

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2010 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, Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC Tom Parr, Cllr. Alan Summerfield and Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC), Dave Bramwell (Erewash Borough Council Assistant Director for Places and Environment).

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Eight members of the public were present

Dave Bramwell gave us a presentation, starting by outlining his many responsibilities. The grass verge situation has been monitored over 2009 and found to be wanting, therefore EBC are hoping to give an extra cut in 2010 hopefully this will resolve some of the problems encountered last year. Dave also stated that they were in consultation with Derbyshire County Council and Three Valleys Housing with regard to setting the same goal for mowing all areas.

Bill Hutchison asked for a copy the grass cutting schedule for 2010.

Councilor Carol Hart stated that EBC were proposing to re-instate extra grass cutting in this year's budget that had been cut last year. EBC have also sent a request to DCC for an extra £10k which would allow extra cuts on the verges that are the responsibility of DCC but which EBC cut on their behalf.

Brian Adams asked Dave who was responsible regarding Churchyard Wall repairs the response was that until the Parish produces records relating to the "Closure" of the Church Yard the Parish will be responsible for paying maintenance costs.

Police Liaison Officers – P C Russell Crooks attended the meeting and gave an update on parking on white lines outside the school, one person has been cautioned and monitoring of the situation is ongoing, Derbyshire County Council are discussing changing the white line layout. Russell asked that details of future Village activities be sent so for his reference.

The police are still hoping to use a room in the village hall as a local office, but nothing has been finalized to date.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0110.01 Apologies for Absence:).

0110.02 Declarations of Members' Interests: Simon Downing declared an interest in Planning Application ERE/0110/0009 and took no part in the discussion relating to this item.

0110.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 12 December 2009: It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0110.04 Reports of Sub-Committees: Simon Downing reported that the Village Newsletter had now been completed and printed he had brought the copies and distributed them amongst the Councillors for delivery.

0110.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behavior: Bill Hutchison reported that the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting will be held on 15 February at West Hallam. Alan Summerfield said that a trip had been arranged by EBC to Little Eaton and surrounding Villages to visit problem areas related to parking and anti social behavior.

0110.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:

Cllr. Hart – Reported that Derbyshire County Council tax is to be increased by 1.5% for 2010/2011. Derbyshire County Council are looking into providing extra grit bins (this has been the worst bad weather for 30 years), however the Parish Council would be responsible for the costs of keeping them filled.

Cllr. Summerfield – Nothing to report

Cllr. Knight – Reported that the bus shelter should be replaced in 6 – 8 weeks time, with Derbyshire County Council and Erewash Brought Council each paying 50% towards the cost.

0110.07 Finance:

0110.07. a: Accounts for Payment: It was unanimously **resolved** that the account for payment be paid, proposed by Bill Hutchison, seconded by Alan Matchell

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| Accounts for Payment: | | | Meeting Date: | 27.01.10 |
| Chq. No: | | Detail: | | £ |
| 2155 | S J Brown | | | 377.20 |
| | Contractor Services: Nov/Dec'09 | | | |
| 2156 | D M Roach | | | |
| | Clerk salary/exp's - Jan'10 | 464.48 | | 641.18 |
| | Village Hall + Expenses | 176.70 | | |
| 2157 | C Hourd | | | |
| | Park-keeping sal/exp- Jan'10 | 184.80 | | 184.80 |
| | Expenses | - | | |
| 2158 | Remco Signs Ltd | | | 290.89 |
| | Christmas tree lights | | | |
| 2159 | 1&1 Internet Ltd | | | 10.34 |
| | Domain for Village Hall | | | |
| | | | Total | 1,504.41 |

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0110.07.b Credits: Little Eaton Women's' Institute £20,000.00 donation for the Village Hall Kitchen

0110.08 Park / Pavilion: John Easter reported that the toilets are in a very poor state, but will be revamped in due course as the Pavilion refurbishment takes place. The rubbish bin on Duffield road is full of dog excrement and needs emptying.

There is no fixed date for the Pavilion Car Park to open, but it is hoped that it will be sometime during February. It was proposed by Bill Hutchison, seconded by Alan Summerfield and **resolved** that a strong galvanized locked box be purchased to contain the cables and pipes for electricity and water on Duffield Road.

Bill Hutchison gave a vote of thanks to John Easter for carrying out the majority of the Park Keepers' duties whilst the Park Keeper is injured.

0110.08a Village Hall Committee: Simon Downing reported that he had a list of regular users who hope to use the new village hall, John Easter proposed, Brian Adams seconded and this was **resolved** that both the Women's Institute and the Little Eaton Community Association, both who had shown much enthusiasm for the project, should be invited along with the top ten users and be sent a nomination form inviting them to elect a representative who would be pro-active on the New Village Hall Running Committee asap. The Parish Council would like to make it clear that to date no groups have been invited or considered to join the Village Hall Running Committee apart from the Parish Councillors. The Big Lottery Fund advice has been obtained and they recommend that the committee should be made up of a 'good balance' of users of the Hall.

Brian Adams also clarified that there was no reason why there should not be Regular Users meetings held at regular intervals throughout the year as well as the Committee meetings as recommended by the BLF.

0110.08b Refurbishing the Pavilion - Simon Downing reported that a more comprehensive plan was due out this week and that there were no other apparent problems at this stage. Norman Grundy stated the footpath and disabled access had been reviewed and these will remain as they were before building commenced.

Bill Hutchison reported that the Bates Trust would like a room named after Thomas Bates, Simon Downing asked if that could be put in writing and would be discussed in due course.

0110.09 Footpaths: The temporary diversion of footpath 22 near the Pavilion has now been resolved and paid for by the builders.

0110.10 Highways: Alan Matchell stated that he was extremely concerned regarding the parking outside the School and was keen that this is monitored regularly. The police are using their resources as much as they can to resolve the problem.

Bill Hutchison was concerned about a water course running under the highway near Bermuda Avenue, it is thought that this may be part of the old Canal and will be looked in to.

0110.11 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy said there was nothing new to report.

Simon Downing proposed, Norman Grundy seconded and it was **resolved** that a new set of lights Merry Xmas be purchased to be placed in Croft Corner for next Christmas, Simon to get a quote.

0110.12 Emergency Planning: Nothing to report

0110.13 Better Kept Villages: Brenda Shore reported that she and a parishioner had carried out a litter pick at short notice, Brenda had also telephone EBC regarding the amount of litter on the road to Coxbench, it had been noted that EBC were seen litter picking the stretch of road earlier in the week. Brenda also proposed that a larger scale litter pick take place shortly, Bill Hutchison agreed to organize

0110.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting: After the talk with Dave Bramwell it was agreed to see how things progressed.

0110.14 Churchyard: Brian Adams – see Dave Bramwell report

0110.15 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy – had nothing new to report

0110.16 Planning Matters:

ERE/0110/0025 – Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new detached dwelling with garage. – Moor Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AU

There are no objections to this application.

ERE/0110/0036 – Single storey split level extension - 3 The Mews, Rigga Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE56 4BP

There are no objections to this application.

ERE/0110/0009 – Conversion of farm buildings to form a new dwelling and associated home office and Garaging and the demolition of other modern farm buildings – Park Farm, Vicarage Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire, DE21 5EA

There are no objections to this application – however the Parish Council show concerns regarding the amount of traffic using Vicarage Lane which is in poor condition.

0110.17 Licensing Matters: Nothing to report

0110.18 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. She also read out letter from the Women's Institute regarding the Village Hall and was asked respond.

0110.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported we had received correspondence from the HM Customs and VAT office, they have now formally agreed that we are able to claim all the VAT back on the project which makes a further approximate £9,000.00 available. The first installment should be received in the near future. Some of the voluntary funding has been received and more is due in the near future. Funding is in line and building is on time to date.

0110.20 Allotments: The Clerk read a letter received from the Diocese regretting that at this time they are unable to give permission for land to be used for allotments.

John Easter said he heard reports that there was land at Broomfield College which may be used for allotments and was asked to pass details directly to the allotment association.

0110.21 Web Sites: Tom Parr reported all was running smoothly at present.

0110.22 Bus Shelter: Cllr Eileen Knight reported that she had received an e-mail from EBC. And the bus shelter should be replaced within the next two months with DCC and EBC each funding 50% of the cost

0110.23 Greenway Project: Tom Parr is still awaiting information.

0110.24 Newsletter Layout: Simon Downing reported that the new newsletter has now been completed and gave copies to the parish councilors for distribution throughout the village. Brian Adams reported that he had spoken to the editor regarding a newsletter meeting, this will be arranged in due course.

0110.25 AOB – Tim Philipson asked the clerk to dig out correspondence regarding the purchase of the red telephone box, he suggests that it might be a good idea to purchase one, the clerk to contact BT and see if this option is still available.

0110.26 Items for next Agenda:

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9 37pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 24 February 7.30 pm.

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Signed:..... Date:
Chairman