

# LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2009 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

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

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No members of the public were present

**Police Liaison Officers** - were in not attendance.

### **AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:**

#### **0309.01 Apologies for Absence:**

**0309.02 Declarations of Members' Interests:** Simon Downing declared an interest in Planning Applications CW/0209/205 and ERE/0309/008 and refrained from the discussion and subsequent decision.  
Alan Summerfield declared an interest in Planning Application ERE/0309/0008 and refrained from the discussion and subsequent decision.

**0309.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 25 February 2009:** It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

**0309.04 Reports of Sub-Committees:** John Easter - nothing to report

**0309.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour:** Bill Hutchison reported that there will be speed checks in various parts of the village on three occasions in the near future.

#### **0309.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:**

**Cllr. Hart** - Reported that she had contacted A M Scott who are responsible for the traffic lights on Little Eaton, they have tried several different solutions to the traffic build up from the Little Eaton Exit Island without success. Bill Hutchison suggested the lights be used in the mornings as well as the evenings, Cllr Hart agreed to speak to A M Scott again.

Cllr Hart also reported on her findings regarding the Flashing Speed Signs, these cost an average of £4,500 to purchase and also maintenance which the Parish Council would have to pay for.

**Cllr. Summerfield** - Nothing to report

**Cllr. Knight** - Nothing to report.

#### **0309.07 Finance:**



**0309.09 Footpaths:** Tim Phillipson reported that he had been contacted by David Jenkinson DCC that on footpath 14 two styles will be replaced with swing gates over the next few weeks. John Easter said that the footpath on Rigga Lane appears to be in 'no man's land' Tim said he would contact David Jenkinson and find out. Bill Hutchison reported a blocked gully at Windy lane, this is a recurring problem, and Simon Downing agreed to look into.

**0309.10 Highways:** Bill Hutchison suggested that the two grass verges outside the Newsagents be made into hard surfaces, Cllr Hart agreed this was feasible and agreed to look into the matter.

**0309.11 Street Lighting:** Norman Grundy had no problems to report.

**0309.12 Emergency Planning:** Tom Parr – nothing to report

**0309.13 Better Kept Villages:** Bill Hutchison reported that a litter pick is organised for 29 March 10am meet outside the Co-op, Brenda Shore suggested 'bring a friend' as more people can cover a much wider area. Bill Hutchison has now purchased 50 metres of hose to enable the watering of Croft Corner over the summer months, volunteers were asked for to commence in April. It appears that the moles have gone from Croft Corner.

**0309.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting:** Alan Summerfield was asked by the Parish Council to see if he could find out how many cuts and where they were planned for this year by EBC  
Bill Hutchison read out a letter from EBC stating that there would be no reduction in charges if the Parish Council decided to take it upon themselves to organise the mowing of grass verges in the village. It was suggested that an eye be kept on the number and condition of cuts, and contact EBC if there are any problems.

**0309.14 Churchyard:** Brian Adams – Asked the Clerk to chase up a letter sent to Dave Bramwell, (Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services, Erewash) in relation to a maintenance claim for repairs of the Church Yard Walls.

**0309.15 Youth Facilities:** Norman Grundy – reported that Derbyshire County Council Climbing Wall and youth bus will be in the Village on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1:30 – 5pm on the main pavilion car park.  
EBC mobile skate and Ride Park cancelled the event on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 4 – 7pm, at short notice. The Climbing Wall will be available when training has taken place for EBC staff.

#### **0309.16 Planning Matters:**

ERE/0209/0046 – Installation of two new shop fronts to front and side with lean to canopy over both – 135 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire, DE21 5DF.

There were no objections to this application

ERE/0209/0034 – Construction of first floor and ground floor extensions – 25 Crab Tree Hill, Little Eaton, Derbyshire, DE21 5DL.

There were no objections to this application

CW8/0209/205 – Proposed inert waste recycling – Fourways, Off Ford Lane, Little Eaton

There were no objections to this application, however concerns were raised regarding the increase of noise at the site and a footpath which runs through the site, these concerns have been passed to Derbyshire County Council.

Simon Downing abstained from any discussion or voting on this application

ERE/0309/0004 – Two storey side extension with single storey rear link extension and conversion and extension of existing outbuildings – 126 Duffield Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5DU

There were no objections to this application

ERE/0309/0008 – Retention of existing stable, new 5m extension to these stables and relocation of hay barn – Land opposite 317 – 329 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21

There were no objections to this application  
Simon Downing and Alan Summerfield abstained from any discussion or voting on this application

**0309.17 Licensing Matters:** There was nothing to report.

**0309.18 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. The Clerk also asked that reports be sent to her by 9<sup>th</sup> April for inclusion in Little Eaton Annual Report, meeting 15 April.

**0309.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project:** Simon Downing reported on the grants obtained and financial position to date. Tender bids are due in by 17th April, after which a recommendation report will be made by Howard Parkin for a final decision.

**0309.20 Allotments:** The clerk read a letter received from the Derby Anglican, stating that there is “no Glebe Land available,” and if there was, they would not wish it to be used as allotments. Another land owner has been contacted by the Parish Council, but no response to date. Clerk to write to the Allotment Association.

**0309.22 Web Sites:** Tom Parr – no update  
The clerk read a note from Bruce Broughton regarding the cost of the hosting the Parish Council web site of £62.37 + vat, it was **resolved** to pay this account in April.

**0309.23 Dog Waste Bins:** Awaiting Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter responses – no update  
The Clerk read a letter from a parishioner with regards to the amount of dog faeces in and around the village, the Clerk was asked to contact the dog warden from EBC who will monitor the situation and prosecutions may follow.

**0309.24 Bus Shelter** – The provision of a shelter at the Toll Bar Cllr Hart has consulted Derbyshire County Council who are unable to free any funding this year.

**0309.25 Greenway Project** – Tom Parr reported he had received more positive than negative letters, but no more information from the interested parties to date.

**Items for next Agenda:**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.46pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 22 April 7.30 pm.

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Chairman

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