

# LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

**PRESENT:** Simon Downing (Chairman), Norman Grundy, Brenda Shore, Bill Hutchison, Tim Phillipson, John Easter (Vice Chairman), Brian Adams, Tom Parr, Cllr. Alan Summerfield and Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC).

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Four members of the public were present

**Police Liaison Officers** – were not in attendance

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

**1009.01 Apologies for Absence:** Alan Machell, and Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC).

**1009.02 Declarations of Members' Interests:** Finance, Bill Hutchison agenda Item 7a, abstained from participation. Alan Summerfield agenda item 16c, abstained from participation.

**1009.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 28 October 2009:** It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

**1009.04 Reports of Sub-Committees:** None

**1009.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behavior:** Bill Hutchison reported on the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting held on 17th November priorities to date are problems with youths on the new Greenway path in Breadsall, parking problems outside the school and speeding traffic through the village. The scheme to purchase a speed gun has now been agreed with the police and is going ahead. The police safety team will be based in the village doing speed checks throughout November and December.

### **1009.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:**

**Cllr. Hart** – Sent apologies

**Cllr. Summerfield** – declared an interest in planning item ERE/1109/0011.

**Cllr. Knight** – reported on the bus shelter, see agenda item 23

### **1009.07 Finance:**

**1009.07.a: Accounts for Payment:** It was unanimously **resolved** that the account for payment be paid, proposed by Tim Phillipson, seconded by Brian Adams

| Accounts for Payment: |   | Meeting Date: |        | 25.11.09        |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| Chq. No:              | Detail:   |               |        | £               |
| 2137                  | S J Brown<br>Contractor Services: Oct'09                            |               |        | 349.60          |
| 2138                  | D M Roach<br>Clerk salary/exp's - Nov 09<br>Village Hall + Expenses | 464.48        | 119.95 | 584.43          |
| 2139                  | C Hourd<br>Park-keeping sal/exp- Nov 09<br>Expenses                 | 147.64        | -      | 147.64          |
| 2140                  | B Hutchison<br>re-imurse Derby Garden Centre                        |               |        | 9.98            |
| 2141                  | Meynell Langley Gardens   |               |        | 149.10          |
| 2142                  | Holbrook Garden M'tence<br>Croft Corner grass cutting               |               |        | 225.00          |
| 2143                  | STWA<br>Pavilion Water 19.05.09 - 28.10.09                          |               |        | 369.57          |
| 2144                  | Glasdon<br>Dog Fould Bins x 5                                       |               |        | 538.83          |
| 2145                  | Park Hall Designs<br>Web site m'tence Oct                           |               |        | 20.00           |
| 2147                  | e.o.n   |               |        | 265.06          |
| 2148                  | Collyers Nurserys<br>Tree for Park                                  |               |        | 65.00           |
| <b>Total</b>          |   |               |        | <b>2,724.21</b> |

**1009.07.b** Credits: received to date

£12.00 - B Hutchison - Surplus plants for Croft Corner

**1009.08 Park / Pavilion:** John Easter had read the electricity and water meters and agreed that the charges applied were in order. The Pavilion Ladies toilets are to be made unisex for the time being whilst building work is ongoing as the men's toilet is out of order, Tom Parr had kindly made a sign to this effect.

One oak tree has now been planted in the park and a flowering hawthorn is awaiting collection from the nursery. The clerk read a letter from residents of Park Close who are concerned about the parking problems being caused by tennis players and that she had forwarded the message to the tennis club.

John Easter reported that the junior football club was playing a match on Remembrance Sunday and did not observe the protocol, although he did receive a personal letter of apology, the clerk was asked to write and inform the club that there will be no matches to be played on the Park in future on Remembrance Sunday morning.

**1009.08a Village Hall Committee:** Simon Downing showed a plan with the newly designed disabled access the parish Council agreed that the plan was suitable. Bill Hutchison suggested that somewhere in the hall a room be dedicated to Thomas Bates, Norman Grundy suggested an outside clock be placed in a prominent position on the wall facing the park, these ideas will be fed back to the Village Hall Planning Committee.

The council agreed that the bank on the park, once re instated, should be landscaped with trees and shrubs. Tim Phillipson, Bill Hutchison and Brenda Shore are to produce a scheme for a later meeting. Simon Downing reported that he and Brian Adams had sent out revised details of the facilities to all user groups and asked them to re-evaluate their usage, these should be returned within two weeks. A new sewer is to be re-laid across the Park in the near future. Radleigh asked if the car park could remain closed until Christmas, for security reasons

Bill Hutchison reported that the temporary steps leading up to the first floor were slippery and asked if Radleigh could put something on the steps to prevent this. Bill also suggested that the paths from the Pavilion to Duffield Road be trimmed of grass around the edges, John Easter agreed to ask the park keeper to attend to this.

**1009.08b Refurbishing the Pavilion** - The process is well underway with regular meetings being held. A new roof to match the new Village Hall is required by the planning department at EBC, Radleigh are looking into the cost, and will report back to the project manager.

**1009.09 Footpaths:** Nothing to report

**1009.10 Highways:** Nothing to report

**1009.11 Street Lighting:** Cllr Carol Hart send a report which the Clerk read out concerning the lamp on Alfreton Road that is partially shaded by a tree, this is in hand and we await further progress.

**1009.12 Emergency Planning:** Tom Parr reported that he was contacting Derbyshire County Council regarding the existing planning approach in the wake of the Cumbria incident. Simon Downing said he had ordered 100 more sand bags and an article would be in the next Newsletter.

**1009.13 Better Kept Villages:** Bill Hutchison reported that reported the litter pick on 8th November had been a success and apologised for organizing this on Remembrance Sunday.

**1009.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting:** Dave Bramwell (DCC) sent late apologies, the clerk was asked to contact and re-organise a new date.

**1009.14 Churchyard:** Brian Adams – reported no response had been received from the Assistant Director for Places and Environment EBC and asked the clerk to contact him again. Simon Downing reported that the grounds man (Mark Haspell) for the churchyard had made an excellent good job of cutting the grass. Simon also suggested, and the councilors agreed, that a dog waste bin be placed in the churchyard as people were throwing dog waste on the bonfire which makes it unpleasant to burn.

**1009.15 Youth Facilities:** Norman Grundy – reported that the DCC Skate and Ride facility for the over 11's on 28 October in the School Playground he had been a success. A good relationship has now been forged with both Derbyshire County Council and Erewash Borough Council and it is hoped that there will be arrangements made for next year in the near future. The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Carol Hart to find out the costs and if funding could be made available from Derbyshire County Council for a youth worker when the new village Hall opens.

**1009.16 Planning Matters:** ERE/1009/0025 – No Objections.

ERE/1109/0011- Comments were sent to EBC regarding the height of the building and concerns of the Churchyard wall and condition of the road for access.

**1009.17 Licensing Matters:** Nothing to report

**1009.18 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. She also read out a number of letters from local residents and is corresponding with the individuals in due course.

**1009.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project:** Simon Downing reported we had received correspondence from the HM Customs and VAT office, they have now formally agreed that we are able to claim all the VAT back on the project which makes a further approximate £9,000.00 available. The first installment should be received in the near future. Some of the voluntary funding has been received and more is due in the near future. Funding is in line and building is on time to date.

**1009.20 Allotments:** The Clerk reported that she had received a message from Phil Davies asking for details of letters sent to local landowners requesting land for rent or purchase, she had complied with this request. Parish Council agreed that the cost of compulsory purchase would be too large a burden to place on Little Eaton council tax payers at this time.

**1009.22 Web Sites:** Tom Parr reported that it was working well and a member of the public who attended the meeting praised the web site set up and contents.

**1009.23 Dog Waste Bins:** Bill Hutchison reported that he had attended a meeting with residents and the Dog Warden, the residents wanted the dog bin that has been recently placed removed, however the dog wardens refused as they agree it is in the best place. Alan Summerfield stated that he had received a letter from the resident who wished to make a formal complaint to EBC.

**1009.24 Bus Shelter:** Cllr Eileen Knight reported that she had a series of telephone calls with EBC. If funding of 50% can be obtained from DCC, then EBC will make a site visit and assess the situation.

**1009.25 Greenway Project:** Tom Parr no update.

**1009.26 Newsletter Layout:** The new newsletter layout has now been completed and one should be sent out before Christmas. Following suggestions from a parishioner Brenda Shore and Bill Hutchison agreed to liaise with Glenda Harrison about the possibility of an enlarged village newsletter.

**1009.27 Dave Bramwell Visit:** Clerk to contact with a view to re-arrange.

**1009.28 Items for next Agenda:** Little Eaton Calendar for 2011.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 16 December 7.30 pm.

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Signed:..... Date: .....  
Chairman