

MINUTES OF LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26.2.14 IN THE THOMAS BATES ROOM,
THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARAGE LANE, LITTLE EATON

PRESENT: Councillors J Easter,(Chair), B Shore, F Williamson, T Phillipson, J Crane, Alan Machell, John Dallison, Alan Summerfield, Councillor A Stevenson (EBC)
Mrs L Storey (Clerk)

2.14.1 APOLOGIES

Councillor B Adams, Councillor C Hart

2.14.2 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

There was one application for the position of Parish Councillor. It was resolved to co-opt Peter Mulvey.

2.14.3 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS, IF ANY, FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

2.14.4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

2.14.5 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A parishioner raised concerns regarding the parking arrangements outside the Co-op especially in relation to reversing cars and children coming out of school and asked if this arrangement had ever been risk-assessed. If diagonal parking spaces were marked out, with cars entering from the north side and leaving from the south side, vehicles and pedestrians could be separated, and cars would be moving out onto the road more predictably and safely. It was confirmed this would be taken up with DCC.

2.14.6 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Co-Option of Parish Councillor was brought forward to the beginning of the meeting.

2.14.7 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 22.1.14

RESOLVE That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22.1.14 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2.14.8 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Easter referred to the recent lamp post removals on the B6179 and that no lighting plan had been received with the consultation. It was confirmed there had been three deaths by Toad Lane. It was resolved to write to DCC with parishioner concerns and it was also suggested to write individually proposing the re-instatement of some lighting along the route especially at Toad Lane corner.

Councillor Easter reported that a tree had come down and blocked Windy Lane and Barley Close. There will be road closures at Little Eaton roundabout on the 8/9 & 15/16 March and diversions will be in place.

2.14.9 NOTICE BOARDS UPDATE

Colin Fowler had submitted a new quote of £192 for the extra notice-board at the Toll Bar. This was accepted. It was agreed the churchyard board could still go ahead being part of his original three-board quote of £520 for the school, Bridge Inn Hill and the Church. It was agreed to ask in the Newsletter if parishioners thought there should be notice boards in any other places.

2.14.10 NEWSLETTER

Councillor Dallison suggested that parishioners needed to be encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter and that it should be used as a vehicle for communication for Parish matters. It was agreed to thank Tony Higon for his contribution to the newsletter and advise that fire hazard information will be inserted at appropriate times during the year. It was agreed to approach local businesses to ascertain if they would be interested in sponsorship of the newsletter including a possible annual sponsorship. The Carnival committee had asked if the PC would help deliver the Carnival Programme in June. The Parish Council confirmed their support but it would be up to individual leaflet deliverers. Councillor Adams to convey this message.

2.14.11 CONFIRMATION OF PRECEPT/BUDGET 2014/2015

It was resolved to request a Precept of £15713 and Council Tax top up grant of £772. A total request of £16485.00.

2.14.12 CROFT CORNER FLOWER BED/TREE WORK APPLICATION

It was resolved to accept the quote from AB Camp for £3780 + VAT for works to Croft Corner.

2.14.13 NEW BANK SIGNATORY L STOREY NEW PARISH CLERK/REMOVAL OF D ROACH PREVIOUS CLERK/CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS FOR BANK

It was resolved that the new Parish Clerk L Storey be added as a signatory and D Roach removed along with change of correspondence address.

2.14.14 CLERKS REPORT

- Litter Pick 1 March 10.00 am opposite the Co-Op
- The street lamps in the VH car park & one on the park footpath had been fixed and the football pitch had been rolled by S Downing. It was noted that the Duffield Road entrance lock has seized, this is to be actioned by J Easter.

2.14.15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- Little Eaton Bowls Club request to use Parish Council website. Discussed under Website sub-committee.
- The Old Post Office, Alfreton Road suggestion from Parishioner to restore. A response had been sent confirming that the Parish Council, supported by local residents, opposed the development proposed for the site. Unfortunately, as the building is not Grade II listed there is nothing that can be done. Any further planning submissions will be closely scrutinised as suitable for the site.
- Erewash Online Consultation Panel: Have your say on new ward boundaries. It was resolved to submit a response agreeing with the proposed changes.
- EBC Sustainable Community Strategy 2014-2024 consultation. Councillor Summerfield offered to review the strategy.

2.14.16 PLANNING

Applications

There were no objections to the following planning applications:-

- ERE/0114/0048 1 Holm Avenue Two Storey Rear Extension With Single Storey Rear Extension
- ERE/1213/0053 Park Farm, Vicarage Lane, Two-storey extension & replacement garage
Revised description

Approvals

- ERE/1213/0047 95 Eaton Bank First floor extension and external staircase, and insertion of 2nd roof windows

Withdrawn

- ERE/1213/0009 The Old Post Office 179 Alfreton Road Demolition of former old post office and residential dwelling and erection of three detached dwellings

2.14.17 FINANCE

Payments

Cheque no	Payee	Expenditure	£
2538	D Roach	Gratuity	1670.00
2539	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses	401.40
2540	PO Ltd	PAYE	87.00
2541	Severn Trent	Water St Peters Park	414.62
2542	Eaton Agri	Grounds maintenance	1402.25
2543	AB Camp & Sons	Speed bumps	1152.00
2544	Park Hall Designs	Website	100.00
2545	P Morey	Park Keeper 32 hours	208.00
2546	J Easter	Petty cash for grounds maintenance	50.00
2547	Little Eaton Senior Citizens	Room Hire	15.00
2548	AON	Insurance (VH)	104.83
	TOTAL		5605.10

Receipts

Co-op Hanging Basket Sponsorship £106
Donation Muga Project £100

2.14.18 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Better Kept Villages

A quote from Mark Toms Park for Bank/Croft Corner had been received for Park Bank/Croft Corner Total £943. This includes £280 at £35 per month x8 for the new work to be carried out on the flower beds. This is the maximum figure and will be reduced should less work be required at certain parts of the year.

Councillor Shore reported that work is in progress for the East Midlands in Bloom entry. It was agreed that a brief talk about the competition would be made at the next meeting. A different planting scheme for Croft Corner is being planned with help from Richard Windsor at EBC.

Footpaths

It was reported that DCC had been out to the footpath and gated stile near Eaton Hill House. This appeared to be on a different line to the original FP and may need some alteration to maps or position.

Highways / Street Lighting

Councillors had met with DCC regarding the sweeping of pavements and the problem of cars parking on grass verges. It was agreed to put an article in the Newsletter about parking on verges and investigate the sweeping of pavements further.

Park

Councillor Easter reported that work on the park wall by Steve Clifton is still in progress. Soakaways installed during building have caused water to deposit in the park. A quotation for footpath work from the VH to Duffield Road is waiting to be received.

The Council was asked to consider buying a new park mower. The condition of the old mower had revealed the extensive repairs necessary had made the £1000 allowance non-realistic. Quotes for a replacement would be obtained for the March meeting.

Safer Neighbourhoods

There had been a breakin on Morley Lane. Recent Community Speedwatches had been undertaken and the next one is planned for April.

VHMC

Councillor Crane had circulated the Minutes from the meeting on the 15.1.14.

Web Site

Requests from the Bowls and Gardening Clubs had been received asking for a page on the Parish Council website. It was resolved that the Parish Council would be happy to provide a link to the clubs own websites but would be unable to accommodate a page for each club due to the administration and costs involved. It was agreed to set up a Twitter facility for the Parish Council.

Youth Facilities

The Awards for All application is in progress.

2.14.19 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- DALC Circulars 1-4/2014
- Updated Register of Electors 2014
- DCC Temporary Road Closure B6189 Alfreton Road
- EBC Minutes for Planning Committee 12.2.14
- Erewash Core Strategy Inspector's Report
- Digital Derbyshire Event 20.3.14
- A38 TM bulletin 3.2/10.2.14
- Agenda for Borough and Parish Councils' Forum 17.2.14
- DALC 2012/2013 Report
- EBC Planning Enforcement Plan adopted
- EBC Agenda for Planning Committee 12.2.14

2.14.20 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed that the the working party would put together a job specification for the Park Keeper work to be reviewed at the March meeting.

Purchase of new mower.

2.14.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26 March 2014 7.30 Little Eaton Village Hall

2.14.22 PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Gratuity for D Roach was discussed. This had been calculated according to D Roach's Contract stating Part K of the Local Government Superannuation Regulations 1986. The payment was approved at a value of 5% for 6 years and 1 month. Councillor Williamson abstained from voting.

The Employment contract for L Storey had been drafted using the DALC recommended contract and was approved starting at SCP 22.