, 2006.

Owing to an error in the spring newsletter, there was conflicting public information about the date of the May surgery, with the result that one resident had attended the Village Hall on 13th May, 2006. However, she had reported the matters concerning her to Councillor Bardsley (P3 and Highways – dealt with earlier in the meeting), and the Clerk would write to her accordingly.

06/07/35 CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

Letter was submitted from Defra relating to the provisions of the above legislation, which gave powers to parish councils with regard to littering, graffiti, flyposting and dog control. Parish councils were invited to request a guide for parish councils: "Getting to grips with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – a parish council guide to environmental enforcement".

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the guide.

06/07/36 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING

The annual training course was to be held at Retford on 8th June, 2006, and the Clerk was asked to enquire as to whether Councillor Martin and Dr. Ferrar were interested in attending.

06/07/37 BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES

The Clerk was asked to enquire as to the outcome of the Parish Council's two bids under the above County Council programme.

06/07/38 BUS SERVICES

- (a) Councillor Woods drew attention to the fact that the No. 98 service between Bawtry and Gainsborough had been reduced to Saturdays only.
- (b) District Councillor Simpson reported that bus passes could now be used earlier in the day on all services. She would provide full details in due course.

06/07/39 CRIME STATISTICS

The crime statistics for April were noted.

06/07/40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/06/13

Mr. M. Paulson

Demolish single storey rear extension and erect extension to form utility room and extend over existing garage to create new bedroom and en suite at 19 Long Meadows, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

33/06/14L

Mr. & Mrs. A. Lee

Convert and extend existing garage to dwelling at Grounds of Metcalfe House, High Street, Everton

Objection already lodged to this development at planning application 33/06/12.

19/06/15

Mr. B. Bailey

Erect first floor extension and carry out alterations at Two Trees,
Mattersey Road, Everton

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

19/06/16

Mr. & Mrs. M. Anderson

Erect single storey detached building to provide additional bed and
breakfast accommodation for tourist/business users at Blacksmiths
Arms, Church Street, Everton

Resolved:

- (a) That Bassetlaw District Council be informed that, whilst the Parish Council did not object to the development generally, it did object to the proposed access on to Ferry Lane, which was a dangerous location and currently caused congestion problems, especially with buses. It was appreciated that there was an existing access at that location, but, with several more vehicles likely to use it, the proposal was considered unacceptable. If the development could be redesigned to facilitate access by way of the existing main car park, then there would be no objection.
- (b) That an enquiry be made as to whether the room shown on the plans as Guest Bedroom 4 had planning permission for such use.

06/07/41 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

19/06/7

Mr. Scott

Erect conservatory at Wagtail Way, Harwell Sluice Lane, Harwell

Permission Granted