

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2007 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

PRESENT: Simon Downing [Chairman], Brian Adams, Norman Grundy, Bill Hutchison, Alan Machell, Tom Parr, Tim Phillipson and Cllr. Alan Summerfield.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

0907.01 A resident voiced traffic/pollution/noise concerns over the development of the former HL Plastics site by Tomlinsons and reported that he had written to the local M.P. seeking support for his proposal of a new, alternative access road into Outrams Wharf Ind. Estate – thus relieving Duffield Road of additional traffic. Cllr. Summerfield undertook to furnish E.B.C's planners with a copy of the letter but reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer considered Tomlinsons to be within the bounds of their planning permission at the site. As to the development – again by Tomlinsons – on Duffield Road, Cllr. Summerfield reported that the Enforcement Officer had been assured that the site was for offices and equipment hire – NOT heavy plant hire - together with external storage of 'portakabins'. The suggestion that Tomlinsons had breached the development boundary was refuted by the Enforcement Officer because the 'extra' parcel of land was already owned by Tomlinsons. Again, he confirmed that Tomlinsons were not in breach of their development permissions. A member of Little Eaton Allotment Project reported that – as a result of a recently adopted, draft Constitution – the group had been renamed as the Little Eaton Allotment Association. He undertook to remain at the Meeting until the appropriate Agenda item was considered.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0907.02 Apologies for Absence: John Easter, Brenda Shore and Cllr. E Knight [EBC]

0907.03 Declarations of Members' Interests: Simon Downing declared an interest in Agenda item 7[A] and indicated he would pass the Chair to Brian Adams and take no part in the consideration.

0907.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting on 22nd August 2007: It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0907.05 Reports of Sub-Committees: There was nothing to report.

0907.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour:

Simon Downing reported that there had been interference/damage to sensors on lamp- columns at the Park. After discussion, it was agreed that the Croft Corner column should – accompanied by a 'warning notice' - be treated with 'anti-vandal' paint near its top whilst – with regard to those on the park – it would be established whether they could be linked into a common sensor.

0907.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: continued ...

Bill Hutchison reported that the 'caravan travellers' had now departed the Parish following pretty effective work by Paul Walton – D.C.C.'s Liaison Officer [01629-585566]. Responding to Simon Downing, Cllr. Hart undertook to establish whether all such groups were legally bound to seek accommodation at the purpose built site near Swadlincote.

Responding to Norman Grundy, Simon Downing said that the next issue of the N.W. Newsletter would be prepared when there was sufficient content. The latter opined that – given the level of Police input into the Parish – it could well be renamed 'Parish Council Newsletter' but, after discussion, it was agreed that the current title should be maintained.

0907.07 Reports from outside body Representatives: Nothing to report.

0907.08 Finance:

0907.08.1

Simon Downing withdrew from the meeting for this item and Brian Adams assumed the Chair. Following discussion and a subsequent proposal by Tim Phillipson – seconded by Norman Grundy – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be cleared for payment:

1908	S J Brown – Contractor Services: September '07	£ 141.00
1909	C Hourd – Park-keeping/expenses: September '07	£ 291.74
1910	L Hollis – Pavilion cleaning: July – September '07	£ 164.84
1911	D Dodgson – Clerk salary/exp's: September '07	£ 432.75
1912	D Dodgson – Photocopies: 28.6 to 25/9 '07	£ 19.14
1913	Park Hall Designs – Websites maintenance: September '07	£ 20.00
1914	Eaton Agricultural Engineers – Car park preparation pre-Bardons contract	£2,890.50

Simon Downing returned to Chair the Meeting.

0907.08.2 Council considered E.B.C.'s request for an update on its policy relating to "Members' Allowances". **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should report an unchanged policy of solely supporting a 'Chairman's Allowance' – currently in the sum of £100.00 per annum.

0907.08.3 On a proposal by Tom Parr – seconded by Brian Adams – it was **RESOLVED** that the renewal cost of website domain name registration at £8.99 p.a. be approved.

0907.09 Park / Pavilion: Tim Phillipson said the survey of park trees – together with choosing a site for an offered tree - were now urgent. In thanking Simon Downing, Norman Grundy and Alan Machell in offering to join him on 30th September, Tim Phillipson felt that both John Easter and a W.I. representative should also be present. Brian Adams undertook to seek a representative from the W.I. It was agreed that the outcome of the survey should feature on the October Agenda.

0907.09 Park / Pavilion: continued ...

Bill Hutchison reported the safety concerns of two female residents regarding the pathway condition near the park monument. It was agreed that Bill Hutchison should liaise with John Easter and report back to Council ahead of seeking three quotations.

Responding to Brian Adams, Simon Downing confirmed that the Council's contractor would temporarily fence-off the small gap at the end of the new, car-park fencing.

Council considered three quotations for car-park lighting columns. On a proposal by Norman Grundy – seconded by Alan Machell – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Simon Downing should seek a revised quotation from Abacus Lighting Limited on an 'ex-works' basis.

0907.10 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson had no problems to report but was pleased to inform Council that a link from LEPC's website to D.C.C.'s inter-active 'footpath mapping' website should soon be operational.

0907.11 Highways: Tom Parr believed that the overhanging hedge between Alfreton Road and T'owd Lane had yet to be trimmed and it was agreed to carry this item forward in the hope that AVBC might shortly undertake the work.

As to 'puddling' on the pavement by the Co-op, Bill Hutchison offered to speak to the Manager in an effort to establish ownership.

Council reluctantly noted that – as a result of the Duffield Road traffic speed survey – D.C.C. did not intend any further safety improvements.

Responding to Bill Hutchison's suggestion, Cllr. Hart undertook to enquire of D.C.C. about the provision of a traffic mirror at the junction of The Town and Barley Close.

0907.12 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy had no problems to report.

0907.13 Emergency Planning: Alan Machell and Tom Parr reported that they had spent the last few weeks contacting all listed parties to seek 'inclusion approval'. When complete, they would be able to draw up a 'call cascade network' for emergency calls. Responding to Brian Adams' query about plan publicity, it was agreed that summaries should appear on the notice board and in the N.W. newsletter whilst more details could be placed on the website.

0907.14 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison reported that Mark Rayner had completed Phase 1 of Croft Corner's regeneration and bulbs and wallflowers would be collected shortly. When they were to hand, Bill would contact any people who volunteered to help with planting and he also reported that D.G.C. would supply two bags of daffodils later in the year. He also reminded colleagues that Phase 3 of the Croft Corner project related to ongoing maintenance and to this end – for future consideration – he had obtained an informal quotation from Mark Rayner in the sum of £450 p.a.

Finally, Bill Hutchison announced a 'litter-pick' on Sunday 4th November – with volunteers to meet outside the Co-op at 10 a.m.

0907.15 Churchyard: Brian Adams reported an overgrowth of ivy on some bottom-end trees and nearby graves. It was agreed that Brian should ask Mark Haspel to attend to this work on his next visit.

0907.16 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy said that the 'Skate & Ride park' – together with the 'Youth Bus' - visited on 14th September and was attended by a well behaved group of youngsters. The climbing wall was due to visit on 30th November [6.30 pm] and posters/consent forms were awaited.

It was also confirmed that the 'Skate & Ride park' / 'Youth Bus' would attend next year's Carnival on Saturday, 5th July.

Mr Grundy reported that E.B.C. hoped to have a 'Skate & Ride park' operational early next year and that they were also seeking funding for a 'Climbing Wall'. Given that charges for visits of such facilities had been initially estimated by E.B.C. at £80 + VAT per hour, Council agreed to consider the impact of such charges next year.

Norman Grundy tabled an application form for the Co-op 'Community Dividend' fund for consideration at the October meeting.

0907.17 Planning Matters:

0907.17.1 Council noted two recent, conditional approvals.

0907.17.2 Council considered the following applications and raised no objections:

- 0807/0058: Timber cabin: Derby Garden Centre
- 0807/0061: Side extension: Red Roof, Whittaker Lane
- 0807/0064: Caravan/haybarn re-siting: opp. 317-329 Alfreton Road
- 0807/0065: Wall retention to covered area: 2 The Chase
- 0807/0075: Extension + bay window: Elms House, 21 Duffield Road

0907.18 Licensing Matters: Council had no objections to the Cultivation License applications made by residents of numbers 26, 28 and 30 Crab Tree Hill. Clerk to inform D.C.C.

0907.19 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 4 documents for 'self-circulation'.

The Chairman then spoke to two letters from residents which both expressed concerns about the poor condition of the village and an apparent lack of civic pride. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge both letters – indicating that the issues would be responded to in the next edition of the N.W. Newsletter to bring awareness to all residents of the concerns they have recorded.

0907.20 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported that the car-park fence was finished and looked good. He confirmed that judging of the WREN grant applications had now taken place but successful applicants would not be known until 29th November. The next progress report from the B.L.F. application was expected in December and Mr Downing confirmed that he and Bill Hutchison would be attending the next L.E.C.A. meeting.

0907.21 Allotment Update: Tim Phillipson reported that a site meeting had taken place on 15th September with members of L.E.A.P. and Trevor Matthews [Allotment Regeneration Council]. The latter had offered to address the Council at a future date. On 18th September, an amicable and relatively promising site meeting had taken place with Mrs Le Blond of Severn-Trent. She indicated that she would have to 'sell' the project to her new management team in Shrewsbury but, whilst being reasonably upbeat about this task, was vague on costs/tenancy duration details. She did, however, confirm that the ultimate negotiations would be incorporated in a Standard Allotment Agreement.

0907.21 Allotment Update: continued ...

Mrs Le Blond was non-committal on the question of possible 'Community P.R.' input from Severn-Trent but undertook to enquire.

L.E.P.C. undertook to supply a draft plan in respect of site proposals to Severn-Trent as soon as possible. It was agreed that approval of this draft by Severn-Trent was desirable ahead of a formal planning application to the Borough Council. It was further agreed that the site would only need a relatively small car-park and Simon Downing opined that a boggy area might ultimately be considered for the creation of a nature reserve.

0907.22 Web Sites: The Chairman said that the Council site had received 500+ 'hits' and its content continued to grow. On a proposal by Norman Grundy – seconded by Bill Hutchison – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Tim Phillipson should seek to procure a 'website address banner' for the public notice board at Croft Corner.

0907.23 Revised Village Plan: Simon Downing floated the suggestion of a Little Eaton 'Festival of Music' – covering a spectrum of styles. It was agreed that all should give the idea some thought ahead of considering a public meeting.

0907.24 Items for next Agenda:

Finance: Co-op 'Community Dividend' grant application.
Park/Pavilion: Survey of park trees and tree donation offer.
Highways: Hedge condition: Alfreton Road / T'owd Lane.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 24th October 2007 at 7.30 pm.
[Apologies: T Parr]

Signed:.....

Chairman

Date: