

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2007 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

PRESENT: Simon Downing [Chairman], Brian Adams, Norman Grundy, Bill Hutchison, Alan Machell, Tom Parr, Tim Phillipson, Brenda Shore and Cllr. Alan Summerfield.

Cllr. Carol Hart [DCC], Doreen Roach and David Dodgson [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1207.01 No members of the public were present.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

1207.02 Apologies for Absence: John Easter and Cllr. E Knight [EBC]

1207.03 Declarations of Members' Interests: Simon Downing confirmed an interest in Agenda item 7 and indicated that he would withdraw.

1207.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting on 28th November 2007: It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

1207.05 Reports of Sub-Committees: There was nothing to report.

1207.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: Other duties precluded P.C. Crooks attending a 'surgery' earlier in the evening. One resident had attended and the Chairman undertook to e-mail details to P.C. Crooks.

Simon Downing reported that he had 'recruited' two, new 'Newsletter distributors' and Cllr. Summerfield had recently observed P.C. Crooks outside the school during afternoon leaving time.

1207.07 Reports from outside body Representatives: Other than having reported the state of the 'Queen's Head / New Inn Lane' pavement to D.C.C., Cllr. Hart had no further news.

Cllr. Summerfield said he was awaiting a response to his enquiry about the erection of a large metal shed close to the property of two residents [Minute 1107.01] and he also awaited a decision over the provision of a litter-bin near the Co-op bus stop [Minute 1107.07].

1207.08 Finance:

1207.08.1: Accounts for Payment:

As previously indicated, Simon Downing withdrew from the meeting and Brian Adams assumed the Chair. After discussion, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be cleared for payment and the Chairman rejoined the meeting.

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1933	Abacus Lighting Ltd - 8 lighting columns	£ 1,106.47
1934	Severn Trent Water – water charges to 27.11.07	£ 486.71
1935	1+1 Internet Ltd – Annual domain subscription	£ 10.56
1936	C Hourd – Dec.'07 park-keeping + bonus	£ 214.20
1937	L Hollis – Pavilion cleaning: Oct.-Dec.'07	£ 164.84
1938	D Dodgson – Clerk's salary/exp's: Dec. '07 + back-pay	£ 538.44

1939	Park Hall designs – Websites maint'nce: Dec.'07	£ 20.00
1940	Mark Toms Ltd – Work to park bank	£1,150.00
1941	D Dodgson – P/copies: 26/9 to 12/12 2007	£ 23.88
1942	Audit Commission – Audit fee: 2006-07	£ 334.88
1943	Eaton Agrical Engineers – Goods/Services to 05.12.07	£ 945.46

1207.08.2 The Clerk warned Council that E.B.C. might seek to pare / remove the 'non-recurrent growth items' from the recently submitted Concurrent Function submission because of Governmental 'spending review' constraints. He reported that he had written to E.B.C.'s Chief Accountant asking Council Officers to support the full submission on the grounds of child health & safety [in the play area] together with park/resident security achieved by final boundary fencing.

1207.09 Park / Pavilion: In John Easter's absence, Simon Downing said that the former had nothing to report. The Chairman confirmed that the 8 car park lighting columns were now installed and awaited wiring. Responding to Norman Grundy – supported by others – Simon Downing confirmed that the final section of play area fencing would be installed early in the New Year by L.E.P.C.'s contractor – assisted by a neighbour.

Tim Phillipson confirmed that the completed work on the park bank was satisfactory and that 'bindweed treatment' should be considered for late winter / early spring. Simon Downing pointed out that part of the bank would be needed for a diagonal, construction access road - before final reinstatement – and it was ultimately agreed that bank treatment should be pended.

It was agreed that Tim Phillipson should lead a team of volunteers to prepare two 'acers' on the park for relocation rather than total removal. Apropos the replacement of two 'weeping cherry' trees, Tim Phillipson was asked to obtain costs for two 'Paul Scarlet' hawthorn trees for consideration in January.

There was support for the suggestion by Brian Adams that some of the soil removed to facilitate a construction access road could be used to elevate the ground by the Duffield Road park gate.

1207.10 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson had nothing to report. Cllr. Summerfield said that there were apparently deteriorating, walking conditions on the bridle path beginning at the Duffield Road / Eaton Bank bend and Tim Phillipson undertook to raise the matter with David Jenkinson of D.C.C.

1207.11 Highways: The Clerk confirmed that D.C.C. had acknowledged – and would investigate - his written request for ownership clarification in respect of the Co-op forecourt.

1207.12 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy said that the 'permanent lighting' problem on Vicarage Lane appeared to be resolved. On information provided by Bill Hutchison, Norman Grundy undertook to report the failure of street light 54847 on the B6179 – together with a non-functioning 'beacon' bulb on the nearby pedestrian crossing.

1207.13 Emergency Planning: There was nothing to report.

1207.14 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison reported that he and his BKV colleagues would be presenting 2008 proposals to the January meeting regarding various sites in the village.

1207.15 Churchyard: There was nothing to report.

1207.16 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy reported that the visit of the 'climbing wall' and youth bus – planned for 30th November and due to be kindly hosted by Bill Hutchison – was unfortunately cancelled because of weather conditions.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Rachel Sidebottom offering ongoing usage of the park and its car park for visiting youth activities.

Norman Grundy and Bill Hutchison would be attending an E.B.C. display of its new, mobile skateboard/bmx equipment in Long Eaton on 15th December.

1207.17 Planning Matters:

Council considered the following applications and raised no objections:

1107/0079: Rear & front extensions: 331 Alfreton Road
1107/0088: Conservatory + new windows: Peckwash Lodge, Eaton Bank

1207.18 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

1207.19 Correspondence Check-list and Clerk's Report Clerk spoke to the pre-distributed check-list and invited Councillors to tick any items of interest - which he would then forward. He also tabled two documents for 'self-circulation'. Of these two, members of the Emergency Planning Sub-Committee undertook to complete the Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service questionnaire. The Clerk spoke to his response to a general letter of complaint from a resident; its content was approved. Council also considered a 'photo-letter' regarding local highway/pavement conditions from a non-parish resident. His comments were felt to be wholly within the remit of D.C.C.

1207.20 Village Hall/Car Park Project: The Chairman reported successful progress to Stage 2 of the 'Big Lottery Fund' application process – which includes the availability of a £3000 'application development grant [adg]'. There was agreement to seek the 'adg' but concern that tying into the 'BLF' lengthy bid process could hamper the start of construction work. After discussion, it was determined that a carefully drafted letter should be simultaneously forwarded requesting amendments to the original application – both in terms of value and content.

1207.21 Allotment Update: Simon Downing would continue to seek to establish a correspondence contact for the Church owned, former village allotment site.

1207.22 Web Sites: The site has now had over 700 'hits' and is currently being 're-vamped'.

1207.23 Revised Code of Conduct – draft advert: It was agreed that an official notice – quoting the Chairman's mobile 'phone number – should be placed in the Derby Evening Telegraph in January 2008.

1207.24 Items for next Agenda: Cost estimates for two hawthorn trees. [Park/Pavilion]
BKV sub-committee proposals for 2008. [Better Kept Villages]

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 23rd January 2008 at 7.30 pm.

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Thanks were expressed to the outgoing Clerk prior to the presentation of a retirement gift.

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Signed:.....

Chairman

Date: