

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 17th March 2025 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Manson (Chair), P Darlow, A Stanley, G Small, I Stephens, S Purnell; the Clerk. Dcllr Griffin. Members of the public - 0

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Bond, S Ellis

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2025 - approved and signed.

3. To consider matters arising from the above minutes:

a. Discretionary Grants - Cllr Purnell has followed this up with BDC.

b. Riddings Lane footbridge -Cllr Stanley had contacted the new Rights of Way officer - Ms A Offland. Cllr Stanley has been liaising with her. The officer has walked all the footpaths and put the 2 Riddings Lane bridges on the updated map which has been laminated and will be displayed on the village noticeboard. Cllr Stanley has also received an email regarding Back Lane, over which no action will be taken to allow closure. This email to be forwarded to Cllr Small.

c. Cllr Manson noted that some, but not all of the potholes in the village had been repaired. DCllr Griffin noted that North Notts had not received a suitable financial allocation and that to receive this requires persistence and a demand to be heard. Dcllr Griffin repeatedly escalates issues with NCC and this produces results. This approach needs to be continued.

d. "MyNotts" app - Cllr Purnell reported the app works well for reporting highways issues but the response is not consistent and there is no "follow-up" facility.

e. There were no other matters arising.

4. Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item. None

5. Planning -

- 24/01066/VOC -The application is currently listed as "awaiting decision".
- 25/01351/FUL - Mill Farm - the PC had no objections to the application and this response was submitted.
- 25/00214/PREAPP - National Grid powerlines - see below.
- 25/00193/LBA - Yew Tree Farm - no objections - to be submitted before the deadline of 07/04/25 - ACTION - Clerk

1. **Correspondence** - emails - including an offer of CPR training from Retford Lions Club - see below.
2. **Urgent Business** - none.
3. **Meeting adjourned for public discussion** - Dcllr Griffin noted -
 - The final consultation for the Bassetlaw Plan Design Code would be held at Dunham village hall tomorrow.
 - A unitary authority with Nottingham City Council is being opposed by BDC. NCC has suggested amalgamation with Newrak and Sherwood; Mansfield and Ashfield - discussions ongoing.
 - Cllr Small was advised by Dcllr Griffin that local farmers should lobby their MP regarding the issues raised by the government and have their voices heard. The Shadow DEFRA Secretary will support the farmers.

1. Finance

- a. Income: nil
- b. Accounts for payment
 - The Clerk 4th quarter salary 35 hours (including NP) £427.35 (inc. tax) - APPROVED
 - Clerk expenses Nov - March £15.54 - APPROVED
 - "Planning With People" final invoice £5956.00 (covered by Groundwork grant) - APPROVED
 - Cllr Manson - planters £150 - APPROVED
 - Donation to VH (damp issues) £200 - APPROVED
 - Donation to Retford Lions Club - to support CPR training in the community £200 - APPROVED
 - Donation to East Drayton Sports Club to support their work in the community £200 - APPROVED
- c. Balance - at 02/03/25 - £10,929.78 (including NP grant £5962)
- d. Budget 24/25 - £643 available after above donations.
- e. Precept - Awaiting confirmation of the BDC precept for 2025/26.
1. **Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Manson noted the draft NP would be available very soon, with consultation beginning after the County Council elections, ie 2nd May. Cllr Manson read

the consultant's "Next Steps" list to the meeting. This will be shared with the PC and SG
- ACTION - the Clerk.

2. **Trent District Flood Action Group** - no meeting so no report available.

3. **National Grid powerlines** - The local public consultation day was held at Dunham village hall on 1st March. The Clerk and 2 parish councillors attended as well as a number of villagers. The feeling was that the event was informative and the representatives well informed and helpful. The deadline for public consultation is 15th April 2025 (Clerk to post reminder on village Facebook pages). The deadline for the PC's response to BDC planning application is 20th March. The councillors discussed their response - suggested slight rerouting to between Mill House and Bingham's farm or preferably west of the farm - lower land therefore pylons less intrusive and away from habitation to reduce risk of "singing" cables during wet and damp weather and the impact on horses in nearby liveries and the residents in this conservation village. ACTION - Clerk

4. **General Business**

- CPR and Defibrillator training confirmed for Monday 2nd June at 7pm in the village hall. More details to follow.
- The Clerk tendered her resignation with effect from 30th June 2025. This would allow the Clerk to complete the financial documents for 2024/25, present them at the next PC meeting, then submit them to the external auditor. It would also allow the PC time to find a new Clerk. ACCEPTED
- Cllr Purnell reported on the significant damp issues in the VH which impact on lettings. The cost to address this would be in the region of £30,000. Grant possibilities were being considered. She also noted that the curtains need to be replaced with flame retardant material. Cllr Darlow to speak to a local interior specialist regarding the possible sourcing of fabric. ACTION - Cllr Darlow.
- No other matters arising.

1. **Date of next meeting - MONDAY 12th May 2025 at 7:00pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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