

# LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 AUGUST 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, Alan Machell, Cllr. Alan Summerfield (EBC), Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC) and Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC).

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Four members of the public were present.

One member reported that cars were parking on the grass verges where daffodil bulbs had been previously planted, Simon Downing said he would ask Tom Parr to arrange for a note to be put in the next school news letter.

**Police Liaison Officers** - were in not attendance.

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

**0809.01 Apologies for Absence:** Tom Parr

**0809.02 Declarations of Members' Interests:** None declared

**0809.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 22 July 2009:** It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

**0809.04 Reports of Sub-Committees:** John Easter - nothing to report

**0809.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behavior:** Simon Downing read a letter he had received from Ilkeston District Neighbourhood Watch Group requesting that a questionnaire be sent to each member of the Parish, these will be distributed with the next Parish Newsletter. Simon also reported that a number of petty crimes have been carried out over the last month.

Bill Hutchison attended the last KINS meeting on behalf of the Parish Council; the next meeting is to be held at the OAP Hall in Little Eaton on 10 November. The Police Parish Council Liaison meeting will be held on 15 September, Simon Downing and Brian Adams have agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

**0809.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:**

**Cllr. Hart** - Reported that DCC were looking into the over grown foliage near the a lamp opposite 176 Alfreton Road which is not spreading any light, and will either supply a

longer bracket or cut the tree back. Cllr Hart also reported that sand bags that were past their sell by date degrade after a time and new ones are available from DCC and will be delivered when requested.

**Cllr. Summerfield** – Reminded us that he was a member of the National Fraud Initiative Scheme and a member of the public in Sawley had recently been prosecuted for non-payment of Council Tax and Benefit Claims

**Cllr. Knight** – Nothing to report

Brian Adams asked if any finance might be available from the Greenspace Strategy. Cllr Hart responded by saying EBC will support any claim made by the Parish Council from Greenspace or any other sources, but the Council itself does not have any finance to spare.

**0809.07 Finance:**

**0809.07.a: Accounts for Payment:** It was unanimously **resolved** that the account for payment be paid, proposed by Norman Grundy, seconded by Alan Machell.

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Accounts for Payment:			Meeting Date:	26.08.09	
Chq. No:		Detail:			£
2115		S J Brown Contractor Services: Jul'09			447.05
2116		Park Hall Designs Web site maintenance Jul 09			20.00
2117		D M Roach Clerk salary/exp's - Aug 09 Village Hall + Expenses Norton Security Virus	464.48 115.74 59.99		<u>640.21</u>
2118		C Hourd Park-keeping sal/exp- Aug 09 Expenses	295.68 14.76		<u>310.44</u>
2119		Stoney Cross Garage Skip Hire			<u>92.00</u>
2120		e-on Pavilion electricity			<u>334.03</u>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>1,843.73</b>

**Accounts for Payment: - Village Hall Fund.** It was unanimously **resolved** that the account for payment be paid, proposed by Alan Summerfield, seconded by Alan Machell.

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Accounts for Payment:			Meeting Date:	26.08.09	
Chq. No:		Detail:			£
000064	WREN	Paid 3.08.09			27,500.00
000065	Shacklocks legal fees				519.98
				<b>Total</b>	<b>28,019.98</b>

**0809.07.b Credits:** John Easter made a donation of £20 to the Parish Council Village Hall Account, Simon Downing thanked John for his generosity.

**0809.08 Park / Pavilion:** John Easter Reported that a meeting was arranged on 27 August 2009 with all users of the Park and Pavilion to discuss disruption anticipated by building the Village Hall, access to the car park will be restricted for most of the building time.

The Clerk presented Simon Downing with a Playground Inspection report from Zurich Insurance, dated 13th May, there are a number of small repairs that need to be carried out, Simon agreed to look into these.

Brenda Shore asked about the two trees which had been planted in the park last year, but have not survived. The Chairman offered to donate a 20ft Oak Tree as one replacement, Tim Phillipson agreed to look into finding other replacement trees which will be planted as conditions allow.

Brain Adams reported that the car park edge safety railings had been recently pushed down and needs putting up again, it was **resolved** that a number of councilors would meet at an appropriate time and raise the fence back into position.

**0809.09 Footpaths:** The Clerk reported that she had contacted the lessees of the property next to footpath 17 past Outram's Wharf, and they were of the opinion that the land which the tree is situated belongs to the Council. It was **resolved** to ask the Parish Contractors to prune any overhanging branches.

John Easter reported dangerous trees overhanging the bridle way to Breadsall, Cllr. Carol Hart said she would report it to DCC.

**0809.10 Highways:** Alan Machell - Nothing to Report

**0809.11 Street Lighting:** Norman Grundy had nothing to report. Cllr Hart said she would contact DCC regarding the lamp on Alfreton Road.

**0809.12 Emergency Planning:** Alan Machill brought it to the Council attention that

the flu pandemic should be included as part of the emergency planning within the village.

**0809.13 Better Kept Villages:** Bill Hutchison reported that winter bedding plants had been ordered for Croft Corner and although not much watering had been needed, the system had worked well. Three bags of daffodils have been kindly donated by Derby Garden Center for planting throughout the Village verges.

Alan Summerfield reported that moles were again back at Croft Corner, Bill Hutchison agree to contact the mole catcher.

Brenda Shore reported that she had rang EBC about the dirty state of the village bus shelters, Simon Downing reported that they had been cleaned today (26.08.09).

**0809.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting:** The Clerk presented three quotes that had been obtained for cutting the grass verges, no decision was made as to the way forward with this plan, as the cost would increase the precept parishioners would have to pay. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Dave Bramwell (DCC) to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the poor conditions of the mowing carried out by the Borough Council.

**0809.14 Churchyard:** Brian Adams – reported that there was still not response regarding an appeal to the Church Authorities for help in repairing the church wall, the clerk reported she had contacted once but still had no response and agreed to contact again.

**0809.15 Youth Facilities:** Norman Grundy – reported that he had been in regular contact with both EBC and DCC and although there are no firm plans to date, it is hoped that something can be arranged in the near future. The climbing wall has been provisionally booked for carnival day 2010.

**0809.16 Planning Matters:** There were planning applications this meeting.

**0809.17 Licensing Matters:** Nothing to report

**0809.18 Correspondence Checklist and Clerk's Report:** The Clerk covered details within the distributed checklist and invited Councilors to tick any items of interest, which she would then forward.

**0809.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project:** It was unanimously **resolved** that Simon Downing sign (on behalf of the Parish Council) the contract from WREN containing a standard clause regarding a charge over the new Village Hall building for 25 years. It was proposed by Bill Hutchison and seconded by Alan Machill and unanimously **resolved** that the contract with Radleigh be signed, the Big Lottery Fund is awaiting a tender assessment report from Howard Parkin (Project Manager). Simon Downing reported that we have been awarded the unclaimed funding from the BLF grant, and this amounted to an extra £20,681.00, this will enable the Pavilion to be updated in accordance with the recently circulated refurbishment document. LECA had agreed to organize a sod cutting ceremony on 11 September 2009.

**0809.20 Allotments:** Simon Downing reported that he had responded to correspondence from Little Eaton Allotment Association forwarding the legal position as obtained from EBC. The Clerk was asked to obtain further guidance from EBC on the purchase / lease of land for the purpose of allotments.

**0809.22 Web Sites:** Simon Downing reported that minutes of the building management committee for the Village Hall were now available for viewing on Little Eaton Village Hall web site.

**0809.23 Dog Waste Bins:** It was proposed by Norman Grundy, seconded by Alan Summerfield and **resolved** that the 5 new dog waste bins are to be purchased, the councils contractor to install two of them, one at Vicarage Lane and the other in the industrial estate. The Clerk was asked to respond to a parishioner's letters regarding their concerns over dog fouling.

**0809.24 Bus Shelter –** Bill Hutchison reported that he had contacted DCC regarding a grant to replace a bus shelter demolished by DCC; this is in response to a DALC Circular. DCC reported back that there are no funds available unless the Parish Council agreed to pay half of the total cost, estimated to be £5,000.00. Simon Downing suggested putting the project on hold until the Village Hall is completed. The Clerk was asked to write to DCC to make a further appeal for funding.

**0809.25 Greenway Project –** Tom Parr – no update

**0809.26 Items for next Agenda:** none

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.44pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 23 September 7.30 pm.

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