

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2009 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

PRESENT: Simon Downing (Chairman), Norman Grundy, Brenda Shore, Bill Hutchison, Tim Phillipson, John Easter (Vice Chairman), Brian Adams, Alan Machell, Tom Parr, Cllr. Alan Summerfield (EBC) and Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC), PC Russell Crooks.

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

One member of the public was present

Police Liaison Officers – PC Russell Crooks

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

1209.01 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC).

1209.02 Declarations of Members' Interests: None

1209.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 25 November 2009: It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

1209.04 Reports of Sub-Committees: Finance – Brian Adams read through the minutes the Annual Finance meeting held on 3 December, and proposed that the precept requested for 2010/2011 should be £14,715 this was seconded by Norman Grundy and **resolved**. Brian Adams also proposed that the Concurrent pre-set by EBC at £20,133 be **resolved**, this was seconded by Norman Grundy.

1209.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behavior: PC Russell Crooks reported that he had a request from a member of the public that dog fouling notices be erected where there are bins available, despite more bins being placed around the village there are still people not clearing up after their pets. Regular speed watches are taking place through the village and surrounding areas. Russell is visiting the local school to talk to the children about road safety. Bill Hutchison said a member of the public had given him details of putting 3 mini islands along a stretch of Alfreton Road to slow motorists down. Simon Downing gave copies of the draft newsletter to members of the Parish Council

1209.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:

Cllr. Hart – Sent apologies.

Cllr. Summerfield – Nothing to report

Cllr. Knight – Reported on the bus shelter, see agenda item 23

1209.07 Finance:

1209.07.a: Accounts for Payment: It was unanimously **resolved** that the account for payment be paid, proposed by Bill Hutchison, seconded by Alan Matchell

a: Accounts for Payment – Village Hall: It was unanimously **resolved** that the account for payment be paid, proposed by John Easter, seconded by Norman Grundy.

1209.07.b Credits: received to date £85.60 –Bowls Club Water

1209.08 Park / Pavilion: John Easter proposed that a Xmas bonus of £50 be given to the park keeper this was seconded by Bill Hutchison and **resolved**.
John Easter reported that a resident had contacted him asking if they could donate a tree for the park. Simon Downing reported that the toilet window in the gents had recently been broken and that the lock on the ladies was broken.

1209.08a Village Hall Committee: Simon Downing reported that he had received replies from what is thought will be regular users of the Hall, with a view to forming a day to day running committee. The first meeting will be the members from the Parish Council, and then other members can be co-opted to join the committee.

John Easter proposed that Simon Downing be Chairman, this was seconded by Tim Phillipson and **resolved**. Norman Grundy proposed that Brian Adams be Treasurer, this was seconded by Bill Hutchison and **resolved**, it was proposed by Brian Adams that Tim Phillipson be the third member representing the Parish Council, this was seconded by Tom Parr and **resolved**.

1209.08b Refurbishing the Pavilion - Simon Downing reported it was settled that there would be enough funds to provide a new roof for the existing Pavilion which will match the Village Hall, in line with the EBC planning request. Simon also reported that he had managed to obtain a grant towards the heating by going for one large boiler rather than two smaller ones. Also that the roof lights inside the hall were being moved from the front side to the rear side this should provide better lighting.

1209.09 Footpaths: Simon Downing reported that he had received a message from Derbyshire County Council attaching an application from for the diversion of the footpath (number 22) which currently passes through the building site, this will be only a slight change once the Hall is complete.

1209.10 Highways: Alan Matchell said he was concerned about parking conditions around the school entrance, the police are monitoring the situation of people parking illegally.
John Easter said a resident had reported a willow tree leaning heavily north of the Canal Eye, Simon Downing agreed to get the Parish Contractor to trim if necessary.

1209.11 Street Lighting: No problems to date

1209.12 Emergency Planning: Tom Parr reported that he had contacted Derbyshire County Council regarding the existing planning approach in the wake of the Cumbria incident and read out their reply to the Parish Council members.

1209.13 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison reported that the moles were back at Croft Corner and were being dealt with.

1209.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting: Dave Bramwell (DCC) has agree to attend the next meeting to discuss.

1209.14 Churchyard: Nothing to report

1209.15 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy – reported that the School now have direct contact with EBC and he has contact with DCC with regards to organising dates for facilities visiting the village in the New Year. Norman also reported that Santa has been seen around the area recently visiting the school and playgroups.

1209.16 Planning Matters: No plans this meeting

1209.17 Licensing Matters: Nothing to report

1209.18 Correspondence Checklist and Clerk's Report: The Clerk covered details within the distributed checklist and invited Councillors to tick any items of interest - which she would then forward.

1209.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Norman Grundy said he would like to see a clock on the front of the Village Hall, Bill Hutchison suggested that it might be possible to have Thomas Bates' name on the clock given the recent suggestion from the Bates Trust that his name be used somewhere in the village hall.

1209.20 Allotments: Simon Downing read a letter from the Allotment Association and agreed to set up a meeting with them to discuss the way forward.

1209.22 Web Sites: Simon Downing reported that there had been 1,000 hits on the Village Hall web site. Tom Parr said that LECA had agreed to move their web site to the Little Eaton Web site and this was now in hand.

1209.23 Dog Waste Bins: Alan Summerfield read a reply from EBC concerning a letter from a resident who wished to make a formal complaint to EBC. EBC said that the bin will remain where it is. This item to be removed from the agenda.

1209.24 Bus Shelter: Cllr Eileen Knight reported that she had received a message from EBC stating that all the relevant forms had been received and an inspection has been made of the site, the project is now with Development Control and installation is expected to take place late February. Funding still needs to be clarified also maintenance costs in the future.

1209.25 Greenway Project: Tom Parr reported that there had been no change with Network Rail. Cllr Hart had been in touch with regards to the surface of the cycle path / pavement along Millennium Way this needs to be resurfaced in is in the budget for 2010/2011.

1209.26 Newsletter Layout: Brian Adams reported LECA had suggested 2 people from their organization and 2 from the Parish Council be responsible for feeding information to the editor, this will be discussed in greater details at the next meeting.

1009.27 Dave Bramwell Visit: visit now arranged for 27 January 2010.

1209.29 AOB – Simon Downing: Reported that the extra Christmas lights now purchased would be erected near the junction of croft Corner in the near future.

1209.30 Items for next Agenda: Little Eaton Calendar for 2011.

There being no other business, the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 27 January 7.00 pm.

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Signed:..... Date:
Chairman