

# LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT:** Simon Downing (Chairman), Norman Grundy, Brenda Shore (EBC), Bill Hutchison, Tim Phillipson, Brian Adams, Alan Machell, Tom Parr, Cllr. Alan Summerfield and P C Russell Crooks .

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Five members of the public were present, three attended the meeting to discuss the new dog waste bins which have recently been installed by EBC and the Parish Council. They were not happy with the siting of one bin. It was agreed that members of the Parish Council and residents meet up at the site and try to resolve the problem, although it was evident that as these bins were being filled up regularly there is a need for bins in this specific area.

One member of the public had brought football shirts covered in some substance which he claims was a result of footballers playing on St Peters Park. Simon Downing and the Council Park Keeper have looked at the pitch but could not visibly see anything that might have caused the problem. The park mower had been checked and no evidence of oil leakage had been found, however the foreman from Radleigh reported that oil had been stolen from their compound. Further investigations are being made by members of the Parish Council.

**Police Liaison Officers – Russell Crooks** reported that there had been a break-in at Brook Road, Breadsall this morning and police were looking for a suspect, he warned all to be vigilant. The speed watch agenda is still ongoing with several dates in November and December diarised for action within the village.

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

**1009.01 Apologies for Absence:** John Easter (Vice Chairman), Cllr Eileen Knight (EBC), and Cllr. Carol Hart (DCC).

**1009.02 Declarations of Members' Interests:** Finance, Simon Downing and Bill Hutchison, both abstained from participation of Agenda Item 7a.

**1009.03 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 23 September 2009:** It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

**1009.04 Reports of Sub-Committees:** Tom Parr and Simon Downing attended, on behalf of the P C, a Parish Council Liaison Meeting hosted by Cllr. Carol Hart at Matlock. Tom said there were various stands relating to things happening within the village. A vote was taken for further meetings to be held on a quarterly basis.

**1009.05 Crime / Neighborhood Watch / Anti-social Behavior:** P C Crooks will hold a surgery on 10th November, 7-8 pm in the OAP Hall, Little Eaton and the next Neighborhood Panel Meeting will be held at 7pm on 17th November in the OAP Hall, Little Eaton.

Bill Hutchison reported that the scheme to purchase a speed gun had been put on hold.

**1009.06 Reports from outside body Representatives:**

**Cllr. Hart** – Sent apologies

**Cllr. Summerfield** – reported he had attended a planning meeting but had to leave as he declared an interest in outline planning for ERE/0109/0033.

**Cllr. Knight** – Sent apologies

**1009.07 Finance:**

**1009.07.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:	28.10.09
Chq. No:	Detail:			£
2127	S J Brown Contractor Services: Sept'09			625.60
2128	D M Roach Clerk salary/exp's - Oct 09 Village Hall + Expenses	464.48 81.03		545.51
2129	C Hourd Park-keeping sal/exp- Oct 09 Expenses	369.60 21.56		391.16
2130	B Hutchison re-imurse Derby Garden Centre			36.39
2131	Audit Comission			483.00
2132	Derbyshire CC School Clock Maintenance			153.00
2133	Eaton Agricultural Engineers Goods and Materials			1,540.09
2134	Little Eaton P C C Room hire			18.75
2135	Simon Downing Re-imburse Hulland Ward booking			14.00
2136	Park Hall Designs Web site m'tence Sept			20.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>3,827.50</b>

**Accounts for Payment: - Village Hall Fund.** It was unanimously **resolved** that the

account for payment be paid, proposed by Brian Adams, seconded by Tom Parr.

Account for Payment		Interim Date	28.10.09
Cash In	Detail		£
60000.00	Receipts: Surrey Cricket Club 2009/10		60,457.58
		<b>Total</b>	<b>60,457.58</b>

**1009.07.b Credits:** received to date

LEPC Cricket Club = 586.20	LEVH Community Association = 50,000.00
Bowls Club = 300.00	Little Eaton Players = 500.00
Tennis = 300.00	<b>Total</b> <u><b>£50,500.00 banked</b></u>
Sports = 136.89	
Carlier Allot = 2.00 – Cash	
<b>Total</b> <u><b>£1325.09 - banked</b></u>	

**1009.08 Park / Pavilion:** Simon Downing reported that the pavilion toilets were being refurbished and the temporary stairs that were in use had been checked to see if they are user friendly. An asbestos survey had been carried out and although asbestos was found to be present it was the least dangerous type and need not be disturbed when refurbishment was taking place. The existing balcony will also be replaced, and will match the new Village Hall balcony. After building regulations have been obtained a claim can be made on the funds awarded by the Big Lottery Fund. Brian Adams reported that new lockers had been made available for inspection this week and suggested that at least 12 be placed in the middle of each changing room which would also provide a table top.

The last meeting of the Village Hall Committee was held at Hlland Ward Village Hall. Two member of the Hall Committee made us very welcome and spoke about the way they ran their Hall with a Committee of 10, including regular users. They also gave details of licensing and hiring. Simon Downing thanked them for their hospitality. Brian Adams proposed that letters should now be sent out to clubs who it was thought will be the most regular users. Simon Downing suggested that we first send out a questionnaire to the users to see who would actually be using the new facilities for the majority of time, before asking anyone to join the day-to-day running committee. Brian Adams reported that he had received letters from the Senior and Junior football clubs that use St Peter's Park. A finance pre-meeting has been arranged for Monday 2 November at the Queens Head and these will be discussed at that meeting. Tim Phillipson reported that he had priced up trees to replace those that died on the Park last year. After some discussion Brenda Shore proposed that the Parish Council give Tim the go ahead to purchase one Paul Scarlet bare root tree at a cost of £65 from a local nursery, and accept an oak tree Simon Downing kindly agreed to donate from his woodland, this was seconded by Bill Hutchison and **resolved**.

**1009.09 Footpaths:** Nothing to report

**1009.10 Highways:** Nothing to report

**1009.11 Street Lighting:** Cllr Carol Hart sent a report which the Clerk read out concerning the lamp on Alfreton Road that is partially shaded by a tree. This is in hand and we await further progress.

**1009.12 Emergency Planning:** Nothing to report.

**1009.13 Better Kept Villages:** Bill Hutchison reported that Croft Corner had now been planted with the winter plants thanks to Brenda Shore, Tim Phillipson and Fiona Williamson. Bill also reported that there will be the second bi-annual litter pick on 8th November meet at 10am outside the Co-op.

**1009.13 a) Grass Verge Cutting:** Dave Bramwell (DCC) will attend the next Parish Council meeting (25 November) to discuss the poor conditions of the mowing carried out by the Council.

**1009.14 Churchyard:** Brian Adams – reported on information received from the Assistant Director for Places and Environment EBC and was looking into the matter.

**1009.15 Youth Facilities:** Norman Grundy – reported that the DCC Skate and Ride facility for the over 11's on 28 October in the School Playground had been a huge success and he hoped that they would be back again in early 2010. With regards to EBC Skate and Ride facility Norman had a meeting with Richard Bateman (Headmaster) and (John Bennett EBC Facilities Manager reporting to Roland Harrison) which was very successful and dialogue between Richard and John, liaising with Norman will hopefully provide more opportunities to utilize this facility. John has penciled in the EBC climbing wall for Carnival day on 3 July 2010, at the present time this facility is not available due to training requirements etc.

**1009.16 Planning Matters:** Nothing to report

**1009.17 Licensing Matters:** Bill Hutchison reported that the Village Hall Committee had visited Hlland Ward and talked about obtaining a 'Premises Licence' which would seem to be the way forward for the bar in the Village Hall. Simon Downing suggested that we ask the Licencing Officer from EBC to attend a P C meeting in the near future to give a talk.

**1009.18 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.

**1009.19 Village Hall/Car Park Project:** Simon Downing reported that the web

site was being updated regularly and he had sent a shortcut the members to the Village Hall Committee as some were finding it difficult to get access. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to LECA and invite them to use space on the Parish Council web site and web master.

Norman Grundy asked that the footpath on the Park be moved back to the bank on completion of the Village Hall. Simon Downing said that the path needed to be moved for a flood wall to be built, however the path should be re-instated in due course. Tim Phillipson reminded the Committee that this was a public right of way.

**1009.20 Allotments:** The Parish Council agreed that the cost of compulsory purchase would be too large a burden to place on Little Eaton Council Tax payers at this time. The Clerk was asked to write to the Allotment Association relating this, but also stating that if they could raise the funds the PC would help them in compulsory purchase of the land.

**1009.22 Web Sites:** Simon Downing stated that a new weekly update page for the Village Hall was now on the web site. Tom Parr reported that all was in order and more carnival photographs are now on the site.

**1009.23 Dog Waste Bins:** See Public Participation.

**1009.24 Bus Shelter –** Awaiting report from Cllr Eileen Knight.

**1009.25 Greenway Project – Greenway Project –** Tom Parr reported that Network Rail had offered a lease to Derbyshire County Council which is not acceptable, the land needs to be given in perpetuity to qualify for grant funding, so DCC are going to try to discuss this further. He has also asked Cllr Carol Clark to investigate the condition of the cycle path along Millennium Way and is awaiting a response.

**1009.26 Items for next Agenda:** Little Eaton Calendar for 2011  
Dave Bramwell Visit

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 25 November 7.00 pm.

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