

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 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, Tom Parr, Cllr. Alan Summerfield (EBC), Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC), Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC).

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Two members of the public were present.

Police Liaison Officers - were in not attendance, however two EBC Neighbourhood Service personnel attended the meeting

Scott Cartledge, Neighbourhood Service Team Leader and Stephanie Moore both from Erewash Borough Council introduced themselves, they are to cover the Erewash area looking at low level anti-social behaviour such as dog fouling, litter dropping etc. These officers want to work together with the Community to solve the problems being created within the village. They do work flexitime and it is within their power to give Fixed Penalty Fines to anyone they find using anti-social behaviour.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0409.01 Apologies for Absence: Alan Machell

0409.02 Declarations of Members' Interests: None reported

0409.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 17 March 2009: It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0409.04 Reports of Sub-Committees: John Easter - nothing to report

0409.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: Simon Downing is to produce another neighbourhood watch leaflet he also reported that a steel gate had been stolen and replaced with a wooden on on Moor Lane, also that a burnt out car had also been abandoned in Moor Lane. Norman Grundy reported that two break ins had taken place in Highfield Road and Alfreton Road areas. Bill Hutchison reported that the police have noted a number of motorists speeding through the village when using the speed gun, these motorists have been sent warning letters. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council make a donation of £50 towards the purchase of a speed gun that can be used by members of the public with police supervision to try and combat the problem.

0409.06 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, again but they were unable to help any further with the problem.

0409.08 Park / Pavilion: John Easter reported that emergency repairs had been carried out on the park walls and there was further work arranged, it was **resolved** that £1,000 be set aside for the repairs. He had yet to arrange a meeting with the various football clubs that use the park. The goal posts should now have been removed from the field until next season, the ground needs attention in the near future.

0409.09 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson - Bill Hutchison asked when they styles are to be replaced by gates, Tim said he would chase this up.

0409.10 Highways: Alan Machell – nothing to report

0409.11 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy had no problems to report.

0409.12 Emergency Planning: Tom Parr – nothing to report

0409.13 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison reported that the rota for watering Croft Corner is now in place, Brenda Shore and he will be visiting a garden centre in the near future to purchase summer plants for the same. Brenda Shore reported that she had seen some Himalayan Balsam weed on the verge near the Telephone box Simon Downing said he would get it sprayed with strong weed killer.

0409.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting: Alan Summerfield reported that EBC are re-scheduling their cuttings of the grass verges, but had no further information.

Bill Hutchison stated that the verges had been cut this week and that they were very messy, as the cuttings are not cleared up.

0409.14 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. There has been no response to this, Alan Summerfield agreed to chase the matter up, the clerk to forward details to him.

0409.15 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy – reported that Derbyshire County Council Climbing Wall and youth bus will be in the Village on 17th May 1:30 – 5pm on the main pavilion car park. This is available to age eleven years onwards

EBC mobile skate and Ride Park cancelled are having problems with transport, the dates below are liable to changes at short notice.

25 May 1-3pm 13 June 12-2pm 6 July 4-6pm

EBC Climbing wall will be available 28 June 2:30 – 4:30pm for age eight years and upwards.

0409.16 Planning Matters:

ERE/0309/0026 – Singles storey rear extension – 333 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire, DE21 5AE. - There were no objections to this application

ERE/0309/0057 -two storey extension to South Elevation above existing garden room and singles storey extension to North extension, Outrigger, Rigga Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire, DE56 4BL. - There were no objections to this application

CW8/0309/225 – Proposed Mono Pitch Shelter over existing soft play area, Little Eaton Primary School, Little Eaton - There were no objections to this application

ERE/0409/0016 – First floor rear extension – 333 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5D - There were no objections to this application

0409.17 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

0409.18 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.

0409.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported that four tenders had been received and opened by Howard Parkin who will make a recommendation report, this will be discussed at a meeting of the Village Hall Project Committee and a final decision will be made. A new Bank Account has been opened by the Clerk at National Westminster Bank, it was unanimously **resolved** that the sum of £27,500.00 be transferred to this account from the National Savings Account which holds funds raised by the Parish Council over a number of years towards this project. It was also **resolved** that the clerk pays any accounts outstanding to date from this account.

0409.20 Allotments: The clerk read a letter received from Little Eaton Allotment Association. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to obtain the statutory legal position from EBC Legal Department.

0409.22 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.

0409.23 Dog Waste Bins: Two new Neighbourhood Service personnel from Erewash Borough Council are to cover the Erewash area looking at low level anti-social behaviour such as dog fouling, litter dropping etc. Bill Hutchison and John Easter gave a list of places to Simon Downing where they thought new dog waste bins should be placed. The clerk was asked to pass information she had already had obtained regarding bins to Simon Downing. Cllr Hart (DCC) is to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council and DCC to go round the sites and agree the best place for the bins to be placed

0409.24 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. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda for the time being.

0409.25 Greenway Project – Tom Parr reported he had received a volunteer who was happy to help if the Project goes ahead, but he had received no further information from the parties concerned with the planning.

Items for next Agenda:

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.11pm.

NEXT MEETING: Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 27 May 7.30 pm.

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Signed:..... Date:
Chairman