



# Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

## Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. Johnson
Cllr. Plant	County/Parish Cllr. Deaville	Cllr. P McLaughlin
District Cllr. Hulme	District Cllr. Wilkinson	
Also present were 5 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:

Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies:

Cllr. Hollingum – Holiday

### 3. Public Participation

*All in favour to suspend standing orders*

- a) A resident asked the council to put the flagpole purchase on hold until the war memorial plaque has been completed as a priority. The Council pledged to complete the War memorial, but because Her Majesty the Queens Platinum Jubilee is once in a lifetime and a significant historic occasion the flagpole will mark this achievement and will be there for many more occasions in the future.
- b) A resident asked the Council to be prepared for an Appeal from the Blythe Park Developer. Cllr. Johnson will form a Planning sub-committee to make sure the Council and members of the public can have a unified defence.

*Standing Orders were reinstated.*

### 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March were approved as accurate and true record:

***Proposed: Cllr. Holdcroft – Second: Cllr. McLaughlin – Signed by the Chairman***

### 5. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Plant	Items 6a, 6d/8a	Lengthsman
Cllr. Wilkinson	Item 9	SMDC Planning Committee

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## 6. Actions and Updates from previous Meetings:

- a) **Lengthsman Report** – The Lengthsman has finished painting the Milestones. He has done some litterpicking and has also cleared the footway along Cheadle Road to Brookside. The Council requested that more is cleared past Brookside and up the bank away from the village where there are more properties.  
**Proposed Cllr. Holdcroft – Seconded – Cllr Johnson – All in Favour**
- b) **Platinum Jubilee** – Bunting can be purchased through Checkley Parish Council who have made a bulk order. 200m is £175.00 (inc. VAT, a saving of £25). The Council then reviewed three quotations for Flagpoles. It was resolved to purchase an 8m Fibreglass pole and handsewn 2.5' Union Flag from Flagpole Express at a total of £729.84 (inc. VAT). Location to be confirmed following a meeting of St Margaret's PCC as the Council have written to ask permission to locate the pole in the Churchyard in an elevated position.  
*(£500 is in the budget for the Jubilee plus an SMDC Grant of £425 which we are awaiting confirmation).*  
**Proposed – Cllr Winfield – Seconded – Cllr. Deaville**
- c) **The County Council have approved an Environmental grant of £400.00 supported by Cllr. Deaville** to purchase trees for the Parish. A location discussed was the Gateways to the Villages. Possibly flowering cherry if the ground is suitable. Check location with Highways Officer. Thanks was given to Cllr. Deaville
- d) **Cllr. Hulme has pledged £200.00 from his Community Initiative fund. £100.00** to help towards the cost of the Flag and Pole. He has also supported Little Draytots Playgroup with £100.00 to cover hall rent for 4 sessions. The funds have come to the Parish Council Bank account from SMDC. Clerk to minute that at the May meeting a cheque to Draycott Church Hall on behalf of the Little Draytots Playgroup can be authorised. Thanks was given to Cllr Hulme.  
**Proposed – Cllr. Winfield – Seconded – Cllr McLaughlin – All in favour**
- e) **Benches** – The Clerk showed a quotation for a recycled material bench. The Council preferred the traditional wooden style. Clerk to gather more bench quotations for next meeting. Locations as proposed by the Draycott Residents Group in their Solar Array Application were discussed ( New Avenue Bus Stop/notice board, additional bench at bottom of Church Lane and end of Draycott Road) as well as possible additional bench replacement locations at Brookside, Cresswell (by the village sign), and Uttoxeter Road where the slabs still remain. (Old bus stop location). The Clerk explained that the end of Draycott Old Road would need a section 50 license.
- f) **WW1 & WW2 War Memorial** – A stone or plaque in memorial of the Parishioners that served in the wars was discussed and ideas for an additional inscription to be included for all Parishioners who have 'Served Our Community in times of Peace'.

## 7. New Items:

- a) **Neighbourhood Planning** – Locality Grant Funding is to continue into 2022/2023:  
A discussion was had regarding the funding and previous attempts to get the public to engage with the project. The Clerk will find out the terms that are being offered from Locality and item to be on the next Agenda.  
**Proposed – Cllr. Winfield – Seconded – Cllr. Deaville – All in favour**

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**8. Financial Matters & Governance:**

**Payments were authorised for the following:**

Payee	Goods/Services	Sub-Total	Chq no	Total
Mr G Plant	Lengthsman Jobs (Mar) 20hrs @ £13 p/h - Painting milestones, Litter picking and Clearing path on Cheadle Road to Brookside	£260.00	001697	<b>£260.00</b>
Draycott Church Hall	Hire of the Room (2 hrs) @ £10 p/h 14 <sup>th</sup> April meeting	£20.00	001698	<b>£20.00</b>
Mrs D Wheat	Clerk Salary 20 hrs @ £12.50 less PAYE	£200.00	001699	<b>£200.00</b>
HMRC	PAYE	£50.00	001700	<b>£50.00</b>
Mrs D Wheat	Clerk Expenses – Mileage 9 miles	£4.50	001701	<b>£4.50</b>
Checkley Parish Council	Union Flag Jubilee Bunting 10 lengths of 66ft/ 200meters total	£175.10	001702	<b>£175.10</b>
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association	Membership Subscription	£298.86	001703	<b>£298.86</b>

The above payments were proposed ...GW..... and Cheques duly signed.....PMcL.....

<b>BANK BALANCE 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022</b>		Bank	Chq. No.	Bank Statement
	Bank Balance b/forward	£21,079.08		Page 314
	Received in March	£0.00		
	Payments in March	£1,393.43		
<b>1st April 2021</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>£19,685.65</b>		
<b>Solar Array Total</b>		<b>£ 4,379.62</b>		
Earmarked Funds Solar Array	Solar Festive Tree & Lights	£ 200.00		Ringfenced
Solar Array Fund available		£ 4,179.62		
Election Fund		£ 2,555.41		Designated
Lengthsman Budget 2021/2022		£ 949.50		Designated
Cheques not cashed to date	Draycott Church Hall	<b>£40.00</b>	01692	
Current Account Available		£ 11,761.12		
Reserve Account		£ 0.01		
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>£ 11,761.13</b>		

**9. Planning Application and Related Issues:**

SMDC PLAN REF.	APPLICANT & LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
<b>SMD/2021/0829</b> <b>Report from Planning Committee Speakers</b>	<b>Elan Holmes (Midlands) and Scenterea Ltd. Land at Blythe Park, Sandon Road, Cresswell</b>	Application for Variation of condition 4 in regard to outline application SMD/2014/0576	<b>See below for report</b>
<b>SMD/2022/0160</b> <b>(Appendix 3)</b>	<b>Novus Renewable Services Ltd. Upper Newton Farm, Draycott Road, Upper Tean</b>	Installation of Solar Farm with battery storage facility and associated works	<b>An extension has been granted so that Draycott Parish Council can meet with Checkley Parish Council on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at Great Wood Hall to discuss the cumulative impact of the all the different Solar Applications pending before resolving to comment.</b>

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**SMD/2021/0829 - Blythe Park – Report from the Speakers who attended the Planning Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

Cllr. Johnson reported that the Change in Conditions was rejected by the Planning Committee. He thanked Cllrs. Deaville and Hulme also Mr Brent Horleston and Mr Luke Emery for representing the residents of Cresswell. The speakers had done a lot of research and had formed good arguments for defence. The Developers had not done enough consultation, and this was evident.

***Cllr. Plant apologised but had to leave the meeting at 20.45.***

**10. Correspondence:**

- a) **Grit Bin** – A local Cresswell business has offered to sponsor a Grit Bin for Rookery Crescent if the Parish Council would be responsible for filling it. The Council thanked the business for the offer. Item to be discussed at the next Highways Liaison meeting to confirm responsibility for refilling grit.
- b) **Manchester Airport Consultation – Future Airspace Phase 2**  
Cllr. Deaville offered to attend the online consultation. Clerk to liaise with County Secretary to book in.  
***Cllr Deaville apologised but had to leave the meeting for work commitments at 20.50.***
- c) **Parishes Together Highways Liaison Meeting** at Great Wood Hall, Tean, Thursday 28th April – 1.15pm.
- d) **Parishes Together Solar Array Development Meeting** at Great Wood Hall, Tean, ST10 4JY - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7pm. ***Please note this was listed incorrectly on the April Agenda as 2pm – the actual time is 7pm***
- e) **AGAR** - A Request for the Parish Councils Annual Governance and Accountability Return from Mazars has been received. The Clerk will now prepare the Accounts for Internal Audit.
- f) **Community Foundation – ‘We Love the Moorlands Grant’** – for organisations who provide facilities for local people, to enhance the provision of service. Please promote to local groups in the Parish to apply.
- g) **Severn Trent Community Funding Grant** for water related projects. The Clerk was asked to enquire about potential improvements to Cheadle Road brook.

**11. District Cllr Report:** Various new funds are coming soon.

**12. County Cllr Report:** Cllr Deaville no longer present to give a report.

**13. Matters Pertaining to Issues within the Parish for the Next Agenda:**

- a) Planning Sub-Committee report focused on the Blythe Park appeal.
- b) New Benches, Replacement Bench and War Memorial quotations
- c) Community Grit Bin for Rookery Crescent – Highways Liaison
- d) Cheadle Road Railings – Highways Liaison
- e) Uttoxeter Road Flooding – Is the work now complete - Highways Liaison
- f) Flagpole location – Highways Liaison
- g) Village Gateways – Cherry Blossom Trees – Highways Liaison

***Meeting was closed 21.07***

**Next Meetings:**

**Annual Meeting of the Council – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm followed by an ordinary meeting at 7.30pm**  
**New date set for the Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 starting at 7.30pm at Draycott Church Hall, ST11 9AG with refreshments, all welcome, please contact the Clerk - [draycottparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:draycottparishcouncil@gmail.com)**

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