

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25th APRIL 2007 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

PRESENT: Simon Downing [Chairman], John Easter, Brian Adams, Norman Grundy, Bill Hutchison, Alan Machell, Tim Phillipson and Cllr. Alex Sommerville CPM.

Cllr. Carol Hart [DCC], five members of the public and David Dodgson [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

0407.01 There were no questions from the public.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0407.02 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Alan Summerfield.

0407.03 Declarations of Members' Interests: Simon Downing declared an interest in planning application ERE/0307/0092 at Agenda item 16 and would take no part in its consideration.

0407.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting on 28th March 2007: On a unanimous **RESOLUTION**, the Chairman signed-off the Minutes as a true record.

0407.05 Reports of Sub-Committees: There was nothing to report.

0407.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour:

Bill Hutchison said that a resident who 'phoned 999 after brick damage to his car had waited 4 hours for the Police to respond. John Easter also reported that another resident had experienced stone throwing at buildings on his land. Tim Phillipson wondered whether it had been reported; if not, then 'recorded crime' statistics would remain low!

Having reported an apparently abandoned car to PC Crooks, Norman Grundy said it had now gone. Bill Hutchison confirmed a recent daytime burglary in Barley Close – of which the Police were aware. Another neighbour had suffered 'marker pen' damage to her car but had not reported it as she had 'thrown away her NW Newsletter'!

0407.07 Reports from outside body Representatives: Cllr. Hart reported that – at today's Annual Meeting of the County Council – a lady Civic Leader was elected.

0407.08 Finance:

0407.08.1 On a proposal by Norman Grundy – seconded by Norman Hutchison – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be cleared for payment:

1864	S J Brown – Contractor Services: March '07	£ 423.00
1865	E.B.C. – Playground inspections	£ 564.56
1866	D.A.L.C. – Annual subscription: '07-'08	£ 384.12
1867	Powergen – Pavilion electricity	£ 189.27
1868	Allianz Cornhill – Mower TPFT insurance	£ 143.84
1869	L.E. Senior Citizens – Hall hire: Jan-March '07	£ 66.50
1870	C Hourd – Park-keeping/Exp's: April '07	£ 303.40
1871	D Dodgson – Clerk's Salary/Exp's: April '07	£ 432.75
1872	D Dodgson – Petty Cash top-up	£ 75.00

1873	B H Parkin – Stage payment: quantity surveying	£ 1500.00
1874	Park Hall Designs – Websites design/hosting costs	£ 162.12
1875	Making Plans – Detailed Hall plans + copies	£ 2413.45
1876	Derby Garden Centre – Voucher for Gwent Paylor	£ 25.00

0407.08.2 Council noted the grant-aid request from Derwent Valley Mills Partnership. Also noted was a maintenance contract offer from ‘Smiths of Derby’ in respect of the school clock.

0407.08.1 Clerk reported that monies had been received in respect of the Precept [£15,478] and Concurrent Functions [£19,440]. It was **RESOLVED** to transfer £18,000 to the Reserve Account.

0407.09 Park / Pavilion:

Following a report by John Easter, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the following actions:

- John Easter to arrange for pavilion window repairs.
- Pavilion cleaner to be offered an extra 4 hours work during w/commencing 30th April.
- Park-keeper to be re-instated to 12 hours per week between April and September.
- Clerk to inform football clubs that the main pitch was ‘off limits’ from 1st May to 31st July.

0407.10 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson had nothing to report. John Easter had received a report that a stile on the footpath to Rigga Quarry appeared to have been dismantled; Tim Phillipson undertook to investigate.

0407.11 Highways: Alan Machell had nothing to report. Cllr. Sommerville had received a report about bad parking near the Duffield Road level crossing; Alan Machell undertook to investigate.

Cllr. Sommerville said there were concerns about overhanging trees on Morley Lane but reported that E.B.C. still awaited a response from County. Simon Downing undertook to speak to the tree owners with a view to having either L.E.P.C.’s contractor or Greg Long undertake remedial work.

0407.11 Highways: continued ...

Following a general discussion on speeding problems, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to Peter Leigh at County to seek his response to:

- The installation of a ‘vehicle activated sign’ at the northern end of the B6179
- A ‘traffic speed’ survey in the vicinity of the Duffield Road traffic calming humps.
- The letter from Mr Ken Shepherd dated 31st March 2007.

The Clerk reported that AMScott regarded the provision of noise barriers by the A38 as low priority but ‘lower noise’ tarmac would be used when that area of the road was resurfaced! He still awaited a response from D.C.C. regarding the relocation of 30mph signage near the Moor Lane/B6179 junction.

Bill Hutchison reported that inconsiderate parking at the bottom end of Windy Lane often restricted access to the allotment gardens.

0407.12 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy reported the repair of an Alfreton Road light which had been continually lit.

0407.13 Emergency Planning: Alan Machell reported that he had recently met with E.B.C.’s Paula McDonald and he hoped to have the Village Emergency Plan fully updated by the end of June. Cllr. Sommerville suggested that Alan would benefit from arranging a visit to the ‘Command & Control’ centre in Matlock.

0407.14 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison said would soon be visiting DGC for summer plants and Brian Adams was pleased to report that Millennium Way now had areas of bluebells. Norman Grundy felt that the planter outside Manor Pharmacy was being well cared for.

0407.15 Churchyard: Simon Downing and Brian Adams had inspected the dangerously leaning fir tree near the path and it had subsequently been removed by Greg Long.
Bill Hutchison reported that a nearby resident had set fire to the top-corner rubbish area – to the ire of another nearby resident!
Simon Downing undertook check whether a former soldier’s currently ‘laid-flat’ gravestone could be more favourably presented.

0407.16 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy reported that the climbing wall – together with a smaller ‘youth bus’ – visited on both the 16th and 17th April and had been very successful. A total of 54 participants between the ages of 11 – 16 had used the facilities over the two sessions and he thanked Bill Hutchison and John Easter for their assistance.
He had confirmed to Rachel Sidebotham that if any visiting facilities became available during the coming year, the answer from Little Eaton was YES!.

0407.17 Planning Matters

Council considered the following applications and raised no objections:

- 0307/0050: New vehicular access: 103 Duffield Road
- 0307/0077: New boiler: The Poplars, Station Road
- 0307/0092: Changes to industrial units: HL Plastics site, Duffield Road

0407.18 Licensing Matters There was nothing to report.

0407.19 Correspondence Check-list and Clerk’s Report Clerk spoke to the pre-distributed check-lists and invited Councillors to tick any items of interest - which he would then forward. Two consultation documents were tabled for Councillors to consider and self-distribute.

0407.20 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported that –as a result of a recent site consultation with Bardons – some extra parking spaces would be gained.
The Chairman had spoken to both the Bowls Club and the Tennis Club about pedestrian access from the car park. The former were happy with their access whilst the latter would consider the suggestion of a staircase. Site preparation should be completed by 27th April and – at the suggestion of Cllr. Sommerville – it was **RESOLVED** that a third disabled parking space should be added.
As to recent grant applications, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Gwent Paylor should be given a £25 gift voucher as appreciation for his assistance in their preparation.

0407.21 Allotment Update: The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Mr Pogmore – the Estates Manager of Severn Trent – and confirmed L.E.P.C.’s continued patience.
John Easter said he would be speaking the following day to consultants engaged by E.B.C. to formulate an ‘open spaces’ strategy and would highlight the issues of allotments and practice soccer pitches.

0407.22 Waste Management Strategy: DCC/EBC: The possible impact on Little Eaton of this pre-circulated report was considered to be relatively slight and its content was noted.

0407.23 Items for next Agenda: Car park lighting.

Prior to closing the meeting, the Chairman expressed sincere thanks to Cllr. Alex Sommerville for his valued input as both a Borough and Parish Councillor – a sentiment endorsed by all other members.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting of Council: Wednesday, 16th May 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Signed:.....

Chairman

Date: