

# LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 July 2008 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). PC Martin Booth and PC Chris Hart.

Ms Elaine Minnighan Monitoring Officer Erewash Borough Council

Doreen Roach [Clerk].

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

One member of the public was present. Mr Cartwright came to appeal against the Parish Councils decision regarding planning application, ERE/0708/0025 - Retrospective Application for the retention of garage/workshop at 163 Alfreton Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AA.

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

**0708.01** Simon Downing welcomed Mrs Elaine Minnighan, Monitoring Officer from Erewash Borough Council, to the meeting. Mrs Minnighan updated the Parish Councillors on the new Code of Conduct produced last year and adopted in October 2008 by the Standards Board. A new Local Assessment framework has been in place since May 2008 to support Parish Councillors and their Clerk's. Each Councillor was given an evaluation form to be completed and returned to Mrs Minnighan.

**0708.02 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Carol Hart (DCC)

**0708.03 Declarations of Members' Interests:** Simon Downing declared an interest in Accounts for Payment, and took no part in agenda item 0708.08. No other declarations of interests were made by members present.

**0708.04 Non-exempt Minutes of Meeting of 23 July 2008:** It was unanimously **resolved** that the Chairman sign-off the Minutes as a true record.

**0708.05 Reports of Sub-Committees:** John Easter - nothing to report

**0708.06 Crime / Neighbourhood Watch / Anti-social Behaviour:** PC Chris Hart introduced himself as the 'Policeman on the Beat' and gave his contact details to each Councillor. The next neighbourhood watch meeting for the Erewash Area is to be held on 7 October 2008 at 7-8pm in the Old Peoples Hall, Barley Close, Little Eaton. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**0708.07 Reports from outside body Representatives:**

**Cllr. Hart** (DCC) Apologies received

**Cllr. Summerfield** (EBC) stated that the Borough Council was now out of the 'Special Engagement' with the Government, due to service improvements being made over the past five years.

**0708.08 Finance :**

**0708.08.1: Accounts for Payment:** Brian Adams proposed, Alan Machell seconded and it was unanimously **resolved** that the following accounts be cleared for payment:

1999	S J Brown - Contractor Services - July 08	£488.80
2000	Park Hall Designs – Website Maintenance- July 08	£20.00
2001	D M Roach – Clerk Salary & Expenses	£480.47
2002	Eaton Agricultural Services	£296.00
2003	Derbyshire Real CC	£11.00
2004	E.ON	£167.82
2005	C Hourd - Park keeping, expenses	£286.56
2006	MaKing Plans UK Ltd	£1269.00
2007	Blue Diamond	£500.00
2008	J Easter	£89.55
2009	Shacklocks	£230.00
2010	Nu-Blades	£50.21

**0708.08.2: Credits** - £1320.00 received for a Ransom mower sold on e-bay.

**0708.9 Park / Pavilion:** John Easter reported that he would to keep an eye on the two trees that had been recently planted in the park, but showed no signs of life to date; the supplier had agreed to replace the trees if they have died.

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Camp to pass on the Council's thanks for his work in patching up the car park.

Simon Downing reported that negotiations with Wicksteed regarding the adjustment on the roundabout are underway.

John Easter reported that three seats had been purchased for the park, two parishioners had also agreed to donate seats, and therefore another two seats would be purchased and placed according to the wishes of the donators, (Mr Brocklehurst and Mrs Cruise).

Brenda Shore asked that the bank in St Peter's Park be weed killed, Simon Downing agreed to organise with Greg Long.

John Easter reported that talks were still ongoing with the Football Clubs using St Peter's Park, a list of payments by the Clubs had been made available and the Clerk has been asked to send out invoices in September for the 2008/09 season. A meeting with all parties and the full Park Sub-Committee is to be held as soon as all relevant contacts are identified.

Tom Parr requested that the old roller be removed as the seat is broken and could cause injury if children started playing around it, John Easter agreed to make it safe by removing the seat.

Tom Parr stated that at a review meeting of the Carnival Committee the state of the toilets over the Carnival weekend had been unacceptable, this item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to reply to a letter received from Judy Mallaber MP regarding Mr K A Sutton of 33 Park Close, Little Eaton, regarding the state of the fence surrounding the car park at St Peter's Park.

**0708.10 Footpaths:** Tim Phillipson had nothing to report.

The Clerk stated that she received correspondence from EBC relating to a grant that is made available for Rights of Way Maintenance Scheme, and was asked send an estimate of £385.00 (maximum allowed) for 2008/09.

**0708.11 Highways:**

**0708.12 Street Lighting:** Norman Grundy – reported no problems

**0708.13 Emergency Planning:** Alan Machell – nothing to report.

The clerk had received notification of a flood fair to be held at the Assembly Rooms in September, Tom Parr agreed to attend, and the clerk passed on details.

**0708.14 Better Kept Villages:** Bill Hutchison reported that Tim Phillipson had agreed to donate a second tree (Acer) to be planted in Croft Corner. Shrubs have been purchased out of the Croft Corner Budget.

**0708.15 Churchyard:** Brian Adams reported that a parishioner had requested that trees in the Churchyard be surveyed by a tree surgeon, it was unanimously **resolved** that Greg Long be asked to survey and supply a quote for the meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Simon Downing stated that plans were already in hand for two trees to be topped out. A further tree has been cut down by the tree surgeons and the wood removed by a parishioner

**0708.16 Youth Facilities:** Norman Grundy reported DCC Youth Bus and Climbing Wall attended on Carnival Day, this was a great success with over 40 young people taking part. The youth Service are aware of our ongoing requirement for a Skate/ Ride facility and Climbing Wall. EBC Skate and Ride facility is not available yet as the personnel required are being vetted by CRB. EBC are also hoping to obtain a climbing wall by the end of the 2008.

**0708.17 Planning Matters:**

**The Parish Council considered the following applications:**

**ERE/0708/0070** – Erection of porch and canopy to front single storey extensions to rear and two storey extensions to side and rear (involving demolition of existing side garage)  
5 Buxton Drive, Little Eaton, Derbyshire DE21 5AN.

**The Parish Council has no objections to this application**

**ERE/0708/0003** – Erection of a rear conservatory  
6 Station Road, Little Eaton, Derbyshire. DE21 5DN

**The Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**0708.18 Licensing Matters:** There was nothing to report.

**0708.19 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.

**0708.20 Village Hall/Car Park Project:** Simon Downing reported that a meeting is to be held on Friday 28 July 2008 with the surveyors, there should be more information available for the next Parish Council meeting. Also that Shacklock's solicitors have the Deed of Dedication in hand.

**0708.21 Allotments:** LEPC is advised that their letter to Derby Diocese (see minute 0508.27) will be on the agenda for the Diocese meeting of 28 July, more information should be available for the next Parish Council Meeting.

Tim Phillipson resigned as the allotment committee representative, all future correspondence to be addressed to the Parish Clerk, who will then bring it to the Parish Council Meeting.

**0708.22 Web Sites:** Tom Parr nothing to report

**0708.23 Dog Waste Bins:** The Clerk read out detail of costs obtained from EBC. Simon Downing agreed to put the details in the Little Eaton Newsletter, for public opinion.

**0708.24 Better Kept Villages Water Supply:** Bill Hutchison reported that an agreement was imminent with a local resident who would kindly agree to his water supply being used to water the plants. Simon Downing recommended that the Parish Council supply a water meter, out of fairness to the resident.

**0708.24 Items for next Agenda:**

- 1 Pavilion Toilets
- 2 Footpath maintenance 2008/09

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 27 August 7.30 pm.

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

Chairman