

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2008 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

PRESENT: Simon Downing [Chairman], Norman Grundy, Brenda Shore, Bill Hutchison, Tim Phillipson, John Easter, Brian Adams, Tom Parr, Cllr. Alan Summerfield (EBC), Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC), and PC Russell Crooks

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

0508.01 No members of the public were present.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0508.02 Election of Chairman: (John Easter taking the Chair). John Easter proposed that Simon Downing be invited to retain the Chairmanship, this was seconded by Tom Parr and it was unanimously **resolved** to invite Simon Downing to retain the Chairmanship. Simon Downing accepted with thanks to fellow members

0508.03 Election of Vice-Chairman: Simon Downing proposed that John Easter be invited to continue as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Bill Hutchison and it was unanimously **resolved** to invite John Easter to retain the Vice-Chairmanship. John Accepted with thanks.

0508.04 Acceptance of Office of Council Members: John Easter proposed that the Committee members be re-elected en-block this was seconded by Tim Phillipson and unanimously **resolved**.

0508.05 To appoint Members to serve on Sub-Committees: It was proposed by John Easter and seconded by Simon Downing that re-elected members retain their chairmanships and memberships of Sub-Committees, this was unanimously **resolved**.

0508.06.07 To appoint Representatives of the following bodies:

The Tempest Group of Charities, Community Association Trustees and EBC/ Parish Forum.

It was proposed by Simon Downing and seconded by John Easter that all existing representatives retain their roles, this was unanimously **resolved**.

0508.08 Apologies for Absence: Alan Machell

0508.09 Declarations of Members' Interests: None

0508.10 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 23 April 2008: It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0508.11 Reports of Sub-Committees: John Easter - nothing to report

0508.12 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: PC Russell Crooks reported that 2 garages on Duffield Road had been broken into. P C Chris Hart is getting round and about the area on foot and bicycle. PC Crooks gave a telephone number for contact (0845 1233333) of both himself and P C Hart, he also reported a reduction of 6% in crime in the local area over the past year.

There had been complaints from Parishioners, that the fencing around the tennis courts was broken, and vandals were using this route to get into private properties, Simon Downing reported that this fence had now been repaired.

0508.13 Reports from outside body Representatives:

Cllr. Hart gave an update on the overhanging roof in Vicarage lane, the work has now been completed with two zebra striped markers for warning.

Cllr. Summerfield reported that information was being collated by the County for an inspection report.

0508.14 Finance :

0508.14.1: Accounts for Payment:

1982	S J Brown - Contractor Services - Apr 08	£387.75
1983	Park Hall designs – Website Maintenance	£20.00
1984	D M Roach – Clerk Salary & Expenses	£516.66
1985	C Hourd - Park keeping, expenses	£381.20
1986	Severn Trent Water Plc	£258.48
1987	Brenda Shore – re-imburement for invoice Helping Hands Purchase of Litter Pickers	£123.49
1988	Amber Valley Donation for survey given by disabled for the New Village Hall	£75.00

0508.14.2: Annual Return and Accounts 2007- 2008:

The Council considered the pre-distributed accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008. The Receipts and Payments Account, Fixed & Long Term Assets Schedule and the Cash Book and Current Account Reconciliation were held to fairly present the financial position of the council at the year end, it was proposed by Simon Downing and seconded by Brian Adams – and **resolved** to approve the accounts, they were signed off by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer accordingly.

0508.15 Park / Pavilion: John Easter responded to a recent letter received from Little Eaton Diamonds Junior Football, Simon Downing proposed a meeting between Little Eaton Park Committee members and Little Eaton Diamonds to discuss the problems surrounding bad weather use of St Peter's Park. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange this meeting.

John Easter reported that the two benches donated to the park, Alan Carr and George Emery had been successfully repaired to a high standard by Mr Hourd.

A few residents were not happy about the new fence surrounding the children's play area, but this was reported to be an overall success by the majority of users of the park. John Easter proposed that the fence be painted, seconded by Simon Downing and unanimously **resolved**. Simon had the paint already and it was proposed that Paul Broadhurst be approached to paint the fence, as he had already approached members of the council for any voluntary work, in the village.

The trees that had been donated to the park and planted in spring were not flourishing, it was agreed that the Park Committee should keep surveying them.

0508.16 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson had nothing to report

0508.17 Highways: Bill Hutchison - Co-op forecourt. The clerk received a letter from the Co-op stating that a meeting had taken place between themselves and Derbyshire C C, it had been agreed that 'puddling' in question was a joint responsibility. Derbyshire C C had appointed an overseer, the clerk had tried to contact this person to no avail, Bill Hutchison said he would take the letter and try to make contact.

0508.18 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy – reported that there was a light out in Highfield Road which he had already reported to Derbyshire CC and would follow up.

0508.19 Emergency Planning: Tom Parr reported that everything was in order.

0508.20 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison thanked those who had volunteered to water the plants in Croft Corner from Mid April onwards.

The Garden Centre in Little Eaton had agreed to donate some plants and fertilizer for the tubs in the village. Bill Hutchison provided a further list, from Meynall Langley Nursery, of plants proposed for the planting in Croft Corner, volunteers were requested on Tuesday evening 3 June to help with the planting.

Brenda Shore had purchased the litter pickers and was re-imbursed.

With regard to the dog fouling problems in Vicarage Lane and the end of Campwood Close, leading into the Industrial Estate Drive, the clerk had contacted EBC, and received a reply stating that the area had been surveyed and found to be 'low priority' in the Council's opinion, therefore EBC would not provide a bin free of charge, and stated that if LEPC wished to go ahead and privately purchase a bin, they would need planning permission and the bin would need to have a badge on the front and there would be fixing issues. It was agreed that the clerk to look into getting the planning permission, before any further action be taken on the actual purchase. It was also pointed out that the bin would be placed on privately owned property at the side of the footpath.

0508.21 Churchyard: Bill Hutchison reported that a tree at the top entrance to the churchyard had had some branches removed.

0508.22 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy reported that the Skate and Ride facility did not turn up on 25th April, due to sickness; the facility did turn up on 2nd May and was a great success. The Climbing wall and Youth Bus will be attending the Carnival on 5 July

0508.23 Planning Matters: Norman Grundy reported that the proposed dwellings to be built on land off Alfreton Road had been rejected by EBC Planning, much to the relief of the local residents.

The Parish Council considered the following applications:

ERE/0907/0062 – Appeal

Land North West of Wits End – Vicarage Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21.

The Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that this is greenbelt land.

ERE/0408/0033

Outline application for a detached dwelling (means of access for approval now). – Sea Wife – land adjacent Vicarage Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21.

There are no objections subject to a suitable dwelling for the location and consideration being given to the load bearing on the drive due to the fact that it abuts the Church Yard Wall.

ERE/0408/0036

Erection of a conservatory on the side elevation. – The Hawthorns, Moor Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AU.

There are no objections to this application.

ERE/0508/000016

Erection of a single story rear extension. – 190 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AB.

There are no objections to this application.

ERE/0408/0058

Erection of a single storey hobby room and storage area. – 6 Morley Almshouses Lane, Morley, Derby, Derbyshire DE7 6DL.

This application is not in the Parish of Little Eaton, however the Councillors perused and had no objections.

ERE/0508/0046

Erection of a single storey side extension, two storey link way and increase in the height of the garage. – Stoneyford Cottage, Derby Road, Little Eaton Derby, Derbyshire DE21.

There are objections to this application. LEPC ask that the previous restrictions placed, when the original planning permission was given, be adhered to.

0508.24 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

0508.25 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.

Simon Downing reported that Lydia Barton had written to him pointing out that the allotments association were in a position to make financial contribution should the PC wish to consider buying land for allotments. Also that Julie Tougher had written to express thanks regarding the matter of the lights Tomlinson's had erected without permission, these have now been removed.

0508.26 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported that a meeting held on 2 May 2008 with the Community Association had gone ahead to discuss the plans for the Hall, a few minor amendments to the plans were suggested and Simon has now passed the details on to the planners, the only problems to date recorded was with regards to the retaining was around the car park.

The second stage of the Lottery application is now on course to be forwarded in June, six weeks earlier than the August deadline.

A Management Team is needed and three people from the Parish Council have been requested to join this team, Bill Hutchison proposed and Alan Summerfield seconded that Simon Downing, John Easter and Tim Phillipson be seconded to the team to represent Little Eaton Parish Council, and that Brian Adams should be the PC fourth member should he not be representing LECA, this was unanimously **resolved**.

0508.27 Allotments: Tim Phillipson has written a letter to the Diocese, and is awaiting a response, the Clerk to chase up before the next meeting.

0508.28 Web Sites: Tom Parr reported that this is going extremely well.

0508.29 Letter Head Logo: Tom Parr presented the Logo that the Council had agreed on at an earlier meeting and was to forward the header to the Clerk. This item is now to be removed from the next agenda.

0508.30 Band for Carnival Week: The Clerk passed correspondence with the details to Tom Parr

0508.31 Morley Parish Council - Motor Bikes: After discussion Little Eaton Parish Council decided there was nothing they could do to aid Morley Parish Council apart from notifying the police as and when any problems arose in the Little Eaton Parish, P C Russell Crooks is already aware of the problems. This item to be removed from the next agenda

0508.25 Items for next Agenda:

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.49pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 25 June 7.30 pm.

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Date:

Chairman