

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2009 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

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

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No members of the public was present.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0109.01 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC), Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC).

0109.02 Declarations of Members' Interests: Simon Downing and Tom Parr registered an interest in building application ERE/0109/0006, erection of dwelling on land south east of 44 Crab Tree Hill and took no part in the decision made by the rest of the council.

0109.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 10 December 2008: It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

0109.04 Reports of Sub-Committees: John Easter - nothing to report

0109.05 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: Brian Adams reported on The Police Annual Parish Council Meeting that he and Simon Downing attended on 7th January, that crime in Derbyshire was at a higher risk than its surrounding counties, crime in the area is up 30%, however the police performance was rated as good, but they have fewer resources available to them to tackle problems. Bill Hutchison reported that he had attended the Police Group KINS meeting at Stanley Common, speeding is to be reviewed in all villages in due course. PC Russell Crooks is to give a street briefing outside Little Eaton School on 3rd February.

0109.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:

Cllr. Hart No report received

Cllr. Summerfield - reported that there was a delay in setting the annual budget for 2010.

Cllr. Knight No report received

0109.07 Finance :

0109.07.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:	28.01.09
Chq. No:	Detail:		£	
2057	S J Brown Contractor services - Dec 08			110.40
2058	D M Roach Clerk salary/exp's -Dec 08		383.33	
	Expenses		67.99	
	Village Hall		111.50	562.82
2059	C Hourd Park-keeping sal/exp- Dec 08		179.10	
	Expenses		-	179.10
2060	Severn Trent Water Pavilion Water			282.46
			Total	1,134.78

0109.07.b Credits received and banked

LE Diamonds Junior Football Club Training Fees £200.00

0109.08 Park / Pavilion: John Easter reported that the Humpty Dumpty play group had approached him with a view to using the Pavilion facilities for lunch time activities, the Parish Council agreed to let them use the facilities at their own risk.

Simon Downing reported that the toilet light had now been repaired, and that the majority of repairs to the children's play area as specified by EBC have now been carried out.

0109.09 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson reported that repairs two styles on footpaths 12, 13 are in hand. The clerk is to write to land owners to find out who owns the two footpaths Crab Tree Hill – Barley Close and Blue Mountain – Eaton Bank, Simon Downing to provide details.

0109.10 Highways: Tom Parr reported that there had been a road closure on the Duffield Road level crossing without prior knowledge to local residents. The only notice had been signs at The Town crossing, but with virtually no details. Tom thanked Cllr Hart for getting involved and clarifying the situation at very short notice. Brian Adams suggested that the Parish Council look into the cost of getting electronic speed warning signs erected in the village. The clerk to contact Cllr Hart (DCC).

0109.11 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy had nothing to report. Brian Adams reported that a lamp on Duffield Road near the level crossing was not working, which he had already reported.

0109.12 Emergency Planning: Tom Parr- reported that the flood fair was complete and a last few signatures were required on the emergency plans before they were re-issued to DCC Emergency Planning Dept.

0109.13 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison proposed that Holbrook Gardening services be asked to mow Croft Corner at an agreed cost of £450.00, this was seconded by Brian Adams and **resolved**. Simon Downing took no part in the discussion. Bill also reported that there is a problem with moles in certain areas of the village, EBC are unable to help with the problem as they do not employ pest controllers, Bill Hutchison agreed to contact a pest control company for a quote. Bill Hutchison stated that the grass verges near the co-op and near the bus stop across the road from the butchers are very messy, it was agreed that the clerk contact Cllr Hart to look into getting the areas tarmaced. The plaque from the Local Garden Centre to go into Croft Corner is now complete and will be positioned on the wall near the palm tree. Bill Hutchison reported that there had been a quote from a local gardener who wished to take on the contract for mowing the grass verges around the village, currently EBC cut the verges, Simon Downing asked the Cllr Summerfield ask EBC how much they charge. Brenda Shore stated that she had rung EBC (Aaron Pears) to report a heavily littered area on the main road exiting north of village to which they quickly responded. John Easter and Brenda Shore both confirmed that the illegal dumping of concrete waste along millennium way reported in December has also been cleared.

0109.14 Churchyard: Brian Adams - nothing to report

0109.15 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy – reported that Derbyshire County Council are unable to attend on Carnival day however the climbing wall will be in the village on 17 May 1:30 – 5:00pm
EBC mobile skate and ride park will be in Little Eaton on Sunday 8th Feb 12-4pm, Monday 9th March from 3:30pm, Tuesday 14th April 12-4pm, Monday 25th May 12-4pm, Monday 8th June 4:30 – 8:30pm, Monday 6 July 4:30 – 8:30pm.

ERE/0109/0002 - Two way link way to connect house to detached garage and increase height of garage roof – Stoneyford Cottage, Derby Road, Little Eaton, DE21 5BD.

There were no objections to this application

ERE/0908/0057 – APPEAL – Two Storey link way to connect house to detached garage and increase height of garage roof - Stoney Ford Cottage, Derby Rod, Little Eaton.

There were no objections to this application

ERE/0109/0006 – Erection of one detached dwelling – Land South East of 44 Crab tree Hill, Little Eaton, Derbyshire.

There Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that:-

- a) This plan encroaches on green belt land
- b) The scale of the property shows that it will be overbearing against other properties in the area
- c) Parking in the area is already causing problems and this would exacerbate this.

Simon Downing and Tom Parr abstained from any discussion or vote on this application.

0109.17 Licensing Matters: There was nothing to report.

0109.18 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. The clerk also read out 3 letters received from parishioners, after discussion the council asked the clerk to respond to each letter accordingly.

0109.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project: Simon Downing reported that the Building Management Sub-Committee had now been set up and a meeting had been held to appoint a chair and vice chair persons, after which the current plans were discussed. It was made clear at this initial meeting that the Parish Council will be ultimately responsible for the Project after consultation with the Village Hall Building Committee.

Simon Downing (chairman) reported that Ruth Bonney from the Big Lottery Fund had visited the site and also walked round the rest of the village. The BLF have been informed of the WREN grant. In due course tenders for the building project will be requested and considered.

0109.20 Allotments: Simon Downing reported that the Parish Council is still in continued correspondence with two landowners, nothing further to report.

0109.21 Freedom of Information Act: New Model Publication Scheme – a resolution was passed by the Parish Council to adopt the Freedom of information Act without modification.

0109.22 Web Sites: Tom Parr – Reported that the Carnival is to have its web site link. Simon Downing reported that he will update the village Hall website in due course.

0109.23 Dog Waste Bins: Awaiting Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter responses – no update

0109.24 Bus Shelter – The provision of a shelter at the Toll Bar is in the pipeline – Carol Hart agreed to chase up

0109.25 Greenway Project – Tom Parr reported that the project was still ongoing he had received an e-mail from Derbyshire County Council stating that they had contacted Network Rail for their plans.

Items for next Agenda:

Grass Verge cutting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.29pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 25 February 7.30 pm.

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Date:

Chairman