

LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th MARCH 2007 AT THE O.A.P. HALL, BARLEY CLOSE.

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

Bruce Broughton [PHD], four members of the public and David Dodgson [Clerk].

PRE-MEETING: Bruce Broughton of Park Hall Designs gave a presentation on the design, installation and maintenance of Parish Council websites. Council thanked Mr Broughton and undertook to consider his proposals later in the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

0307.01 A resident raised the issue of the location of the 30mph warning sign near the junction of Moor Lane and the B6179 and tabled a response from D.C.C.'s Area Traffic & Safety Officer. Councillors confirmed the issue had been previously raised and shared the view that there was 'an accident waiting to happen'. Agreed that Clerk should write to D.C.C. supporting the resident's concern and the resident was advised to approach neighbours to request their written submission of concerns. The same resident voiced concern over the traffic noise pollution endured by four properties on Moor Lane which abut the A38 trunk road. Agreed that Clerk should write to AMScott to support this concern and request the erection of a stretch of sound barrier.

AGENDA PART I: NON-EXEMPT INFORMATION:

0307.02 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Alex Sommerville CPM and Cllr. Carol Hart.

0307.03 Declarations of Members' Interests: There were none.

0307.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting on 28th February 2007: On a unanimous **RESOLUTION**, the Chairman signed-off the Minutes as a true record.

0307.05 Reports of Sub-Committees: John Easter and Alan Machell reported on the recent meeting of the 'Borough/Parish Forum'. John had sought general guidance on planning issues raised by barn conversions and Alan established a useful Borough contact in respect of Emergency Planning. Cllr. Summerfield and Simon Downing had attended the March meeting of the 'Ilkeston & District Police Consultative Group' where discussions included the poor response to the police contact number and speeding issues. Both attendees were of the opinion, however, that the Group appeared relatively impotent but they would attend again.

0307.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour: Simon Downing reported that Neighbourhood Watch leaflets had been delivered but two requests were made for additional copies in the future. Norman Grundy was concerned that some copies were being after the date of events being publicised. It was believed that PC Russell Crooks and his colleagues had had two 'clients' at the 'surgery' held earlier in the evening.

0307.07 Reports from outside body Representatives: There were no reports.

0307.08 Finance:

0307.08.1 On a proposal by John Easter – seconded by Norman Grundy – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be cleared for payment:

1858	S J Brown – Contractor Services: February '07	£ 634.50
1859	C Hourd – Park-keeping/expenses: March '07	£ 169.50

1860	L Hollis – Pavilion cleaning: Jan-Mar '07	£ 160.68
1861	D Dodgson – Clerk's Salary/Exp's: March '07	£ 419.17
1862	D Dodgson – Photocopies: 23.11.06 – 28.03.07	£ 38.28
1863	1 & 1 Internet Ltd – Web Domain Registration	£ 10.45

0307.08.2 It was agreed that the Chairman should ask L.E.P.C.'s Contractor to complete itemised time-sheets to facilitate cost analysis of work undertaken.

0307.09 Park / Pavilion:

John Easter reported that - now the sewer 'depression dip' had been infilled – he would roll the area at the weekend. He also confirmed that the football pitch had been rolled to the satisfaction of L.E.F.C. and that he would instruct Abbey Glass to repair the two, broken pavilion windows and arrange for the currently closed male toilet cubicle to be re-opened.

Mr Easter confirmed to Norman Grundy that – other than the planned repair work on the roundabout -no work was outstanding following the last safety inspection and Simon Downing confirmed to Alan Machell that the play area fencing would be installed when the car park was finished. The Chairman also reported that the car park contractors were happy with the site preparation work.

0307.10 Footpaths: Tim Phillipson had reported the blocked gully on the Windy Lane footpath to D.C.C. and would progress the matter. He also undertook to enquire whether L.E.P.C. could – following signage approval at Outram's Wharf – add a sign warning of possible vehicle/pedestrian conflict.

0307.11 Highways: It was agreed that the Clerk should suspend contact with E.B.C. about slippery leaves by Jack O'Darley bridge as the problem might 'self-resolve'. Brian Adams opined that the northern pavement of the Duffield Road/Alfreton Road junction warranted a 'dropped-kerb' but it was agreed that similar requests currently in the County programme were already 'low priority'.

0307.12 Street Lighting: Norman Grundy had nothing to report.

0307.13 Emergency Planning: Simon Downing had sought a Flood Warning volunteer in the latest N.W. Newsletter.

0307.14 Better Kept Villages: Bill Hutchison had nothing to report other than many favourable comments about the quality of the daffodil displays in the village. Tim Phillipson reminded other members to look out for potential new sites in the village for Autumn planting.

0307.15 Churchyard: Brian Adams reported a dangerously leaning fir tree near the path and Simon Downing undertook to investigate to establish whether the Contractor or Greg Long should undertake remedial work. Bill Hutchison opined that Mark Haspel was doing a good job on maintenance.

0307.16 Youth Facilities: Norman Grundy confirmed that the climbing wall was visiting on 16th April – together with a smaller 'youth bus' – and Bill Hutchison offered to help Norman at the event. Alan Machell undertook to check whether L.E.F.C. were playing/training on the same evening.

0307.17 Planning Matters:

0307.17.1 Council noted 2 recent, conditional planning approvals.

0307.17.2 Council considered the following applications and raised no objections:

- 0207/0060: 2-bed log cabin [rear garden]: 237 Alfreton Roa
- 0207/0076: Dormer/loft conversion: 11 Haddon Drive
- 0307/0006: Front porch: 21 Whittaker Lane
- 0307/0009: Double garage/new access: 4 The Mews
- 0307/0022: Front extension: 29 Crab Tree Hill

0307.17.3 Council undertook to consider the D.C.C./E.B.C. Waste Management Strategy which was tabled for circulation

0307.18 Licensing Matters There was nothing to report.

0307.19 Correspondence Check-list and Clerk's Report Clerk spoke to the pre-distributed check-lists and invited Councillors to tick any items of interest - which he would then forward. Three consultation documents were tabled for Councillors to consider and self-distribute.

0307.20 Village Hall Project: Simon Downing reported that the grant application to WREN had been submitted and that detailed plans were expected soon for initial consultation. After that process, the architect would be invited to a meeting to hear/respond to observations. A third quotation for car park lighting had been obtained and it was **RESOLVED** to revisit this matter at the April meeting.

0307.21 Allotment Update: Council noted the contents of the letter from Mr Pogmore – the Estates Manager of Severn Trent – and concluded that its cautionary element of positivity maintained some hope of a deal. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should speak with Mr Pogmore to record both the thanks and continued patience of the Council!

0307.22 Parish Council Websites: Simon Downing outlined the set-up/ monthly costs of signing up to the websites service presented earlier by Bruce Broughton of PHD. On a proposal by Bill Hutchison – seconded by Alan Machell – it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to place an initial one-year contract with PHD for the design, installation and maintenance of websites for both the Council and the Village Hall project.

0307.23 Annual Parish Meeting: 11.04.07 The Clerk distributed copies of the 2007 Annual Report, the 2006 A.P.M. Minutes and the 2007 A.P.M. Agenda to all Members and requested that they bring the documents to the meeting on 11th April.

The document recording Mr Richard Salmon's resignation as a Member of the Parish Council was noted by Members and passed to the Clerk for acknowledgement and filing.

0307.24 Items for next Agenda: Car park lighting
Waste Management Strategy: DCC/EBC

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39 pm.

NEXT MEETINGS: Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday, 11th April 2007 at 7.30 pm.
Council: Wednesday, 25th April 2007 at 7.30 pm.

Signed:.....

Chairman

Date: