

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2009 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

PRESENT: Simon Downing [Chairman], Norman Grundy, Bill Hutchison, Tim Phillipson, John Easter, Brian Adams, Tom Parr, Cllr. Alan Summerfield (EBC).

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

0509.01 One member of the public was present.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0509.02 Election of Chairman: (The Clerk opened the meeting prior to a Chairman being elected). Norman Grundy proposed that Simon Downing be invited to retain the Chairmanship, this was seconded by Tim Phillipson and it was unanimously **resolved** to invite Simon Downing to retain the Chairmanship. Simon Downing accepted with thanks to fellow members

0509.03 Election of Vice-Chairman: Tim Phillipson proposed that John Easter be invited to continue as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Bill Hutchison and it was unanimously **resolved** to invite John Easter to retain the Vice-Chairmanship. John Accepted with thanks.

0509.04 Acceptance of Office of Council Members: This was unanimously **resolved** at the Annual Parish Meeting.

0509.05 To appoint Members to serve on Sub-Committees: Simon Downing went through the list of sub-committees, Bill Hutchison asked to be removed as a LECA Trustee and from the LECA Liaison Committee, Tom Parr agreed to take over these responsibilities on behalf of the Parish Council and alterations were made. Tim Phillipson asked to be removed as Allotment Chairman, Simon Downing agreed to act as liaison officer. All other re-elected members retain their chairmanships and memberships of Sub-Committees, this was proposed by Bill Hutchison, seconded by John Easter and unanimously **resolved**.

0509.06.07 To appoint Representatives of the following bodies:

The Tempest Group of Charities, Community Association Trustees and EBC/ Parish Forum.

It was proposed by Simon Downing and seconded by John Easter that all existing representatives retain their roles, this was unanimously **resolved**.

0509.08 Apologies for Absence: Alan Machell, Brenda Shore, Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC), Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC)

0509.09 Declarations of Members' Interests: Alan Summerfield declared an interest in Planning Application ERE/0409/0032 and refrained from any discussion regarding this.

0509.10 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 22 April 2009: It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0509.11 Reports of Sub-Committees: John Easter - nothing to report

0509.12 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: Simon Downing reported that Police Inspector Darren Roberts had expressed an interest in the police having a dedicated office in the new Village Hall when it is completed. Russell Crooks had sent some information which will be published in the Neighbourhood Watch leaflet in due course.

Bill Hutchison reported that the next Derbyshire Constabulary Annual Parish Councils' Evening will be held on Tuesday 15 September 2009. Also that other local Parish Councils seem to be in agreement to help with the funding of purchasing a speed gun to be used to help combat speeding through the local villages. Tom Parr reported seeing youths driving recklessly in and around the Pavilion Car Park, the police are to be contacted regarding this matter.

0509.13 Reports from outside body Representatives:

Cllr. Hart sent a message thanking the Parish Council for their support over the past four years and that she hoped to continue to serve as a Derbyshire County Council representative after the elections.

Cllr. Summerfield reported that he was now serving on the National Fraud Initiative Audit Committee in relation to false benefit claims and that this had been a report in the Derby Evening Telegraph.

0509.14 Finance :

0509.14.1: Accounts for Payment:

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Accounts for Payment:			Meeting Date:	27.05.09
Chq. No:		Detail:		£
2084		Shacklocks Deed of Dedication Village Hall		120.00
2085		S J Brown Contractor Services: Apr'09		368.00
2086		Park Hall Designs Web site maintenance Apr 09		20.00
2087		D M Roach Clerk salary/exp's -May 09 Village Hall + Expenses	464.48 105.07	569.55
2088		C Hourd Park-keeping sal/exp- May 09 Expenses	369.60 14.66	384.26
2089		e-on Pavilion Electricity		264.35
2090		Ashley Throw Repair Park Stone Wall		595.00
2091		Dovepack Ltd Signs for Village Hall		147.20
2092		Greg Long Clear tree from Churchyard Erect and Remove Xmas Lights	437.00 235.00	672.00
2093		B Hutchison		29.69
2094		Allianz Ins plc John Deere Mower Road Ins		172.94
2095		STWA Pavillion Water		195.86
2096		Erewash Borough Council Playground inspection - Zurich Ins		149.80
2097		D M Roach - Cash Donation from DCC to Little Eaton Tinies Playgroup		150.00
		Total		3,838.65

It was proposed by John Easter, seconded by Bill Hutchison and **resolved** that the accounts be paid

An invoice from Making Plans for £1700.85 for the Village Hall Account was also presented, it was proposed by Tim Phillipson, seconded by Tom Parr and **resolved** that this account be paid. The Village Hall Accounts are to be shown as a separate item on the agenda in future.

0509.14.2: Annual Return and Accounts 2008- 2009:

Unfortunately the account 2008 – 2009 had not been completed by the auditor in time for this meeting, they will be presented at the next meeting, June 24 2009.

0509.15 Park / Pavilion: John Easter reported that the goal mouth had been reseeded and fertilized. The sewer drains had been blocked, but John had resolved this matter. John also reported that he had been verbally abused by a cyclist who was trying to cycle over the seats placed in the park for people to sit on and enjoy the facilities.

Tim Phillipson agreed to chase up signs that are being made reminding residents to keep dogs out of the children's play area.

Brian Adams reported that repairs to the park wall had now been completed. He also suggested that springs be fitted to the gates to the Children's Play Area to try and stop stray dogs entering.

Simon Downing gave everyone a prospective timetable for building the Village Hall that Radleigh Homes were committed to, and suggested that the waste bin, lamp post at the bottom of the steps and part of the stone wall be removed and stored for future use, before work started on the Village Hall.

0509.16 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson reported that the styles had now been replaced as previously mentioned. John Easter reported that a resident had difficulty in negotiating the bottom part of a footpath from Rigga Lane to Duffield Road where the hand rail has broken, the rail needs replacing at the bottom part of the footpath.

0509.17 Highways: John Easter reported that the footpath near the Children's Home had been repaired. Brian Adams said that the seat recently placed along Millennium Way was being used by walkers and suggested that another seat be placed there. John Easter was to ask the park keeper to remove the seats on the Park that would be in the way of the Village Hall Building.

0509.18 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy - nothing to report

0509.19 Emergency Planning: Tom Parr - nothing to report

0509.20 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison reported that Croft Corner had now been planted with the summer bedding plants and needed watering by the volunteers. Bill also asked if the Council would agree to the Clerk sending letters to three parishioners who had helped out in the village on a voluntary basis on clearing Bottle Brook and assisting with the planting of Croft Corner

Grass Verge Cutting: Bill Hutchison reported that EBC had cut the grass again but left a very untidy mess, Tim Phillipson agreed with this. Bill asked if Alan Summerfield could obtain the specification that EBC are working to so that a quote like for like could be obtained from other sources. Simon Downing proposed that the Council ask S Brown to include cutting the verges when he comes in the village to do the work he is already contracted to do. Alan Summerfield is to invite Dave Bramwell from EBC to the next Parish Council meeting on June 24th to discuss the verge mowing concerns.

0509.21 Churchyard: Brian Adams reported that there has been no response from the Diocese regarding the upkeep of the Church Yard walls. Alan Summerfield agreed to chase up. Simon Downing reported that a parishioner had burnt ivy that was climbing up the church yard walls

0509.22 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy reported that no one turned up to the recent DCC Climbing Wall and Youth Bus, on Bank Holiday Monday, this may have been due to the wet weather.

Only 2 people turned up to EBC Skate and Ride event it was suggested that better advertising may help in future, EBC are having an in house meeting to discuss if better information and publicity would help. It is not clear yet if the Climbing Wall will be attending Carnival day.

0509.23 Planning Matters: Norman Grundy reported that the proposed dwellings to be built on land off Alfreton Road had been rejected by EBC Planning, much to the relief of the local residents.

The Parish Council considered the following applications:

ERE/0509/0015

Single Storey Extension – The Hawthorns, Moor Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AU.

There are no objections to this application.

ERE/0509/0018

Two Storey Side Extension with Single Storey Rear Extension – 8 Haddon Drive, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AQ.

There are no objections to this application.

ERE/0409/0032

Single Storey Side Extension to form Sun Room – Stoneyford Cottage, Derby Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5BD.

There are no objections to this application.

ERE/0509/0023

Two Storey Rear Extension and Dormer Window to Front Elevation – 1 Chatsworth Drive, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AP.

There are no objections to this application.

A Tree Preservation Order – has been placed on trees at 9 Morley Lane, Little Eaton, Derbyshire

0509.24 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

0509.25 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.

0509.26 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported that E-on would be contacting the clerk with details of a right of way over the Park. The builders also have to check soil samples for pollutants, which will be carried out in the near future. It was proposed by Tim Phillipson, seconded by Tom Parr and **resolved** that the Chairman and Vice Chairman sign a Deed of Dedication, for the Village Hall, which has already been prepared by Shacklock's Solicitors, this gives the Big Lottery 25 years to oversee the Project, the agreement does not extend cover to the existing Pavilion or Park Land.

Simon Downing reported that the building plans had been agreed in principle subject to a final submission from Radleigh Homes.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Auditor had warned that it should be made clear to clubs and societies making donations that no favours or concessions were to be given in lieu of any donations.

0509.27 Allotments: The Clerk reported that she has now received clarification from EBC Legal Department of the way forward with the request from the Allotment Association regarding leasing or buying land for allotments. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to three land owners in the Parish to see if they would either lease or sell land for the use of allotments. It was also suggested that if anyone in the Parish has a garden they are

unable to manage this could be used by someone wanting an allotment. An appeal will be going out in the next Newsletter

0509.28 Web Sites: Tom Parr reported that this is going extremely well. The Carnival site has its own e-mail box and it was **resolved** that the Parish Council trial this method to enable people to contact the relevant Councillor for individual information.

0509.29 Dog Waste Bins: Simon Downing reported that he has walked around the village and identified 5 places that would benefit from having dog fouling bins placed, these are Westley Crescent, The Pinfold, Bottom of Woodlands Close, top of Vicarage Lane the entrance to the Industrial Estate. It was proposed by Norman Grundy, seconded by Tim Phillipson and **resolved** that the Parish Council purchase 5 Bins at a cost of £164.00 each and ask S Brown Contractors to install them in the relevant areas, EBC make a charge of £4.60 to empty each bin.

0509.30 – Greenway Project: Tom Parr reported no recent changes.

0509.25 Items for next Agenda:

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.41pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 24 June 7.00 pm.

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Date:

Chairman