

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Simon Downing [Chairman], Norman Grundy, Bill Hutchison, Tim Phillipson, John Easter, Cllr. Alan Summerfield (EBC), Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC), Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC). Tom Parr (late arrival). PCSO James Carroll, and PC Russell Crooks

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Three members of the public were present. The main concerns of the public was the amount of litter around various parts of the village, dangerous driving around and through the village and drugs abuse. The Parish Council offered to provide 2 litter pickers and bags to the residents who agreed to help clean up the litter. It was also explained that the Parish Council does arrange regular litter picking sessions with volunteers, the next one being arrange for 29th March at 10am meet outside the Co-op on Alfreton Road. Members of the public are invited to help.

Police Liaison Officers - were in attendance, PC Crooks introduced PSCO James Carroll. He also took note of the concerns of the members of the public who came to report dangerous driving and drug usage and told the Parish Council that there will be a Community Speed Watch taking place on three occasions in various parts of the village in the near future, (22/03/09, 26/03/09 and 24/04/09). The police also asked to be kept informed of any drugs / driving abuse taking place.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0209.01 Apologies for Absence: Brenda Shore, Brian Adams, Alan Machell

0209.02 Declarations of Members' Interests: Simon Downing declared an interest in Planning Application ERE/0109/0033 and refrained from the discussion and subsequent decision.

0209.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 28 January 2009: It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0209.04 Reports of Sub-Committees: John Easter - nothing to report

0209.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: Covered in Police Liaison Officers.

0209.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:

Cllr. Hart - Nothing to report

Cllr. Summerfield - Nothing to report

Cllr. Knight - Nothing to report.

0209.07 Finance :

0209.10 Highways: Bill Hutchison reported that he thought the traffic lights at the Little Eaton roundabout ought to be used during the morning rush time. Cllr C Hart agreed to look into the matter

0209.11 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy had no problems to report.

0209.12 Emergency Planning: Tom Parr – nothing to report

0209.13 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison reported that the grass along Millennium Way has been churned up by horses galloping along, Simon Downing suggested that the area be rolled by a contractor to even it up. The clerk read out a letter from the Calor Village of the year Competition organisers, it was agreed not to enter the competition this year.

Bill Hutchison proposed that the purchase of a hose was needed to aid the watering of the plants in Croft Corner over the summer month's, this was seconded by John Easter and unanimously **resolved**.

0209.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting: Alan Summerfield had no information to date regarding how much EBC charge to cut the verges

0209.14 Churchyard: Brian Adams – John Easter asked if there was any parliamentary ruling available on re-using graves in the Churchyard that were over 100 years old for new burials. Cllr Hart agreed to try and find out.

0209.15 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. EBC mobile skate and Ride Park was in Little Eaton on Sunday 8th Feb and 14 young people took advantage, although the weather was not good. Monday 9th March 4 – 7pm, will see a repeat of this event. Simon Downing thanked Norman for his endeavours, on behalf of the Council.

0209.16 Planning Matters: ERE/0109/0033, Moor Farm, Morley Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire. Simon Downing took no part in the discussion, John Easter took the chair

The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that:-

- 1 This will significantly increase the traffic throughput on Morley Lane - which already has a reputation of being a 'rat-run' and does not provide full pavement safety for pedestrians
- 2 The gradient of the proposed road would present emergency service vehicles with extremely difficult access in bad weather conditions.
- 3 It is the view of the Council that the application would involve the removal of several trees and seriously affect the area widely valued for its Fauna.

Local residents have also voiced their objections to these plans.

0209.17 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

0209.18 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.

0209.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported that Howard Parkin had personally delivered the tendering documents to the interested builders, The Big Lottery Fund decision will be publically released on 30 March, however we still await the planning decision. The next meeting will be arranged in due course. Following an alleged allegation that Bill Hutchison provided Alan Carter (or anyone else) with a copy of the submission document Bill asked if it could be noted in the minutes that he did not. John Easter thanked Simon Downing on behalf of the Parish Council for his exceptional efforts in obtaining the grants.

0209.20 Allotments: The clerk read a letter received from the Little Eaton Allotment Association, requesting that the Parish Council lease or purchase suitable land, a reply will be sent in due course. To date the Parish

Council has not received a final decision from the Derby Anglican, however an e-mail suggests that there is "no Glebe Land available." Another land owner has been contacted by the Parish Council, but no response to date.

0209.22 Web Sites: Tom Parr – no update

0209.23 Dog Waste Bins: Awaiting Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter responses – no update

0209.24 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

0209.25 Greenway Project – Tom Parr reported - Simon Downing reported that he had sent a letter of support from the Parish Council in support of the Project. Cllr Hart had also received a letter of support from a resident.

Items for next Agenda:

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18 March 7.30 pm.

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Date:

Chairman