

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th OCTOBER 2007 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

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

Cllr. Carol Hart [DCC], P.C. Crooks, two members of the public and David Dodgson [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1007.01 A resident voiced concerns over the high trees by the railway line backing onto Barley Close which were encroaching on visual amenity. Agreed that the Clerk should write to NetworkRail.

P.C. Crooks said that he had received no calls about incidents in the village and asked again for people to contact him over any issue – however trivial. He agreed to liaise with the Chairman on the creation of a specific page on the website.

There was general displeasure over the continued frequency of speed-camera vans in the village and P.C. Crooks offered to arrange for a traffic officer to attend a future meeting.

Norman Grundy remained concerned about parking near the school and P.C. Crooks agreed to visit the site again. The latter reported that he was to be allocated a P.C.S.O. after Xmas and that they were again looking for office accommodation; he would visit the pavilion with John Easter to reappraise the possible space.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

1007.02 Apologies for Absence: Alan Machell, Tom Parr and Cllr. E Knight [EBC]

1007.03 Declarations of Members' Interests: Bill Hutchison declared an interest in Agenda item 23 and indicated he would withdraw.

1007.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting on 26th September 2007: It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

1007.05 Reports of Sub-Committees: There was nothing to report.

1007.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: It was considered that issues had been adequately aired during the public participation session.

Simon Downing invited contributions for the next N.W. newsletter which was planned for late November.

1007.07 Reports from outside body Representatives: Cllr. Hart reported that D.C.C. would not consider the placement of a 'traffic mirror' at the Barley Close / Town junction.

Cllr. Summerfield reported concerns over the potential closure of Breadsall post office.

1007.08 Finance:

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On a proposal by Bill Hutchison – seconded by Norman Grundy – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be cleared for payment:

1915	Summertime G/L Ltd – Car-park/play area fencing	£ 1,319.23
1916	Powergen – Pavilion electricity to 5.10.07	£ 399.05
1917	Holbrook Garden M'ce – Croft Corner regeneration	£ 250.00
1918	S J Brown – Contractor services: Sept. '07	£ 211.50
1919	Gedney Bulb Co. – Daffodil/Tulip bulbs	£ 100.63

1920	M W Haspel – Blue cedar removal	£ 100.00
1921	C Hourd – Park-keeping: Oct. '07	£ 278.40
1922	D Dodgson – Clerk's salary/exp's: Oct. '07	£ 432.75
1923	Park Hall Designs – Websites m'ce: Oct. '07	£ 20.00
1924	Meynell Langley Gardens – Croft Corner plants	£ 157.90
1925	Derbys. County Council – School Clock maintenance	£ 141.00

1007.08.2 Council considered the Co-op Grant scheme and determined that it was primarily aimed at groups/individuals. It was agreed to post the details on the website.

1007.09 Park / Pavilion: John Easter generally agreed with the outcome of the tree survey and undertook to speak with the family who were concerned about the potential loss of two, diseased cherry trees - which were possibly planted in memory of a relative a quarter of a century ago. Tim Phillipson said that the 10/12 trees which warranted removal had been marked with a dot whilst those needing relocation were marked with a stripe. He invited fellow members to visit the park/car-park to view the survey outcome – prior to reconsidering the issue in November.

Responding to John Easter, Simon Downing confirmed that external, pavilion lighting had been repaired and sensors had been replaced. The Chairman undertook to obtain three quotations for the fencing of the lower play area whilst John Easter and Bill Hutchison agreed to survey the state of the footpath near the monument ahead of seeking three quotations for remedial work.

Responding to Brenda Shore, John Easter said that a tree – recently offered as a donation - would be located on the park near Holm Avenue and he would liaise with Tim Phillipson as to an appropriate species.

1007.10 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson had no problems to report but informed Council that the link from LEPC's website to D.C.C.'s inter-active 'footpath mapping' website was a useful addition.

1007.11 Highways: It was confirmed that the overhanging hedge between Alfreton Road and T'owd Lane had yet to be trimmed and the Chairman undertook to progress this issue. As to the 'puddling' on the Co-op forecourt, Bill Hutchison had established that ownership lay with the Co-op. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the store manager requesting remedial action.

1007.12 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy had no problems to report.

1007.13 Emergency Planning: In the absence of Alan Machell and Tom Parr, there was no report.

1007.14 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison reported that Croft Corner and three planters were now planted and that some bulbs, wallflowers and pansies were still available. Responding to Brenda Shore, the Chairman said he would ask the contractor to do a last mow and strim at Croft Corner before winter. Brenda Shore also asked for a small tree/bush to be planted in the space vacated by the blue cedar.

It was agreed to revisit the question of a 'handyman' in November and it was reported that details of the upcoming litter-pick were advertised in the village and on the website. Bill Hutchison reported that three bags of daffodils had been collected from DGC [Clerk to write with thanks] and some had already been planted – both by him and other residents. He would be planting near Westley Crescent and the park on 25th October and invited colleagues to join him. Finally, he would seek to establish what was happening about the planter by the pharmacy and would also remove some 'flyers' which had been posted in the village.

1007.15 Churchyard: Brian Adams reported that Mark Haspel had attended to the ivy overgrowth and had also mown. Simon Downing and Tim Phillipson had given all churchyard trees a 'clean bill of health'.

1007.16 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy confirmed that the 'Skate & Ride park' / 'Youth Bus' would attend next year's Carnival on Saturday, 5th July and that he was trying to book the climbing wall for Sunday, 29th June. Responding to Mr Grundy, Cllr. Summerfield had no further news on E.B.C.'s proposed 'activity acquisitions'.

1007.17 Planning Matters:

1007.17.1 Council noted a recent, conditional approval.

1007.17.2 Council considered the following applications and raised no objections:

- 0907/0024: 2-storey office/storage/parking: Outrams Wharf
- 0907/0048: Side extension: 65 Barley Close
- 0907/0062: Dwelling: land N.W. of 'Wits End' [subject to not being 'green belt']

1007.18 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

1007.19 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 3 documents for 'self-circulation'.

John Easter undertook to complete/submit a flooding questionnaire which was currently in circulation.

1007.20 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Apropos the visit on 29th November to the House of Commons for the WREN grant awards, it was agreed that the provisional trio should be Simon Downing, John Easter and Ray Ford [LECA].

The Clerk confirmed that the car park lighting columns were on order.

1007.21 Allotment Update: A draft plan in respect of site proposals has been submitted to Mrs Le Blond and a response was awaited. Clerk to establish whether LEPC can spray the site to keep down weeds.

1007.22 Web Sites: The Church newsletter is now posted and Brenda Shore said the Croft Corner article had been updated.

1007.23 Revised Village Plan: Simon Downing would seek to book the O.A.P. Hall for a public meeting to float the idea of a Little Eaton 'Festival of Music' – covering a spectrum of styles.

1007.24 Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer[s]: Bill Hutchison declared a personal interest and left the meeting.

It was agreed that three applicants would be interviewed [in alphabetical order] on the afternoon of Monday 19th November. The composition of the interview panel would be determined after consultation with D.A.L.C.

1007.25 Items for next Agenda:

Proposed Meeting Dates: 2008

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.41 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 28th November 2007 at 7.30 pm.

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Chairman

Date: