



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 10th October 2022

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. McLaughlin
Cllr. Johnson	Cllr. Plant	District Cllr. Wilkinson
District Cllr. Hulme		
Also present were 3 members of the public		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs D Wheat	7.30pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

1. Chairman's Welcome:

The Council held a one-minute silence in memorial to HM Queen Elizabeth II.
Cllr. Winfield then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Cllr. Deaville
Cllr. Hollingum dispensation granted

3. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Wilkinson	Item 16	SMDC Planning Committee
Cllr. Plant	Item 6, 7 & 15d	War Memorial & Lengthsman

4. Public Participation:

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

John Clarke updated the Council on the Parker's Piece which was proposed by Levison Wood at the Parish Assembly in May. It is an important Community Project on a piece of land originally gifted by Ken Shelley adjacent to St Margaret's Church for the creation of a Memorial Garden area for the whole community to access. Artwork from tree stumps is an idea plus benches and other features. The late George Marsh, church warden used to keep bees on the land. The wildflowers are coming to life now that the overgrown vegetation has been cut back thanks to Paul Ford. Forsbrook Primary School are getting involved as their community project.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 8th August 2022 were approved as accurate and true record: **Proposed: Cllr. Holdcroft – Seconded: Cllr. McLaughlin – Signed by the Chairman**

6. War Memorial: The Clerk has a quotation from Nettlebank and George Plant Stone Mason for the War Memorial. The third quotation from a Hollington Stone mason was more. The council debated a flat

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stone memorial or a boulder style memorial. The Council then resolved to commission a boulder of natural stone by George Plant. Clerk to research the Dedication protocol of a new memorial from the War Memorial Trusts.

Proposed Cllr. Johnson – Seconded – Cllr. Winfield – Motion carried

- 7. Lengthsman Report:** Overgrown footway has been cleared on Draycott Road to remove a tree sapling which was obstructing the footway. The debris was left for the residents to dispose of. The Clerk to write to the residents to explain the removal due to pedestrian safety.
- 8. Benches:** The Clerk was asked to look at other designs of benches to try to find a selection of designs for the Council to choose at the next meeting.
- 9. Defibrillator Training:** A training with local Community First Responder Sam Robinson prior to the meeting was well attended and everyone learnt a lot about the potential causes and reasons for use of a defibrillator and how to operate one. Cllr. Holdcroft asked for a thank you to be sent to Mr Robinson for providing an excellent opportunity for local people to come to learn about defibrillators. It was a quality presentation. Clerk to confirm that the new Restaurant tenants are happy to continue to support the defibrillator electrical supply.
- 10. Litterpicker Recruitment:** Zara Hutson was approved to become the Parish Litterpicker for 12 -16 hours per month covering all the roads in the Parish. The Clerk has sourced a litter picking stick, bags and gloves from SMDC. Thanks were also given to the Duke of Edinburgh volunteer who is still working hard every week with her family as she has kept the litter issue in the Parish as bay while the Council were recruiting a litterpicker.

Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Seconded – Cllr. McLaughlin – Motion Carried

- 11. Parishes Together Meeting:** Cllr. Johnson reported he and the Clerk attended a meeting held on 29th September with representatives from Checkley Parish and Forsbrook Parish.
 - Issues were discussed about further solar farm applications and the lack of policy and consultation from the most recent application.
 - All the Parishes reported speeding and potholes throughout the villages.
 - Checkley & Forsbrook have asked to be kept informed about any information regarding the Blythe Park Developments.
 - Neighbourhood Plan progress was also discussed in the three Parishes. Checkley are close to completion. Draycott have completed the Design Code. Forsbrook have not continued.

- 12. Pedestrian Crossing or Pedestrian Refuges on Uttoxeter Road.** The council resolved to apply for a pedestrian Crossing or Pedestrian refuges on Uttoxeter Road to help residents cross the increasingly busy road. Accidents need to be prevented as the volume and speed of traffic is getting heavier and faster. Clerk to apply through the Staffordshire County Council App.

Proposed Cllr. Johnson – Seconded Cllr. Winfield – Motion Carried

- 13. Vehicle Activated Signs:** The current VAS signs have now been updated with data collection devices so that the council can monitor the volume and speed of traffic to provide data to support the application for traffic calming. The Clerk needs training on the method of collecting data before a report can be formulated. Item for the next Agenda.

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14. Solar Array Application. Parkers Piece was discussed previously in Public Participation. No further quotations have been submitted for the previous solar application. Application was put on hold until more quotations can be presented.

15. a) A Community Benefit Agreement proposed by Novus (Blythe House Solar Farm) was approved for a 50% split with Checkley Parish Council for a community fund to be managed via the Parish Council.
Proposed Cllr. Johnson – Seconded Cllr. Winfield – Motion Carried

b) Accounting Software – The Clerk suggested the council considers an accounting software to manage the finances. Quotations to be presented at the next meeting for consideration.

c) Balance of Accounts – Clerk apologised but the bank statement had been delayed by the postal strike. A full statement will be presented at the November meeting.

d) Payments were authorised:

- It was noted that the Clerk had published a mistake listing Mr Plants invoice twice, this was amended on the Agenda to remove one payment of £169.00.
- The new website is almost ready to launch, the Clerk needs to fine tune the content to bring it up to date with the most recent documents.

			Total	Cheque
HMRC Due to cancellation of meeting due to HM Queen Elizabeth II mourning period	PAYE (authorised by the Chairman in-between meetings due to prevention of PAYE fine for late payment)	£52.00	£52.00	1730
Mr G Plant	Lengthsman work August 13 hours @ £13p/h	£169.00	£169.00	1723
Mrs D Wheat	Clerk Salary Aug/Sept 2022 20hrs @£13 p/h £260.00 Clerk Expenses – milage 6 miles Stamps Clerk Salary Sept /Oct Clerk Expenses – mileage 9 miles	Net amount £208.00 £3.00 £5.44 £208.00 £4.50	£428.94	1732
HMRC	PAYE – income tax	£52.00	£52.00	1724
Draycott Church Hall	Defib training 1hr October meeting 2hrs	£30.00	£30.00	1733
Unipart Dorman	Additional electronic fittings to enable data collection	£299. +VAT	£358.80	1725
VAST	New Accessible Website Design	£510.00	£510.00	1731

The above payments proposed.....GW..... and cheques duly signed.....PMcL.....

16. Planning Applications - Please see SMDC website planning portal to view the associated documents:

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SMDC PLAN REF.	APPLICANT & LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
SMD/2022/0343	Mr S Batov RE Project Development Ltd. (REPD) Totmonslow Farm, Draycott Road, Totmonslow	Development of a solar farm with ancillary infrastructure, security fence, access, landscaping and continued agriculture, to generate power to feed into local distribution network
		Cllr. Wilkinson has called in the Application. The Council resolved to object due to lack of public consultation, lack of interest in Community collaboration. Lack of a noise impact assessment or a Glint and Glare assessment. No landscape enhancement plan, no net gain assessment. No cumulative Impact Planning Policy.
SMD/2022/0434	Mr & Mrs Myatt Roughstones, Cheadle Rd, Draycott	Proposed extensions and alterations
	Due to Meeting cancellation in September	Application has already been refused by delegated decision at SMDC
SMD/2022/0417	R Hartley 1 The Villas Uttoxeter Road, Draycott	Proposed single storey rear extension
	Due to meeting cancellation in September	Application has already been approved by delegated decision at SMDC
SMD/2022/0472	Mr K Ball Land South Of Cresswell Old Lane Cresswell	Erection of 2 detached dwellings
		The Council resolved to have no objection

17. Correspondence:

- a) A letter has been received to complain about speeding from a resident who has had a pet cat killed near Brookside on Cheadle Road. Speed, quantity and size of traffic coming from Cheadle Industrial Estates needs to be checked with the Operations Licence department at SMDC as it was questioned whether it is authorised for them to be using Cheadle Road.
- b) A resident has complained about litter on the stretch between Rookery Crescent and The Hunter pub at Saverley Green. The new litter picker should be able to resolve this problem.

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- c) Communication has been received from Luke Emery and Louis Horleston from the Blythe Park, Cresswell Working group to keep the council updated on the progress of the Blythe Park Planning Applications at Cresswell. The Council resolved that a thank you letter should be sent to both for their research on the project to keep the Parish Council and the members of the public fully aware of all the issues involved with the application.

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

18. Oral reports were received from our District Councillors:

- i. Cllr. Wilkinson reported that at a meeting of District Independent Councillors a decision to lodge a complaint to the monitoring officer was made to challenge the withholding of documentation by Planning Officers.
- ii. The St Modwen site Blythe Fields S106 agreement is being formulated at SMDC. It must be spent withing a set distance from the village centre The CiL document specifies that it must be allocated within 20 minutes of the development.
- iii. Cllr. Hulme has stepped down from the Planning Committee.

19. County Councillor Report: Cllr. Deaville was not present to give a report.

20. Matters pertaining to issues in the Parish for the next Agenda:

- i. Quotations for new VAS signs for other locations in the Parish.
- ii. Litter from McDonalds – write to the community representative at McDonalds to see if their litter is bio-degradable.
- iii. List on ongoing issues to be brought back onto the Agenda for review.
- iv. Christmas

21. To note items raised in public participation to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

- Parkers Piece Community Project

MEETING ENDED 21.20

Closing date for correspondence, written submissions, 7 days before next meeting please

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