

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th June, 2010

Present: Councillor J. Dunn, Chairman. Councillors Maclagan, Scott and Woods throughout. Councillors Bardsley and Jefferies joined the meeting during consideration of the agenda item, ‘Crime and Policing’

10/11/33 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Dunn made his declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman.

10/11/34 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Bacon (personal commitment), Bardsley and Jefferies (attending Bassetlaw Core Strategy workshop – but joined the meeting later) and Evers (work).

10/11/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Maclagan declared a personal interest at agenda item 26 (Planning Applications – 19/10/14 Glebe Lodge, Everton Sluice Lane, Everton) being a close resident.

10/11/36 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on 17th May, 2010, were approved as a correct record, subject to a clerical amendment at Minute No. 10/11/17.

10/11/37 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

10/11/38 PUBLIC DISCUSSION

County Councillor Yates informed members of donations she had made to local groups from the Councillors’ Divisional Initiative fund. She would liaise with the Clerk with regard to publication of the availability of future donations.

10/11/39 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the June Accounts, totaling £576.33, be approved for payment.

10/11/40 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 30th April, 2010, which showed a balance of £14,159.47.

10/11/41 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted the June budget monitoring statement.

10/11/42 MISS JENNY LANE, HEADTEACHER, EVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

A discussion took place about Miss Lane's recent retirement, when it was agreed that Councillor Dunn would write a note in HEDS Together, expressing appreciation of her contribution to the wellbeing of the Parish.

10/11/43 RISK REVIEW, ASSET INSPECTION AND HIGHWAY MATTERS

- (a) The Clerk reported that the County Council did not have a budget to repaint the street light mantles in the current financial year.

- (b) Pursuant to Minute No. 10/11/21(b) of May, 2010, a discussion took place about the fact that the County Council had consulted Mattersey Parish Council about the Eel Pool Road closure for repair works, but had failed to consult Everton Parish Council in whose area Eel Pool Road was situated. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had since been heard from the County Council about the Parish Council's concerns over possible traffic build-up at the Sun Inn crossroads.

Discussion ensued about the fact that Mattersey Road was unsuitable for heavy lorries, and that it was impossible for lorries to pass, given the width of the carriageway. Members wondered whether a sign could be erected on the A631 advising drivers of such vehicles not to use Mattersey Road, which might, to a certain extent, limit heavy lorry traffic to just one way.

Resolved: That the observations of the County Council be requested on all the abovementioned concerns.

10/11/44 CRIME AND POLICING

- (a) A report by Mr. R. Sternad of a Neighbourhood Watch meeting held at Retford on 15th May, 2010 was received with appreciation.
- (b) P.c. Nathan Thomas updated Members on the following:
- Crime statistics and an interesting arrest
 - Operation Arrow
 - Confiscation of off-road motorcycles at Mattersey
 - Police policy regarding off-road motorcycles in Harwell Woods

He had no further information regarding a previously discussed car chase in Everton.

- (c) Consideration of a proposal by Inspector Madin to restrict police attendance at parish council meetings to quarterly would be deferred pending consideration by North East Bassetlaw Forum.

10/11/45 CO-OPTION

Consideration was given to the matter of co-opting a ninth member of the Parish Council.

Resolved: That an article be placed in HEDS Together.

10/11/46 NORTHERN AREA COMMITTEE

Councillor Jefferies gave a brief report of the meeting held on 10th May, 2010, when the main business related to an expansion of publication of the District Council free newspaper.

10/11/47 BASSETLAW LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – ENVIRONMENTALLY THEMED EVENTS IN BASSETLAW

Letter was submitted from Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership regarding the above.

Resolved: That the Clerk inform Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership of its environmental endeavours, in particular the promotion of the Green Fayre in 2009, its management of Barrow Hills Sandpit SSSI in partnership with Natural England, its ownership of Polly Hill Bank and Pusto Hill Woods, and finally its annual endeavours in the CPRE Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition.

10/11/48 DOG WASTE BINS

Consideration was given to the siting of three dog waste bins.

Resolved: That a working party comprising Councillors Dunn, Jefferies, Maclagan and Woods be established to advise on suitable locations.

10/11/49 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

- (a) Letter was submitted from the County Council regarding its refusal to approve the Parish Council's application for a public path creation order along the old Mattersey Road. The letter indicated that the reasons for refusal related to (a) a perception by the Rights of Way Committee that there was not sufficient need, taking into account the footway alongside the new Mattersey Road, and (b) land ownership rights.

The Clerk pointed out that the report to the Rights of Way Committee fairly pointed out that there was an error when the Stopping up Order relating to the old Mattersey Road was taken to the Magistrates Court on 20th February, 1990. The intention had been to stop up the old Mattersey Road, but to preserve footpath rights along it. Notices advertising the proposed stopping up made retention of footpaths rights clear, but, unfortunately the Stopping up Order did not reserve footpath rights although the accompanying plan did.

The current situation was that there was a vehicular highway from Abbey Road, Mattersey to the River Idle footbridge, a footway over the footbridge, and then a private road from the northern end of the footbridge to Eel Pool Road (the latter a permissive footpath).

- (b) The Clerk would inform the County Council that Pasture Lane (Byeway 14) was becoming impassable for vehicular use in parts because of hedge encroachment.

10/11/50 TUNNELTECH NORTH LTD.

There was nothing to report, other than the smell was as bad as ever. The Clerk would make enquiries about the postponed meeting with the District Council and relevant parties.

10/11/51 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Discussion took place about recent matters attended to, in particular that relating to a voluntary working party that had carried out tidying up work at the Blacksmiths Arms.

Resolved:

- (a) That Punch Taverns, the owner of the Blacksmiths Arms, be informed that the Parish Council was acutely concerned about the state of the Blacksmiths Arms, which appeared to be on a downhill spiral. The main concern related to public safety. Benches outside the pub were rotting and unsafe, and could collapse under a person's weight. This was a particular concern insofar as the pub was on a main walking route to Everton Primary School.

The second concern related to the demise of a once-very-popular country inn. The view was taken that it would be a retrograde step if the building was lost to housing.

Finally, the unkempt condition of the premises could mean that Everton would not do well in the 2010 CPRE Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition.

- (b) That the attention of Mr. John Mann MP be drawn to the Parish Council's concerns.

10/11/52 LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report by Mrs. Tonia Evers on her meeting with Bassetlaw Community Health on 18th May, 2010, which members appreciated. Whilst there were limitations on any healthcare that could take place in Everton Village Hall, a dialogue was established, and various avenues were to be examined.

10/11/53 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Councillor Dunn reported that a company was to give a talk to the Church on green energy for the Church on 14th July, 2010.

10/11/54 TRAINING

The Clerk confirmed that places had been reserved for Councillors Evers and Scott at the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils training course at Ranby on 22nd July, 2010.

10/11/55 ENCOURAGING PLAY IN RURAL AREAS

Letter was submitted from the District Council relating to grant availability and a meeting to be held at Retford on 15th July, 2010.

Resolved: That a bid by the Metcalfe Recreation Committee for funding for the playground project be supported, and the meeting at Retford be attended, if possible, by Councillor Evers and Mesdames B. de Bel and A. Hickman.

10/11/56 DRAFT LIBRARY SERVICE CONTRIBUTION POLICY

Letter was submitted from the County Council requesting the Parish Council's observations on the above.

Resolved: That the County Council be informed that the Parish Council's view was that, as library provision was a statutory requirement, such provision should be centrally funded. If contributions were to be required from developers of 10-unit + developments in rural areas, building costs in rural areas would reflect such costs, whilst the benefit of library provision went to urban areas.

10/11/57 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/10/14

Mr. & Mrs. D. Morris

Erect one dwelling at Plot 2, Glebe Lodge, Sluice Lane, Everton – revised design from approval at 19/09/16R

Resolved: That no adverse comment be made.

19/10/15

Lovedon Estates,

Retain change of use of redundant agricultural barn to private stables and change of use of land to ménage at Everton Carr Farm, Everton

Resolved: That an objection be lodged to this retrospective application for an intensive, 14-stable and ménage development. The unauthorised change of use had been carried out without any proper planning considerations, including a highways and road safety assessment.

(During discussion of planning applications, the possibility was mentioned of visits to application sites, but no firm decision was reached.)

10/11/58 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

There were no planning determinations.

10/11/59 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.

10/11/60 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councillor Bardsley and the Clerk reported on recent developments and proposed informal discussions.

Resolved: That action taken, and to be taken, be endorsed.

