

MINUTES OF LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27.1.16 THE VILLAGE HALL, VICARGE LANE, LITTLE EATON

PRESENT: Councillors A Summerfield (Chair), B Adams, J Dallison, J Easter, S Fogerty, A Machell, P Mulvey, J Nicholson, F Williamson, Parish Clerk, Councillor C Hart (DCC)

16/001 APOLOGIES

Councillors D Hall, Councillor A Stevenson (EBC)

16/002 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS, IF ANY, FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

None

16/003 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

16/004 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A parishioner suggested asking the fast food outlets rather than writing to them about sponsoring a bin. Councillor Machell offered to follow this up.

A parishioner reported two areas of badly damaged verges by the post box on Barley Close and opposite the Blacksmiths on Alfreton Road.

It had been suggested that historical village information including information from Councillor Easter's recent talk on the village be documented. The Little Eaton Heritage Group was in the process of being formed, Councillor Easter offered to be part of the group. Heritage lottery funding was being investigated to support this.

Councillor Hart reported that she will be meeting with the Headteacher at the school regarding parking issues. Concerns were raised about the lack of parking enforcement. It was reported that the Rights of Way team will be halved. The next Rural Community Grant will have a different criteria and money not allocated will be carried over to the next round.

16/005 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

16/006 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25.11.15

RESOLVE That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25.11.15 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

16/007 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

16/008 REPAIR AND PAINTING OF LIBRARY AND ART BOX

Further detail had been obtained regarding repairs to the door. It was agreed to collate the information for the next meeting to enable a decision to be made.

16/009 DEFIBRILLATOR - WEEKLY, MONTHLY & ANNUAL CHECKS/PAYMENT FOR REPLACEMENT PADS/AWARENESS TRAINING

The village hall secretary had offered to undertake the weekly and monthly checks. It was agreed to get Community Heartbeat to do an annual check. Councillor Dallison offered to be a second responder. It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter to establish interest in training.

16/010 EBC RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT AWARD 2015/2016

It was agreed to obtain further quotes to paint the railings and play equipment.

16/011 VILLAGE TREE SURVEY

Councillor Williamson proposed the following. Throughout the village the trees in and on public land owned by Derbyshire County Council are mature and many require attention to maintain health and prevent potential ongoing problems. It is proposed that the Parish Council initiate a wide ranging tree survey in and around the village with a view to creation of a maintenance and replacement plan for future years so enabling any necessary planting in a timely way and therefore maintaining the greenspace. As the Parish Council currently maintains Millennium Way and Croft Corner it is proposed that if approved, start at the north of the village, Towd Lane / Alfreton Road and the B6179 moving towards Millennium Way. It was resolved not to proceed with the proposal. The Parish Council already manage trees on Parish Council land. Any concerns regarding trees not belonging to the Parish Council should be reported to DCC whose responsibility it is.

16/012 MOOR LANE AND BRACKLEY GATE CURRENTLY REGISTERED AS BYE WAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOAT)

Councillor Williamson proposed to investigate how to and apply for the road status to be changed from BOAT to a gated access for pedestrians, pedal cycles and horses which allows Severn Trent access to maintain their equipment. The road between Moor Lane and Brackley Gate is currently registered as Bye way Open to All Traffic (BOAT) This entire width of this road has been impassable to pedestrians for several years and is now so bad approximately 6 vehicles a year get stranded when following SAT Nav directions. The area is being used to dump rubbish and off road vehicles which have contributed to the road surface and water pooling have been churning up the footpaths through the woods causing significant damage to the well-established trees. This has worsened over the last 6 months with more paths being created and significant damage caused to such a degree that deep roots are now exposed and being driven over. It is proposed that the Parish Council investigate how to and apply for the road status to be changed from the current BOAT to a gated access for pedestrians, pedal cycles and horses which allows Severn Trent access to maintain their equipment. It was resolved to ask DCC how the status can be changed.

16/013 MINOR MAINTENANCE SCHEME

It was confirmed that minor maintenance funding had to be used within each financial year and there was none to carry over. Councillor Hart offered to find out when the new scheme starts. Councillor Nicholson offered to put together a list of footpath improvement suggestions.

16/014 NOTICEBOARDS

Further quotes had been received for the noticeboards and it was agreed to put together a proposal for the next meeting.

16/015 PROPOSAL FOR DCC TO INSTALL A RED LIGHT CAMERA ON THE PUFFIN CROSSING

Parishioners have reported that many cars have driven through the red light while they have been on the Puffin Crossing. It was resolved to ask DCC to install a red light camera on the Puffin Crossing

16/016 PROPOSAL TO INSTALL POSTS AT THE BOTTOM OF MORLEY LANE WITH ALFRETON ROAD H&S TO PROTECT PEDESTRIANS

Traffic is driving over the verge at the bottom of Morley Lane to access Alfreton Road. It has been reported that residents have been put at risk and forced to take avoiding action when standing on the pavement to cross the road. It was resolved to apply for an objects licence for the installation of posts or stones at the bottom of Morley Lane with Alfreton Road.

16/017 BUDGET/PRECEPT/CONCURRENT 2016/2017

The finance working group had met and made recommendations for the new financial year. It was resolved that the precept remain at £16485 less the top up grant of £772. EBC had reported that the concurrent funding may decrease by 10% from £16,883 to £15,195. It was resolved to agree to the recommended rent proposals.

16/018 CLERKS REPORT

- Reported to DCC. The grass is now overhanging the edge of the kerb stones along Millennium Way adjacent to the road B6179.
- Whilst EBC on behalf of DCC currently weed kill grassed areas adjacent to the highway, this has not been done on the Millennium Way section adjacent to the road. Request to spray the kerb side adjacent to the B6179 to remove the grass that is overhanging the road to remove this potential hazard?
- AB Camp instructed to repair sunken slabs that surround a drain cover at the bottom of the pavilion steps.
- Letters written to McDonalds/Subway/Starbuck asking to sponsor a bin on Alfreton Road – No response
- Verge damage at the following locations Moor Lane to Morley Lane and Croft Corner to Mill Green reported to DCC
- Grass encroaching pavement at Jack O Darley Bridge reported to EBC.
- Comments made in response to A38 Project Scoping report

16/019 CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION

- A38 Derby Junctions: Winter 2015/16 Newsletter request to deliver. The request was approved.
- Request for replacement churchyard bench. Waiting for comments from the church.
- DALC Message - Sector Led Audit Body for audit procurement - important information. There were no objections to the proposals.

16/020 PLANNING

Refused

- ERE/1115/0017 1 Chatsworth Drive Erection of detached garage including the creation of vehicle hard standing and new access to the highway (resubmission of 0315/0067)

Approved

- ERE/1015/0021 24 Station Road proposed alterations & extensions including porch to front elevation, two storey rear extension, replacement garage & widening of existing access to highway
- ERE/1015/0016 26 The Leys erection of rear single storey extension
- ERE/1015/0008 Unit 10, Old Hall Mill Business Park, Alfreton Road, change of use to a microbrewery including storage of both beer brewed on the premises and beer purchased for resale. the proposal includes an office, a trade counter for off-sales of beer including a small customer lounge for the consumption of beer and non-alcoholic drinks purchased on site and the installation of a 6" diameter chimney
- ERE/1115/0041 Drum Hill Scout Camp, Morley Lane demolition of existing building and replacement with a single storey bunkhouse
- ERE/0815/0054 Little Paddocks, Rigga Lane Two storey & single storey extensions, alterations to balconies and new boundary wall and gates

16/021 FINANCE

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

	Payee	Expenditure	£
Bank payment	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses Dec	506.49
Bank payment	HMRC	PAYE Dec	37.20
Bank payment	P Morey	Park keeper	180.00
Bank payment	P Mulvey	Padlocks	21.98
Bank payment	Eight Days a Week	Newsletter	117.00
Bank payment	AB Camp	Supply/Fit posts	312.00
Bank payment	LEIB	Donation	120.00
Bank payment	S Fogerty	OAP Sign	24.00
Bank payment	G Long	Treework	372.00
Bank payment	Mrs L Storey	Salary/Expenses Jan	586.83
Bank payment	HMRC	PAYE Jan	37.00
Bank payment	Parkhall Designs	Website	236.88
Bank payment	T Parr	1&1 Internet	13.19
Bank payment	P Morey	Park keeper	180.00
Bank payment	LEVH	Room Hire PC	30.00
Bank payment	LEVH	Room Hire Youth Café	75.00
	TOTAL		2849.57

Monthly Accounts Circulated

Receipts

Cricket Club rent	£558.72
LEFC Rent	£444.71
LEJFC Rent	£314.55
T Bates for park	£ 89.52
T Bates for caretaker	£ 36.08
Bank interest	£ 3.77

16/022 SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

Children's Play Area – EBC Rural Community Grant

Repairing soft tarmac areas, new swing seats and painting of railings – EBC Rural Grant Application submitted and provisionally approved

Removal of Cherry Tree – St Peters Park

The dead cherry tree has been removed and a replacement tree planted.

LEIB Proposals

The park bench repair and replacement programme is now complete and no further benches will be installed on the Park, this includes the wildlife area.

The planting of shrubs outside the village hall kitchen is acceptable.

Millennium Way Roadside Verges (concern from Councillor Williamson)

Contacting DCC via Parish Clerk to ascertain if they will be spraying roadside verges to reduce overhanging grass which making mowing difficult and potentially dangerous

Bench in churchyard

The PC have received an enquiry from a former Parishioner regarding the possibility of installing a memorial bench in the churchyard. There are no objections but we are checking with the Church before moving this forward

Trip Hazard – Pavilion Stairs

The slabs at the bottom of the Pavilion Stairs are being repaired as they have sunk and become a potential trip hazard

The car park lights keep tripping out. It was agreed to ask the electrician to fix.

16/023 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- DALC Circular 26-27-2015/1-2/2016
- Possible source of funding - Sports Relief Community Cash open for applications until 14 February 2016
- Letter from the Leader of Erewash Borough Council
- Ilkeston and North Community Forum 7pm 28 January 2016, Gladstone Lodge, Market Street, Ilkeston.
- Village Hall - November Minutes
- Agenda for Council, Thursday, 21st January, 2016, 7.30 pm
- Important information on HM Treasury Budget 2016
- Councillor Induction Training
- EBC Small Community Grant Scheme - Final 2015-16 Funding Round
- Agenda for Borough and Parish Councils' Forum, Monday, 25th January, 2016, 6.30 pm
- Agenda for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 13th January, 2016, 5.30 pm
- Agenda/Minutes for Council, Thursday, 10th December, 2015, 7.00 pm
- EBC Band Concert 26 June 2016
- Erewash Borough Council Corporate Plan priority refresh survey
- Agenda/Minutes for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 16th December, 2015, 5.30 pm
- Amber Valley Local Plan (Part 1 - The Core Strategy)
- Change of Date - Ilkeston and North Community Forum 7 pm 28 January 2016, Gladstone Lodge, Market Street, Ilkeston
- The Highway Inspectorate has advised some vegetation has been cut back at various locations along Alfreton Road and the adjacent highway is considered acceptable at present.
With regard to the bus stop issue, this matter has been referred to our Public Transport Section for investigation and response in due course (Enquiry Number 8170116).
- 2015/16 Winter Service Scheme - Salt Delivery
- Derbyshire community transport - support for campaign - 17,000 responses - urgent press release
- Minutes for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 18th November, 2015, 5.30 pm
- Wild Flower Seed Kits
- The County Council does not have the resources to take action on damaged grass verges unless they are causing an immediate danger or obstruction. This is a County wide problem and unfortunately we cannot take any action.
- Oil Buying Scheme

16/024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24.2.16 Little Eaton Village Hall, Vicarage Road 7.30 pm

16/025 PART II – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

None