

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2007 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

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

Cllr. Carol Hart [DCC], Doreen Roach [Clerk].

APOLOGIES: Alan Machell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

0108.01 Six members of the public were present.

Mr Doug Price member of the public, but not of Little Eaton Parish complained that the Grass verge between Little Eaton and Lower Kilburn is not mown regularly making the footpath not easy to walk upon. John Easter responded saying that Little Eaton paid to have to grass mown to the edge of the Little Eaton boundary and the rest of the footpath is in Amber Valley. Councillor Carol Hart suggested that Mr Price Contact Amber Valley.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0108.02 Apologies for Absence: Alan Machell and Cllr. E Knight [EBC]

0108.03 Declarations of Members' Interests: Simon Downing confirmed an interest in Agenda item 17.

0108.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting on 12 December: It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0108.05 Reports of Sub-Committees: There was nothing to report.

0108.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: P C Russell Crooks had spoken to Simon Downing (Chairman) to arrange a meeting to discuss the anti social behaviour within the village. Simon Downing reported that the new Neighbourhood Watch Leaflets had gone down well within the Community. Brenda Shore reported that the bus shelter had been damaged over the New Year Celebrations, but had been repaired almost immediately

0108.07 Reports from outside body Representatives: Cllr. Hart reported that the pavement surface of Alfreton Road was being monitored by DCC and was to be repaired within the next financial year by DCC. Cllr Hart also reported that a member for the public had written to DCC with regard to an obstruction at the top of Whittaker Lane Footpath which needs removing.

Cllr. Summerfield said had a response to his enquiry about the erection of a large metal shed close to the property of two residents [Minute 1107.01] and reported back that planning permission was required and a decision was awaited from the Planning Enforcement Officer. Cllr Summerfield still awaited a decision over the provision of a litter-bin near the Co-op bus stop [Minute 1107.07].

0108.08 Finance:

0108.08.1: Accounts for Payment:

1945	Park Hall designs – Websites maint'nce: Jan 08	£20.00
1946	Eon – Electricity, Pavilion	£577.68
1947	S J Brown – Contractor Services Nov/Dec 07	£458.25
1948	D Roach, Salary, Expenses, Re-imburse costs	£1,166,80
1949	C Hourd – Park keeping, expenses	£163.45

John Easter gave a donation of £20.00 but stipulated that this be put towards the Village Hall fund. Simon Downing thanked John for the donation.

0108.09 Park / Pavilion: John Easter reported that the hedge had been removed. Half of the one of the dressing rooms had been scrubbed down, repointed up and painted with masonry paint as this made a huge difference if was hoped the get a working party together to carry on with the rest of the building (Agenda Item 0208.09).

John Easter also reported that the car park lighting was to be erected soon

Brian Adams requested that the clerk write to the current cleaner to find out why the level of cleaning had deteriorated recently, he also requested the clerk to write to each of the football teams currently using the pavilion, requesting that they sweep the loose soil brought off the field away from the steps and paths. The clerk was also requested to draft a notice to put up in the Pavilion.

Tim Phillipson reported on the 2 trees that were being donated to the park. Tim had got a revised estimate for larger trees of £54 + VAT, further details at the next meeting. John Easter said he would contact the donators with this information.

0108.10 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson reported a bad surface on footpath 18, although Bill Hutchinson did not see any problems, Tim agreed the check the surface and report back at the next meeting.

0108.11 Highways: A letter from the DCC was given to Bill Hutchinson regarding the Co-op forecourt. Bill Hutchinson also reported that although the main roads throughout the village had been resurfaced a couple of months ago there were still a large amount of loose chippings being brought up especially at junctions, The Council unanimously agreed were not happy with the resurfacing of the roads, Cllr Hart said she would send a letter to DC.

0108.12 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy said that street light 54847 on the B6179 had been repaired, but had gone out again, the non-functioning 'beacon' bulb on the nearby Central Reservation still needed attention and a lamp near Vicarage lane just after the Churchyard was permanently lit. Norman agreed to investigate and report to the matters to the DCC

0108.13 Emergency Planning: Simon Downing reported that there had been a few requested for sand bags due to the recent wet weather. Simon had also purchased an amount of Rock Salt for the bin at the top of Crab Tree Hill.

0108.14 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison had given out some notices that could be placed on cars parking on the verges where flowers were planted, he also reported that the Park was looking much better recently. Bill has received a quote from Holbrook Garden Services of £450pa with regard to mowing, strimming and hedge cutting Croft Corner. Bill Hutchinson motioned that this cost be funded from the Better Kept Village fund, seconded by Norman Grundy and unanimously agreed.

Bill Hutchinson also requested the purchase of a sprayer for weed killing during the summer months. Simon Downing suggested looking what machinery was already available in the village.

0108.15 Churchyard: Brian Adams reported that there were stones falling out of the churchyard wall and asked who was responsible for maintenance, Simon Downing responded that the Church Commission was responsible as it was part of the Church.

Brian Adams also reported that steps had been put in the bank near Thomas Bates grave, these steps were not safe and should be reset, a meeting to be arranged with Simon Downing for further inspection.

0108.16 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy reported that the Mobile Skate Park would be available sometime between 21 April and 17 May 2008 for hire to Little Eaton. The Clerk was asked to write to Roland Harrison of EBC with regards to the Mobile Skateboard/ BMX facility and Climbing Wall advising that Little Eaton expressed a strong interest in the venture. Norman Grundy and Bill Hutchinson attended an E.B.C. display of its new, mobile skateboard/bmx equipment in Little Eaton on 15th December.

0108.17 Planning Matters:

RE: ERE/0208/003 - The Queens Head, Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5DF

It was agreed that there were no objections to retaining the Stable, however The Parish Council objected to the Caravan and Haybarn application, as this would impair the visual amenities for local residents in the area.

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There are no objections to this application.

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RE: ERE/1207/0053 - The Woodlands, Rigga Lane, Little Eaton, DE56 4BL

There are no objections to this application

RE: ERE/0108/0010 - 3 Holm Avenue, Little Eaton, DE21 5DX

There are no objections to this application

RE: ERE/0108/0020 - 44 Crabtree Hill, land SE of, Little Eaton, DE21

There are no objections to this application, however reservations were made by some Councillors regarding the size and height of the proposed property

RE: ERE/0108/0021 - 14 Croft End, Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5DP

There are no objections to this application.

RE: ERE/0108/0023 - Drum Lodge, Morley Lane, Little Eaton, DE21 5AH

There are no objections to this application.

RE: ERE/0108/0028 - Unit 2, Duffield Road Industrial Estate, Little Eaton, DE21 5DP

There are no objections to this application.

0108.18 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

0108.19 Correspondence Check-list and Clerk’s Report The Clerk covered details within the distributed check-list and invited Councillors to tick any items of interest - which she would then copy and forward to them.

0108.20 Village Hall/Car Park Project: The Chairman reported that the Local Drama Group had pledged £500 towards the Project with the proviso that it be used towards stage equipment, the Carnival Committee had also pledged £500, and Simon Downing expressed the Council’s thanks for both of these donations. Simon also reported that a draft Business Plan should be available for perusal by the Council the first week in February with a view of a final plan being available by the end of February. Plans have been sent to Matt King architect and a surveyor, for them to do a specification which will be available for LEPC to view in due course. Simon reported that The Lottery Application needs to be sent by the end of February with a decision within 2/3 months.

Norman Grundy suggested that a formal committee should be set up in due course to manage the project, Simon Downing responded that “Consultation was the key” and this was being done to the utmost by the LEPC.

0108.21 Allotment Update: No update.

0108.22 Web Sites: John Easter said he would like some of the old Photographs of Bygone Little Eaton putting on the Website in due course.

0108.23 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 Belper News in February 2008, by the Clerk.

0108.24 Items for next Agenda:

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.54 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 27 March at 7.30 pm.

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Chairman

Date: