

**MINUTES OF LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24.5.17 THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARGE LANE, LITTLE EATON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors A Summerfield (Chairman), B Adams, J Dallison, J Easter, D Hall, P Mulvey, J Nicholson, F Williamson, Parish Clerk, Councillor C Hart (DCC), Councillor A Stevenson (EBC), 2 members of the public (part meeting)

**17/116 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Nominations for the office of Chair were invited. Councillor A Summerfield was nominated. There were no other nominations. **RESOLVE:** Councillor A Summerfield was elected as Chair.

**16/117 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Nominations for the office of Vice Chair were invited. Councillor P Mulvey was nominated. **RESOLVE:** There were no other nominations. **RESOLVE:** Councillor P Mulvey elected as Vice Chair.

**17/118 APOLOGIES**

Councillor A Machell

**17/119 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS, IF ANY, FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

Clerk Appraisal and Pay review

**17/120 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**17/121 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

A parishioner raised concerns regarding speeding on Moor Lane. Councillor Hart offered to follow this up for the parishioner. It was reported there are also issues with ASB and large vehicles in this area.

On the footpath by 271 Alfreton Road a parishioner had reported there is a stile that is difficult to pass. A Councillor commented that they knew a number of people that had walked it recently with no problems. It was reported that FP10 Windy/Vicarage Lane is very overgrown and the eastern end of PF14.

Councillor Hart reported there had been a change of administration at DCC and Council Hart is Cabinet member for Health. DCC will be trying to ensure there is a response to concerns raised. Potholes are being given some priority.

Councillor Hart gave an update on Brackley Gate. Parishioners had met with the Police and EBC. The drainage improvements are I assume being dealt with by G Dutton DCC which has been followed up. As regards traffic orders to restrict access, it is something that could not really be taken up as DCC would need to be convinced that road safety was being significantly compromised. They would need written evidence and perhaps police reports to suggest this was the case on a frequent basis and even if this was forthcoming then they would need to look at the issues here in the context of all the requests for traffic orders across the entire county. We also have a ranking system for this type of work, because it can be very complex and open to legal challenge in many cases subject to an independent public inquiry situation. The countryside teams also have similar issues across the County which they also have to similarly prioritise these days and I have also copied to Peter White, Rights of Way officer, as he also might have been had requests for a traffic order here. The other issue I have, which I really wish was not the case, is that my team have very limited resources to undertake such works and we have already have a large backlog of traffic orders which need to be progressed which also includes parking restrictions and yellow lines etc. Sorry I cannot be more positive, but I hope the above at least helps to explain the evident we would need and the method of prioritisation due to the limited resources we have to deliver traffic order works.

**17/122 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**17/123 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27.4.17**

**RESOLVE** That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27.4.17 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **17/124 PARISH COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS**

One applicant had withdrawn their application and there were now two applicants for one vacancy. One applicant gave a presentation and was asked a series of questions. It was confirmed the second applicant would make their presentation at the June meeting when a decision would be made.

#### **17/125 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Summerfield congratulated Councillor Hart on her re-election at DCC and also as Leader of Erewash Borough Council.

#### **17/126 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS**

It was agreed to review the working groups at a future meeting and that working group members would stay the same for the time being.

#### **17/127 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL BODIES**

There were no changes to representatives on external bodies with the removal of the safer neighbourhood which is no longer active.

#### **17/128 REVIEW OF POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

It was agreed to get all the policies and procedures printed for a HR meeting. It was agreed to do the Health and Safety Audit.

#### **17/129 MOOR LANE/BRACKLEY GATE UPDATE**

Nothing further to report.

#### **17/130 PLAY EQUIPMENT REQUEST UPDATE**

Councillors had met with four people regarding improvements to play equipment/park. Additional/updated play equipment had been suggested along with picnic tables and improved hand washing facilities in the ladies toilets. Councillor Mulvey to investigate.

#### **17/131 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL ELECTRONIC TIMED LOCKING SYSTEM TO THE VILLAGE HALL PUBLIC TOILETS**

No further quotes had been forthcoming. It was agreed to attempt to get one further quote before making a final decision.

#### **17/132 AGREE THE COSTS AND LOCATION ON ST PETERS PARK FOR A MEMORIAL BENCH TO FORMER PARISH COUNCILLOR NORMAN GRUNDY**

It was resolved to place the order for the bench and installation and the family will then make a donation to the PC for cost of the bench. It was resolved that the Parish Council pay for the installation to recognise Norman's contribution to the Parish of Little Eaton during his time as a Councillor and also his work with the Youth of the village. It is proposed to locate the bench on the Park bank next to Vicarage Road (opposite the Church) replacing the original park bench (circa 1920) which will then be re-located next to the Wildlife Meadow sign (which incorporates the original park gate).

Note: This proposal does not include the cost of re-locating the original park bench, these costs will be presented to the Parish Council at a later date.

#### **17/133 THE PARISH COUNCIL (PC) PAYS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE SPORTS LOUNGE IN THE VILLAGE HALL. IT IS PROPOSED THERE SHOULD BE NO ROOM RENTAL CHARGE TO THE PC WHEN USING THE SPORTS LOUNGE. BOOKING PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN TO PAYING CUSTOMERS. THE PARISH COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER AN ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE VILLAGE HALL IN RECOGNITION OF THE WORK DONE BY THE VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS CLERK WHO CO-ORDINATES ALL ROOM BOOKINGS.**

It was confirmed that Village Hall does actually pay for the sports lounge maintenance (most recently painting new carpet) and therefore the proposal was not valid.

#### **17/134 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

It was confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan area designation had been submitted to EBC and the decision should be known July. A proposal regarding the future of the neighbourhood plan was made by Councillor Summerfield. It was agreed to defer the proposal until the next meeting once Councillors had time to review.

### 17/135 BETTER KEPT VILLAGE

Councillor Hall had circulated a proposal. Councillor Hall confirmed he would further update the proposal for a future meeting.

### 17/136 DOG WALKING ON ST PETERS PARK - COMPLAINT

Councillor Mulvey had followed up the complaint but no response had been heard from the complainant.

### 17/137 PROPOSAL THAT THE PC CONSIDER HOW THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS BE EXPANDED THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND ONCE AGREED, IDENTIFY WHO AND HOW THIS WILL BE DELIVERED.

It was agreed to defer until the working groups had been reviewed.

### 17/138 CLERKS REPORT

Reported to DCC/EBC again

- Windy Lane Bus Stop. This morning I observed a resident standing 3 feet into Alfreton Road in order to see the bus coming from Coxbench. The trees are overhanging and obscuring the line of sight for both residents and the drivers. This is a narrow road with cars parked opposite and so is a health and safety hazard that requires immediate attention
- Woods at top of Whittaker Lane. DCC have approved that work can be carried out on the trees with TPO's however it has yet to be carried out. As previously described the trees are overhanging residents property and pose a threat to people walking through the woods.
- 10 Morley Lane - Aggressive ivy issue.

### 17/139 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- Little Eaton Carnival - Fun Dog Show – Village Green. There were no objections.
- Annual insurance – Three year LTA approved.

### 17/140 PLANNING

#### Applications

There were no objections to the following application:-

- ERE/0517/0002 7 Camp Wood Close Single storey front, side and rear extension at no.7 & carport and porch to no.9

The previous comments made still apply on the following application:-

- ERE/0217/0021 Derwent House, Duffield Road Amended/additional plans/information received. Proposed development - change of use to restaurant (a3) including erection of extensions to provide first floor dining space and a ground floor bar/reception area, an external steel escape staircase, a bin store, a flue and an external patio area, retention of car park.

### 17/141 FINANCE

	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank payment	L Storey	Salary/Expenses	522.96
Bank payment	HMRC	PAYE	28.40
Bank payment	P Morey	Park keeper	360.00
Bank payment	L Storey	Toilet rolls	44.97
Bank payment	ICO	Subscriptions	35.00
Bank payment	Waterplus	Water	822.19
Bank payment	P Mulvey	Park petty cash	50.00
Bank payment	M Toms	Grounds maintenance	259.37
Bank payment	Woodgrow Horticulture	Weedkiller park	258.00
Bank payment	Came & Company	Insurance Mower	165.00
Bank payment	Came & Company	Insurance	2210.51
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4756.40</b>

#### Receipts

HMRC Vat rebate      £2596.15

## Q4 Highways Group report

**Community Speedwatches** (CSW) were arranged for January – March 2017, however due to weather conditions the January CSW was cancelled. In February between 08.30 – 09.30 at B6179 / Morley Lane, 460 vehicles passed the location. 32% were recorded speeding over 30mph and 10% travelling over 35mph. In March, between 15.15 – 16.15 on Morley Lane, 208 vehicles passed the location. 35% were recorded speeding over 30mph and 13% travelling over 35mph

**A38** - the publication of the Preferred Route has been delayed, reportedly to make sure that all residents and businesses, directly affected by the eventual new route, have been consulted and their feedback on the likely impact if the road was moved towards the village has been taken into account. Announcement is now expected in summer 2017 after which there will be a further Public Consultation so residents and users of the island can feedback their views

**Bus Stops** from The Chase to Windy Lane, particularly on the route into Derby, were previously reported. EBC have cut back overgrowing grass and brambles, however general state of repair and cleanliness remains a problem and impairment of line of sight due to trees remains a concern at the Windy Lane stop. ii) Bottle Brook Bus Stop (Derby bound) is still in use despite no off road standing putting residents in danger standing on the road which is on a blind bend. Further and ongoing follow up is required

**Parking** around the village centre and on the Co-Op / Newsagent frontage in particular is poor around school times and has worsened since the opening of the café. DCC Enforcement Team have been asked to attend regularly during the year. Vehicles continue to offend by parking on the zig-zag's. Police passing through the village will book offenders and but details can also be reported to the Neighbourhood Wardens

**Pavements** around the village continue to be contaminated by residents and visitors leaving dog poo on pavements. The EBC Neighbourhood Warden Team have sprayed pavement stencils and cameras are being considered to evidence fixed penalty fines to offenders

**Moor Lane to Brackley Gate:** After months of trying to engage with DCC Officers, the Parish Council registered a formal complaint with DCC regarding lack of progress. This complaint was upheld and a site meeting was finally held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016. To date no formal report or response from this meeting has been received despite regular, almost monthly, requests which severely limits how the PC and other interested parties can progress.

- DALC Circulars 6/2017
- VHC Minutes March/April
- Agenda/Minutes for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 10th May, 2017, 5.30 pm
- EBC Rural Grant Scheme now open for 11 weeks!
- Removal of charges for building and demolition waste at household waste recycling centres
- Little Eaton PO update
- Presentations from Spring Seminar
- Stainsby Hall Cricket Club. Due to teams withdrawing from the league, we no longer need the ground for the fixture on 22.7.17

17/144 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting 28.6.17 Little Eaton Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, 7.30 pm

17/145 **PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION****CLERK APPRAISAL AND PAY REVIEW**

The Clerk's appraisal was reviewed by the Council and agreed as acceptable in all areas.

It was agreed to award the National salary increase of 1% backdated to the 1st February 2017 to the Clerk.