

MINUTES OF LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26.3.14 IN THE THOMAS BATES ROOM,
THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARAGE LANE, LITTLE EATON

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

3.14.1 APOLOGIES

None

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

None

3.14.3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Dallison declared a Pecuniary Interest in the payment to Eight Days a Week.

3.14.4 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A presentation was made by Moira Hutchinson from the Little Eaton Gardening Club. The Gardening Club asked for support from the Parish Council towards the Britain in Bloom (East Midlands in Bloom Division) competition. Five requests for support were made and it was confirmed that these ideas would be discussed in the meeting.

Councillor Hart reported there will be a tax rise from DCC but not EBC. There are continued cuts and pot hole repairs are ongoing. Councillor Hart reported some free bulky waste collections will be offered during the year.

Councillor Stevenson confirmed that the EBC Core Strategy has now been released and is on the website. EBC have confirmed a zero increase in Council tax for the fourth year running.

It was reported that the footpath by Mount Pleasant off Windy Lane was in poor condition and dangerous for ambulance staff in reaching residents. This had already been reported to DCC.

3.14.5 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

3.14.6 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26.2.14

RESOLVE That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26.2.14 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3.14.7 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Easter reported that the tree stump from off Windy Lane had been removed.

3.14.8 LITTLE EATON IN BLOOM – POTENTIAL PROPOSALS

The Gardening Club had suggested 5 hanging baskets around Croft Corner, 2 of which would be sponsored by LECA. It was resolved to purchase 5 hanging baskets for a period of 3 years at a cost of £55 + VAT per hanging basket per year and re-charge LECA for 2 of the baskets.

It was resolved to allow a wild flower area at the bottom of the tennis courts. The area could be left un-mown until June and a path be mown through the area to allow access.

It was resolved to allow the Gardening Club to put a container with plants near the seat at Canal Eye and also plant some alpines around the stones and generally clean up the area.

3.14.9 REVISED STANDING ORDERS FOR APPROVAL

It was resolved to adopt the revised Standing Orders that had been circulated and review as necessary.

3.14.10 UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS TO REVIEW

Draft updated Financial Regulations had recently been received from DALC. It was agreed that the Finance Advisory Committee would review the regulations and propose any amendments at a future Parish Council meeting.

3.14.11 ONLINE BANKING PROPOSAL

It was resolved to enable access to online banking for the Parish Clerk, Councillors Adams and Summerfield. The Financial regulations would include the new process to be followed.

3.14.12 PURCHASE OF NEW MOWER

Councillor Mulvey had prepared a paper to support the purchase of a new mower. The existing ride on mower has got to the stage that it is no longer viable to carry on servicing and repairing. A suitable replacement had been identified which is a similar type mower but with a larger cutting area, faster cutting action and an improved cut. Currently there are only 2 second hand lawnmowers of this make and model for sale in the UK. Kubota F3560 Out Front Ride On 4WD, 72" Three Blade Cutting Deck, 35hp Diesel, 2 Speed Transmission. It was resolved to

purchase the mower from Parnham Tractors Limited at a cost of £4500 + VAT with a trade in of £600 for the old mower. This mower had done significantly less miles and was located at dealer who was closer and who would also be able to supply spares/service.

3.14.13 PARK KEEPER CONTRACT SPECIFICATION

The Contractor Specification had been updated and it was resolved that the Parks Committee would review further before the Clerk sent to the Park Keeper. Work undertaken against the specification would be monitored for a full month before a contractor pay review was undertaken.

The current Parish Clerk had contacted the previous Parish Clerk who confirmed that the Park Keeper was not employed by the Parish Council as he was already self employed and therefore he was not on the payroll. It was resolved to send a letter to the Park Keeper confirming this along with the contractor specification.

3.14.14 CLERKS REPORT

- Re-instatement of street lights B6179 request to DCC. DCC response was no further action on this matter.
- Offer from parishioner to litter pick between the Old Post Office and the crossing on the book exchange side. Response sent accepting offer and further details
- The Old Post Office, Alfreton Road parishioner question regarding re-numbering. Response sent directing parishioner to EBC
- Works to Croft Corner authorised and in progress

3.14.15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- Carnival Week & the Park questions from the Carnival Committee. It was resolved to agree to the Carnival Committee requests as long as all areas were re-instated to the before Carnival state. It was agreed to draw up a hire agreement to this effect and also request a copy of the insurance and risk assessments for the event.
- Seating Area - The Junction of Alfreton Road/The Town Little Eaton – Block paving query from EBC. Confirmed as Croft Corner with works almost complete.
- Volunteer offer from parishioner regarding footpaths 9.1.14. It was agreed to confirm with AON if volunteers are covered under PC insurance.
- Parishioner concerns regarding A38 Little Eaton Island. It was resolved to monitor the junction when works had been completed and inform the parishioner of this.

3.14.16 PLANNING

Applications

There were no objections to the following planning application:-

- ERE/0214/0034 14 Westley Crescent, Little Eaton Two-storey side extension and loft conversion

The following objections/comments were made. The use of the roof of the car port with balcony would potentially be intrusive for the neighbour and overbearing.

- ERE/0314/0030 29 Whittaker Lane Car port and storage area with balcony over

Approvals

- ERE/0114/0048 1 Holm Avenue Two Storey Rear Extension With Single Storey Rear Extension
- ERE/0114/0023 - Cherry Heights, Morley Lane. DE21 5AH - Two Storey side extension, porch, new building over existing swimming pool and front elevation changes.
- ERE/1213/0053 Park Farm, Vicarage Lane, Two-storey extension & replacement garage
Revised description

3.14.17 FINANCE

Payments

RESOLVE: That the Accounts listed below be accepted for payment.

Cheque no	Payee	Expenditure	£
2549	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses	419.52
2550	PO Ltd	PAYE L Storey £91.40/D Roach £10.40/£334.00	435.80
2551	Peak	Wall repairs	500.00
2552	Eight Days a Week	Newsletter printing	117.00
2553	Little Eaton Village Hall	Room Hire Youth Cafe £337.50/PC £38	375.50
2554	Tom Parr	1&1 Domain Charge	13.19
2555	CA Fowler	Noticeboards	762.00
2556	P Morey	Park Keeper	156.00
2557	Acorn Garden Machinery	Mower Repair	80.00
2558	AB Camp	Works to Croft Corner	4536.00
2559	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses	11.25
	TOTAL		7406.26

Receipts
COIF £77.54

3.14.18 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Better Kept Villages

Litter pick well supported by biggest turn- out of 18 people. Roads that have never been covered before were included. Two residents have volunteered to “adopt” part of Alfreton Road by the book exchange to litter pick as and when. They will be supplied with litter pickers and bags. This was a direct response to newsletter. Flyposting in village reported to EBC neighbourhood warden. Very informative meeting with Dave Bramwell Head of Green Space and Street scene, Richard Windsor Pride in Erewash and a few people from Little Eaton in Bloom. Advice given to consider the route to mainly go through old part of village. Assistance will be given to clean up the area nearer the time, replace old street signs and repair large pot hole in verge along proposed judging route. Awaiting suggested planting scheme from Pride in Erewash for alternative, sustainable, planting scheme for Croft Corner and planters to support Little Eaton In Bloom entry. Manor pharmacy and Co-op to be asked to sponsor baskets as usual in the Summer.

Footpaths

It was agreed to obtain quotes to tarmac the footpath that goes from the village hall to Duffield Road.

Highways / Street Lighting

Councillor Williamson had prepared a report and it was agreed to place the proposals onto the April agenda

Newsletter

The Spring 2014 Newsletter has been distributed. A meeting is planned to review the format of the Newsletter for future editions. This will take place prior to the Summer newsletter being published.

Park

The 2nd phase of the park wall has been completed. The wall behind the recycling bins has been damaged and it was agreed to ask Peak to repair.

Safer Neighbourhoods

A recent speedwatch had been undertaken and 9 cars had been stopped. The next speedwatch is planned for the 2 April. The police had agreed to meet with the school to discuss parking issues around the school.

VHMC

Minutes of the meeting from 19.2.14 had been received.

Website.

A meeting is planned to discuss the format for the internal pages of the new website with Bruce Broughton.

3.14.19 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- DALC Circulars 5-6/2014
- TM weekly bulletins
- EBC Minutes for Council 23.1.14
- DCC The Derbyshire Challenge
- Rural Action Derbyshire Playground Inspection Training
- AOne information on A38 Little Eaton Roundabout Improvements
- Erewash strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA) 2014 – Call for sites
- EBC Agenda for Planning Committee 12.3.14
- Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 1 May 2014
- DCC update on various highway type issues
- DCC Fixing Derbyshire's roads

3.14.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved to cancel the Annual Parish Meeting planned for the 9 April and move to the 23 April at 7.00 in the Village Hall followed by the Parish Council meeting after checking with the relevant organisations.

3.14.21 PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

None