

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 18th March 2024 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Manson (Chair), P Darlow, A Stanley, I Stephens, S Purnell. Cllr J Ogle; Dcllr E Griffin; the Clerk and S Ellis. Members of the public - 2

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Bond, Cllr Small
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2024** - approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. Byway 22 - Back Lane. Cllr Small had forwarded the latest email from VIAEM, indicating that the lane could be closed by a gate on a seasonal basis beginning in October 2024. They also indicated that part of the problem could be satnav instructions.
 2. Discretionary Grant - Dcllr Griffin asked the Clerk to resubmit the application. **ACTION** - the Clerk.
 3. Potholes and pavements - ongoing reporting to NCC. A recent pavement pothole outside the phone box led to a resident having a serious fall. This was reported immediately to NCC and Cllr Ogle. The hole was filled within 24 hours but it is noted that the repair stands proud of the pavement and still remains a trip hazard.
 4. Cottam Power Station Forum - Mr Stanley reported that the group was now in abeyance until a review in the summer. He reported that the group understood discussions are going on between NCC/BDC and interested investors.
 5. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** None. NB - Cllr Small was not present at the meeting.
5. **Planning** -
 - a. 24/00167/RES - the Clerk confirmed that a majority (5:1) decision of "no objection" had been submitted to BDC on 11th March 2024.
 - b. 24/00269/FUL - no objections raised by councillors. Clerk to submit response to BDC by 20th March 2024.
 - c. 24/00289/HDG - no objections raised by councillors. Clerk to submit response to BDC by 20th March 2024.
6. **Correspondence** - by email, plus a letter from Bassetlaw Food Bank requesting a donation. Unfortunately the PC felt unable to respond to this request at this time (see budget).
7. **Urgent Business** -

NONE

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion

- a. Cllr Ogle explained the voting system for the Mayoral Election, to take place in May, as part of the government's devolution plans for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. The mayoral term will be 4 years and the Mayoral will be based in Chesterfield initially.
- b. Cllr Ogle is pursuing the pothole issues on behalf of EDPC. He noted that those ringed in white should be repaired within 48 hours and those in yellow within a month (Dcllr EG "2/3 months").
- c. Dcllr Griffin : BDC had purchased equipment to repair the roads but in 3 years it had only been used 4 times in Bassetlaw, most recently to repair a road in Dunham. An extraordinary meeting of BDC had been called to request the machine be based in Bassetlaw, rather than in the care of NCC.
- d. Mr Bingham noted that the spring on Retford Road outside their farm has caused water on the road for at least 50 years, leading to road surface issues. He also reported that work done by Lewis's clearing the dyke outside the cricket field meant water was not draining away from the entrance. He would ask them to remedy this.
- e. Mr Ellis reported that the Village Clock was not chiming correctly and an engineer had been contacted to fix this, He also stated that the Website had been updated with the latest NP information.

9. Finance

- a. Income : £25 compensation from TSB to be paid to the Clerk to cover the inconvenience caused by incorrect advice and information given over the last 6 months relating to access to the account.
- b. Accounts for payment
 - Clerk expenses £18.11 plus £25 TSB compensation (proposed Cllr Manson, seconded Cllr Purnell) £43.11 - APPROVED
 - Clerk quarterly salary - £309.35 - APPROVED
 - HMRC £77.40- APPROVED
 - "Planning With People" NP Consultant 3 invoices (work since August 2023) total (4918 + 550 + 2200) £7668 (from Locality grant budget) - APPROVED
 - NALC annual subscription £90.30 - APPROVED
 - Cllr Purnell (Defibrillator pads) £71.94 - APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 13th March 2024 £7845.96 (including remaining £5082 of Locality grant) so actual PC balance £2763.96
- d. Precept - applied for, awaiting notification.
- e. Budget update - after defibrillator pad payment £395 remains available.
- f. Account access - ongoing.

10. Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Manson reported that the draft plan had been presented to the SG in January, however a "Call For Sites" was requested. Distribution of letters relating to this were distributed by Cllr Bond and Rob Allen (of the SG) with a deadline of responses to Cllr Manson by 27th March. This will allow the SG to apply for the relevant AECOM package when funding reopens in April. Following that, the draft will go to the PC for ratification. Then a Village Consultation/Referendum (independently run) leading to the final NP.

11. General Business

- East Drayton Festival 2024 - the weekend of 22nd and 23rd June. Saturday - displays, creative activities refreshments in the Church/VH. Sunday - cricket match, rounders, children's vintage games etc. at the Cricket Field. Cllr Stanley meeting with her team on the 19th March. More details to follow.
- Cllr Purnell was thanked for purchasing the Defibrillator pads and having the unit updated.
- Note - the APM should follow the PC meeting on 20th May, but TBC.
- Lorna Garfoot was thanked for taking over the care of the Book Exchange.
- Cllr Manson had received a query and photographs relating to poor visibility on exiting Mr Callinswood property on to Low Street. He requested the possibility of a street mirror. ACTION - SM, Clerk, EG
- Issues relating to the "Code of Conduct" - Dcllr Griffin advised the matter be referred to the Monitoring Officer at BDC. The Clerk holds the "Acceptance of Office" declarations signed by each councillor, undertaking to observe the code of conduct. Copies of the code were circulated for information. ACTION - the Clerk.
- No other matters arising.

12. Date of next meeting - MONDAY 20th MAY 2024 at 7:00pm. (TBC)

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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