

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Metcalf Tea Rooms on Monday 17th May, 2010

Present: Councillors Bacon, Bardsley, Evers, Jefferies, Maclagan, Scott and Woods

10/11/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Bardsley opened the meeting by welcoming newly-elected Councillors Evers and Scott, and asking for nominations for Chairman.

Resolved: That Councillor Dunn be elected Chairman for the ensuing year (he earlier having indicated that he would be prepared to accept such office).

Councillor Bardsley remained in the chair, in Councillor Dunn's absence, and asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. .

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

Councillor Bardsley assumed the chair.

10/11/2 APOLOGIES

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

10/11/3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bardsley declared a personal interest at agenda item 26 (Bassetlaw District Council – Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation), being a trustee of the Metcalfe Charitable Trust, which owned land that might be affected.

10/11/4 MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Council, held on 26th April, 2010, were approved as a correct record.

10/11/5 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

10/11/6 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mrs. D. Troop attended the meeting and explained the background to planning application 19/10/10, to be considered later in the meeting. A discussion ensued when questions were asked by members and another resident present.

10/11/7 CRIME AND POLICING

P.c. Nathan Thomas updated Members on the following:

- Recent recorded crime in the area, particularly burglaries
- Hare coursing
- A matter relating to the River Idle

He also discussed changes to shift patterns – made for operational reasons - and the associated wish of Inspector Maiden to limit his attendance at parish council meetings to once a quarter. He sought members' views on this, when a view was expressed that it was unfortunate that community policing policy seemed to change with every change of inspector. Another view expressed was that the present arrangement for attendance at meetings was working very well.

Councillor Bardsley declared a personal interest, being a member of North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF), and explained that he was a member of a NEBF working party looking at community policing, and would be meeting Inspector Maiden the following week.

It was agreed to defer a response to the proposal to limit police attendance at meetings until after Councillor Bardsley's meeting with Inspector Madin.

10/11/8 AUDIT COMMITTEE

Resolved: That Councillors Dunn, Maclagan and Woods continue to serve on the Audit Sub-Committee (established at Minute No. 07/08/16(c) of May, 2007).

10/11/9 URGENT BUSINESS POWERS COMMITTEE

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley and Dunn serve on the Urgent Business Powers Committee (established at Minute No. 07/08/14 of May, 2007), together with Councillor Woods, as substitute.

10/11/10 PARISH PLAN WORKING PARTY

Resolved: That, in view of the fact that issues arising out of the Parish Plan were now incorporated into the general work of the Parish Council, this working party be disestablished.

10/11/11 QUALITY WORKING PARTY

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley, Dunn and Jefferies continue to represent the Parish Council on the Quality Working Party, the remit of which was to approve the annual report, quarterly newsletters and annual information leaflet, prior to publication.

10/11/12 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN WORKING PARTY

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley, Evers and Jefferies represent the Parish Council on the Parish Emergency Plan Working Party.

10/11/13 NALC NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

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

10/11/14 NORTH EAST BASSETLAW FORUM

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley, Jefferies and Woods represent the Parish Council on the North East Bassetlaw Forum.

10/11/15 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the May Accounts, totaling £2,983.44, be approved for payment.

10/11/16 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 31st March, 2010, which showed a balance of £8,954.54.

10/11/17 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the May budget monitoring statement. He explained that drift was likely, particularly with a view to the requirement for up-to-date maps, etc. in connection with the registration of parish lands, and unbudgeted 2009/10 expenditure on the Lion Jack Bell seat.

10/11/18 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2010

The Clerk submitted the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March, 2010, which included the following documents:

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

- Letter from the Parish Council's external auditors, Clement Keys, (a) giving Notice of Audit to commence on 28th June, 2010, and (b) asking the Parish Council to ensure there was no conflict of interest between any Member and Clement Keys which prevented the firm being independent.

Resolved:

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

Post meeting note: Councillors Evers and Scott later confirmed that they had no relationship with Clement Keys – all other members having previously confirmed the point.

10/11/19 BANK MANDATE

Resolved: That, following the election, no change be made to the bank mandate.

10/11/20 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

A meeting of the Parish Emergency Plan Working Party would shortly be arranged, particularly as a County Council template required completion.

10/11/21 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION

- (a) Discussion took place about a recently-blocked sewer which ran down the footpath from Mount Prospect to the head of the public sewer at Roe Lane. The septic tank servicing Mount Prospect was in the front garden of 1 Mount Prospect, and discharged to the sewer in the footpath, as did the two road gullies. The sewer was blocked just downstream of this point and the gullies, being the lowest spot, were acting as the release point - hence the puddle.

The matter was reported by the Parish Council to the County Council, who contacted the District Council, which arranged for clearance of the blockage, and cleansing of the inspection chamber and road gullies.

The Clerk was awaiting confirmation from the District Council as to future responsibility for maintenance, etc.

- (b) Discussion took place about the imminent road closure at Eel Pool Road, which had not been formally notified to the Parish Council. Concerns were expressed over traffic build-up at the Sun Inn crossroads during the works. The Clerk would make enquiries at the County Council, and arrange for a public information leaflet to be circulated with HEDS Together.

- (c) Resolved: That the Clerk arrange for the hexagonal seat in the recreation ground to be repainted.
- (d) The asset inspection schedule was updated.

10/11/22 LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mrs. Tonia Evers attended a meeting with Bassetlaw Community Health earlier in the day, and would submit a report for consideration at the next meeting.

10/11/23 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

An article would be included in July HEDS Together regarding availability of the newly-acquired electricity smart meter for community use.

10/11/24 BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL – CORE STRATEGY ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Resolved: That Councillors Bardsley and Jefferies be authorised to attend a consultation meeting at Beckingham on 7th June, 2010.

10/11/25 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Arrangements for Everton's entry in Category C of the Competition were agreed, together with individual members' areas to be regularly inspected.

10/11/26 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A letter regarding a Launch Event was noted.

10/11/27 NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Resolved: That Councillors Evers and Scott be authorised to attend a Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils training course, to be held at Ranby on 22nd July, 2010.

10/11/28 PLANNING APPLICATION

19/10/10

Mr. R. Troop

Mixed use development, comprising 9 dwellings and 2 live/work units and conversion of redundant Methodist chapel to form 3 residential units on land adjacent Corner Farm, Bawtry Road, Everton

Resolved: That an objection be made on the following grounds:

1. Most of the site was outside the village envelope, and remained so under the Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation document (defined development area). The proposed development was intense, and went beyond acceptable infilling or backfilling.
2. The Everton Parish Plan demonstrated the fact that residents favoured minimum development in Everton.

The Case Officer would also be informed of the current situation regarding the Parish Council's own affordable housing proposal.

10/11/29 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

There were no planning determinations.

10/11/30 HIGHWAY VERGE MAINTENANCE

Councillor Evers reported that a resident had approached him regarding concerns that cutting of grass verges on rural lanes such as Harwell Lane could pose a threat to wildlife

The Clerk would request details of the County Council's policy on cutting of rural verges

10/11/31 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.

10/11/32 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Pursuant to Minute No. 09/10/320 of April, 2010, the Clerk reported that the owner of a preferred site had, subject to contract and other requirements, agreed terms for its sale to Acis Group Ltd.

Resolved: That, other than where a meeting of the Parish Council was essential, the Clerk be granted delegated powers, in consultation with members, to agree matters necessary to the successful fulfillment of the scheme.