

# LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2008 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

**PRESENT:** Simon Downing [Chairman], Norman Grundy, Alan Machell, Bill Hutchison, John Easter, Tom Parr, Tim Phillipson, Brenda Shore and Cllr. Alan Summerfield.

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

**APOLOGIES:** Brian Adams, Cllr. Carol Hart [DCC]

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**0208.01** 3 members of the public were present.

A member of the public spoke about the poor state of the pavement surface, between the Queen's Head Public House and the Chapel, New Inn Lane, Simon Downing responded that this was already on Derbyshire County Council's list to be repaired in the near future.

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

**0208.02 Apologies for Absence:** Brain Adams, Cllr. E Knight [EBC], Cllr. Carol Hart [DCC] and P C Russell Crooks

**0208.03** Declarations of Members' Interests:

**0208.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 27 February 2008:** After a few minor amendments (made by the Clerk in Black pen) it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

**0208.05 Reports of Sub-Committees:** There was nothing to report.

**0208.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour:** Simon Downing attended a meeting with P C Russell Crooks and reported to the meeting that PC Crooks would liaise with the Neighbourhood Watch in future to discuss any crime issues within the area.

Bill Hutchison reported that the notice board had been vandalised, Simon Downing had already arranged repairs which made the board more secure.

John Easter had some reports of petty vandalism

### **0208.07 Reports from outside body Representatives:**

**Cllr. Summerfield** reported that EBC would be visiting Little Eaton with the Mobile Skate Park on 3 March 2008, Nominations for the Mayors Award need to be made before 22 March 2008 and that The Albion Centre in Ilkeston is to close in a bid to save Council Funds.

### **0208.08 Finance :**

#### **0208.08.1: Accounts for Payment:**

1950	S J Brown - Contractor Services - Feb 08	£94.00
1951	Park Hall designs – Website Maintenance	£20.00

**0208.08.1: Accounts for Payment - Continued:**

1952	D M Roach – Clerk Salary & Expenses	£440.49
1953	C Hourd - Park keeping, expenses	£174.00
1954	Sidings, Plants & Trees Wholesale	£132.42
1955	Peter Stone – Consultancy Services	£807.81
1956	A B Camp (Contractors) – Park Path	£446.50
1957	Johnston Publishing – Code of Conduct Ad	£ 44.84
1058	DRCC – Village Hall Service	£35.00

**0208.09 Park / Pavilion:** John Easter was to contact the two people who had offered to donate two cherry trees be planted in the park so that they might make arrangements for the planting thereof. Simon Downing was to get quotes to cut and remove the existing trees and if reasonable quotes were received to commence the removal. The two thorn trees obtained by Tim Phillipson were to be planted immediately.

Simon Downing reported that the car park lights were now up and running.

Tim Phillipson was concerned about the car park opening and closing times, John Easter suggested that each club using the Pavillion should have a key to the car park barrier. Simon Downing and Tom Parr suggested that a sign be erected in the car park stating the opening and closing times of the car park.

John Easter reported that since the clerk had written to the football clubs using the pavilion that the cleanliness of the place had improved, however there had been no reply from the cleaner with regard to a letter sent to her.

The Clerk was asked to find a suitable professional cleaning service to deep clean the pavilion toilets.

Bill Hutchison raised the matter that the fence is to be erected round the children's play area, which was mentioned in the minutes of 28 November 2007 had still not been erected and stated that we should get a quote to find someone else to carry out the work, Simon Downing declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion. John Easter responded that the fencing had already been purchased by Simon Downing it was only a matter of time before the work would be completed. John Easter put forward a proposal that if Simon Downing's team could treat the job as a matter of urgency that they stick with the original plan, this was seconded by Alan Machell and unanimously agreed the by the Council

**0208.10 Footpaths:** Tim Phillipson previously reported poor condition of the surface to footpath 18, he was in agreement with DCC Footpaths Officer, that the condition was not unduly poor or dangerous at this time. It was agreed to keep a watch on the situation and report to DCC if the situation got worse. Bill Hutchison did not see any problems.

**0208.11 Highways:** There has been no progress in securing repairs on the Co-op forecourt, the DCC were not responsible for maintenance. Bill Hutchison offered to contact to Co-op manager about the matter.

John Easter reported that the main roads throughout the village which had been resurfaced a couple of months ago now had large bare patches.

**0208.12 Street Lighting:** Norman Grundy said that street light 54847 on the B6179 had been reported the Derby CC lighting department, along with the non-functioning 'beacon' bulb on the nearby central reservation. DCC have responded that they would need to have some road traffic management in place before they could do the repairs. The lamp in Church lane as reported at the meeting January 2008 has been monitored and it was found that the foliage surrounding the lamp is to blame for the lamp's erratic behaviour.

**0208.13 Emergency Planning:** Tom Parr reported that some residents had attended an AVBC Flood Fair at Horsley regarding the proposed developments at Lower Kilburn. One resident had noted that the speed of the brook by Jack O'Darley Bridge had recently increased, but the Environment Agency were reasonably confident

that the existing flood defence would work. EBC were also being contacted by other residents regarding excess surface water from Eaton Hill. Alan Machell will be attending the Flood Fair at Duffield and will report back at the next PC Meeting.

**0208.14 Better Kept Villages:** Bill Hutchison reported that he had organised a litter pick on 13 April 2008 at 10am, meet outside the Co-op. Members of EBCs Pride in Erewash team will also be attending, equipment will be provided. Bill also suggested that there be a rota for the watering of the plants in Croft Corner during the summer months.

**0208.15 Churchyard:** Simon Downing reported that prior to receiving information from EBC on who was responsible, repairs to Church wall had been carried by the PCC's own contractor and that a temporarily fenced erected by John Easter had now been returned to the Pavilion.

**0208.16 Youth Facilities:** Norman Grundy reported that the Mobile Skate Park with Roland Harrison from EBC would be visiting Little Eaton on 3 March for two hours at 3:30. Notices to this effect have been placed in the shop and on notice boards in the village, volunteers were requested to help on 3 March. Norman Grundy was to enquire if the Skate and Ride facility could be made available for Carnival Day.

Derbyshire County Council's Skate Park for over 11's will be visiting Little Eaton at the end of April or beginning of May. The climbing wall will be available for carnival day.

**0208.17 Planning Matters:** Council considered the following applications:

**RE: ERE/1207/008** - Retrospective application to retain stables and resiting of caravan and haybarn (resubmission of ERE/0807/0064)

There were no objections, however Alan Summerfield withdrew from the discussion as having an interest

**RE: ERE/1207/0003** - Various Illuminated and non illuminated signs The Queens Head, Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5DF

There are no objections to this application.

**RE: ERE/1207/0004** - Various Illuminated and non illuminated signs The Queens Head, Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5DF

There are no objections to this application.

**RE: ERE/1207/0031** - Industrial Unit containing Workspace and Two Storey Erection of The Offices Land South of the Sidings, Duffield Road, Little Eaton, Derby

There are no objections to this application, Subject to this not being Green Belt Land.

**RE: ERE/1207/0039** - Two Storey Side Extension, Little Eaton, Derby, DE21 5DX

There are no objections to this application

**RE: ERE/0208/0049** - Development of 10 dwellings, the demolition of one dwelling, new access, landscaping and associated works. – 124 – 138 Alfreton Road, land East of Little Eaton

The Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the grounds listed below.

- This is Green Belt Land
- The Back land development is detrimental to the existing properties
- Three storey dwellings will be overbearing the existing properties
- Lack of parking facilities
- Bad vehicular access
- Loss of sunlight to existing properties

The Council would also like to know if residents of all dwellings who use the service road have been consulted.

**0208.18 Licensing Matters:** There was nothing to report.

**0208.19 Correspondence Check-list and Clerk’s Report** The Clerk covered details within the distributed check-list and invited Councillors to tick any items of interest - which she would then forward.

**0208.20 Village Hall/Car Park Project:** The Chairman reported that stage 2 of the Lottery Grant Application was in hand and needed to be sent before 8 August 2008, the sooner the better. Simon Downing suggested that the Parish Council should make £2,000 available as working capital to the Management Committee of the Village Hall, This was proposed by Tim Phillipson, seconded by Alan Machell and agreed by the Council. Simon Downing also advised in the lights in the car park were now up and running.

**0208.21 Allotments:** No update

**0208.22 Web Sites:** Tom Parr reported that a CD with the photographs of Old Little Eaton were now with Park Hall Designs and would be put on the Web Site in due course.

**0208.23 Revised Code of Conduct – draft advert:** It was agreed that an official notice – quoting the Chairman’s mobile ‘phone number – should be placed in the Belper News, this should be in 6 March 2008 issue.

**0208.24 Letter Head Logo:** Bill Hutchison provided pictorial evidence of the millennium wheel as his choice. John Easter suggested that the council might use the cross keys as denoted on Thomas Bates Gravestone. To be considered at the next meeting

**0208.25 Items for next Agenda:** Reports for the Annual AGM to be made available to the Clerk by the next meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.48 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 26 March at 7.30 pm.

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Date: .....

Chairman