



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 11th July 2022

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Cllr. McLaughlin	County/Parish Cllr. Deaville
Cllr. Johnson	Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. Plant
District Cllr. Hulme		
Also present were 21 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
District Cllr. Wilkinson

3. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Hulme	Item 7	SMDC Planning Committee
Cllr. Plant	Item 5	Lengthsman

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 13th June 2022 were then approved as accurate and true record: **Proposed: Cllr. Deaville – Second: Cllr. McLaughlin – Signed by the Chairman**

5. Finance:

- a. Payments were Authorised:

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Payee	Goods/Services	Sub-Total	Chq no	Total
Mrs. D. Wheat	Clerk Salary June 2022 20 hrs @ £13.00 p/h £260.00	Net amount £208.00	001717	£208.00
HMRC	PAYE – Income Tax	£52.00	001718	£52.00
Mrs. D. Wheat	Clerks Expenses (Mileage @ 50p p/m) notice boards) 6 miles	£ 3.00	001719	£6.00
Draycott Church Hall	July Meeting of the Council 2hrs	£20.00	001720	£20.00
Mr. G. Plant	Lengthsman duties in June/July 10 hours @ £13p/h	£130.00	001721	£130.00
Mrs. M Corbishley	Internal Audit	£35.00	001722	£35.00
The above payments were proposed ...PMcL..... and Cheques duly signed.....GW.....				

BANK BALANCE 1st July 2022		Bank	Chq. No.	Statement
	Bank Balance b/forward	£26,200.42		Page 317
Received in June		£0.00		
Payments in June		£332.62		
1st July 2022	Balance	£25,867.80		
Solar Array Total		£ 6,761.21		
Earmarked Funds Solar Array	Solar Festive Tree & Lights	£ 200.00		Ringfenced
Solar Array Fund available		£ 6,561.21		
Election Fund		£ 3,555.41		Designated
Jubilee Budget & Grants		£ 0.00		
Lengthsman Budget 2022/23		£ 2,376.26		Designated
Litterpicker Budget		£ 1,750.00		Designated
Website Design & yearly fee		£ 946.00		Designated
Cheques not cashed to date	Draycott Church Hall	£20.00	001713	
	St Marys Church	£170.00	001716	
Current Account Available		£ 10,288.92		
Reserve Account		£ 0.01		
Total Available		£ 10,288.93		

6. **Solar Array Application** – Mr John Clark applied for Solar Array funding to assist with the renovation of the Arch metalwork at the entrance to the Churchyard. The cost of the work was estimated. The Council resolved to re-visit the Application in September when quotations for the work had been gathered.

7. **Planning Applications:**

The Chairman welcomed speakers to the meeting to hold a public consultation:

Catherine O’Toole – Pegasus Group (Planning)

David Summers and Ben Jowett - Elan Homes.

Jason Hill – CEO of Hill Helicopters

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Standing Orders were suspended to open the consultation to discuss the following Applications for Reserved Matters:

SMDC PLAN REF.	APPLICANT & LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Decision
SMD/2022/0268	Elan Holmes Land at Blythe Park Sandon Road Cresswell	Reserved matters application for layout, internal access arrangements, scale, appearance and landscape details for phase 4 (60 residential dwellings). The outline application was an EIA application and an Environmental Statement was submitted to the council at that time SMD/2018/0789	Cllr. Deville to call in the Reserved Matters to SMDC Planning Committee
SMD/2022/0267	Elan Holmes Land at Blythe Park Sandon Road Cresswell	Reserved matters application for layout, internal access arrangements, scale, appearance and landscape details for phase 4 and 5 (157 residential dwellings and community uses) The outline application was an EIA application and an Environmental Statement was submitted to the council at the time SMD/2018/0789	
SMD/2022/0275	Hill Helicopters Ltd Land at Blythe Park, Sandon Road, Cresswell	Reserved Matters Application pursuant to outline planning permission SMD/2018/0789 (as amended). Providing detail of scale, layout, appearance and landscaping for the erection of a manufacturing building, together with outdoor storage areas, service yards, parking, landscaping, attenuation ponds and associated infrastructure	To request an extension to give members of the public full opportunity to comment
SMD/2022/0249	Keepmoat Homes Ltd. Land off Cheadle Road, Upper Tean	Full Planning Application for residential development of 67 houses A mix of 2 and 2.5 storey dwellings, consisting of new access to Cheadle Road, new public open space, sustainable urban drainage, landscaping, pumping station and associated works.	Flooding on the land. Breach Lane will become even more congested. Access onto the already busy Cheadle Road.
SMD/2021/0789	Mr C Wood 114 Uttoxeter Road Draycott	Rendering to all 4 sides of bungalow	No objection

Members of the public asked questions on the following:

Blythe Park Residential Development - Elan Holmes:

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- a) Roundabouts Versus Traffic lights were discussed – this decision is now in the Appeal process, to be determined by the Planning Inspectorate at Bristol.
- b) Road Safety engineering was discussed and the reduction in speed on Sandon Road, Cresswell. The Roundabouts are what the members of the public and the Parish Council want to be in keeping with the Hamlet and for allowing traffic to flow through instead of continuous stop start tailbacks caused by traffic lights.
- c) Two Cresswell properties have septic tanks which are close to the proposed new development. Both properties have not been consulted about how the development will affect their waste management. Elan Holmes will pass this information onto their engineers to consider.
- d) A question was asked about contamination on the Blythe Colours site. This will be addressed at the Phase 2 stage of the application where any contamination will need to be dealt with properly if present. Currently the Application is at Phase 1 – outline stage. Liability was discussed if any members of the public suffer because of negligence.
- e) SMDC consultation process was discussed. Cllr. Deaville will press SMDC Planning Committee to improve their consultation process to liaise fully with Members of the public and to listen to what local people want.
- f) A rise in Crime rates were discussed in relation to a shop facility and a play area being installed as part of the plan.
- g) A resident does not wish a public footpath to be reinstated to allow access through from Sandon Close to the new development for access to the shop and village hall and play facilities as this will make Sandon Close a throughfare for pedestrians.
- h) The Design of the houses at the Gateway to the development was discussed. The residents of Cresswell agreed that they would prefer the three-story apartment style buildings to be in the middle of the development, not facing Sandon Road as this style is not in keeping with the Hamlet. Elan Holmes responded that they have picked this design up from a previous owner plan, so they are inheriting work done so far. Draycott-in-the-Moors emerging Neighbourhood Plan has completed a technical document on Design code by Aecom. Clerk to send this to the representatives present.
- i) Infrastructure was discussed – Doctors, Schools and Public Transport routes. The response was that the County Council decides what it will do with the funding for Infrastructure. The County Council decides which schools will be funded in the area. The County Council are also responsible for the access to public Transport.
- j) Questions were asked about a border of vegetation between the development and the current residents' properties.
- k) Loss of view of the landscape was discussed by Rookery Crescent residents. It was clarified that views are not deemed to be a Planning consideration.

The Chairman thanked Cathy, David and Ben for attending the meeting to discuss the Reserved Matters.

Blythe Park Commercial Development - Hill Helicopters:

- Hill Helicopters are a Staffordshire Precision Engineering Company currently based in Rugeley.
- The Company is global. Cresswell would be the headquarters. The company wants to work with not against the community.
- Local employees will be recruited to share the success both unskilled and highly skilled, administration and management opportunities.
- Training through Apprenticeships and a concept of employment of older skilled employees to train the younger generation and to harness skills which could be lost were discussed.

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- Customers will come into the Parish and the local amenities will benefit from hospitality opportunities.
- The Company builds from Raw Materials through to the finished product all in house.
- Premium Product = Premium salary opportunities = improvement to local economy.

Resident concerns were expressed:

- a) Concerns about an increase of HGV for delivery of materials to the factory.
- b) Flight path of Helicopters leaving and arriving at the factory. National Grid and housing settlements were discussed as issues for flight paths. The location has been researched and there is a natural bowl in the landscape with flight paths leaving away from the residential homes.
- c) Noise and pollution from aviation fuel from Helicopters being tested.
- d) Choice of site – the hamlet of Cresswell.
- e) Ingress and Egress of employees to the factory site.
- f) Old Creda location, the site of the old Meir Aerodrome was discussed as an alternative site.
- g) St Modwen sites were also discussed on the A50.
- h) Safety of the Railway with congested delivery traffic is a major concern for Network Rail.

The speakers responded to say that the outline application has already been determined so impact on the local road network is not being considered as part of the Reserved matters.

The Chairman thanked the Speakers for attending and for holding an open and honest discussion where residents could be listened to and their concerns considered.

Standing Orders were reinstated and the Council meeting continued as follows:

Cllr. McLaughlin asked for it to be recorded that within the application it mentions HS2, a frequent public bus service and a local public house Isaac Walton. None of these items are present in the area currently. The pub is now a residential house.

A discussion was then had about the current use of the Blythe Park Industrial site and that residents must think if they object to the developments, what would they want instead on the site, as it is not greenbelt land.

9. Correspondence:

- a) Cllr. Flunder has requested a letter of support for Cheadle Town Councils bid for the Levelling Up fund for the regeneration of the Cheadle Leisure Centre and the High Street. The Clerk explained the deadline for this so had discussed with the Chairman and a letter had been drafted. The council resolved *All in Favour* to support the bid.
- b) Cllr. Deaville informed everyone about the plans for the visit to the Moorlands of the Queens Baton Relay. There will be three visits on Tuesday 20th July, he encouraged as many people as possible to turn out to support the event. The exact timings will be well published in the press and on local radio and can be accessed on the website: www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/QBR
 - i. Rudyard Lake
 - ii. Leek Town Centre
 - iii. Alton Towers

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10. District Council Report:

Cllr. Hulme reported that the District Council is working to improve relationships with Parish and Town Councils.

11. County Council Report:

Cllr. Deaville reported that many rural roads are being resurfaced. Evidence of this locally has been seen at New Avenue, Draycott Old Road and Stuart Avenue. Potholes must continue to be reported on the Staffs County Council App on the website in order for them to be actioned for repair. Anyone can do this.

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

- a) Cllr. Johnson did a summary of the last Highways Liaison Meeting, all items still being ongoing apart from Uttoxeter Road flooding which should now be fixed. All other Highways items will be back on the Agenda for September.
 - i. Pedestrian refuges – Uttoxeter Road
 - ii. Rookery Crescent Grit Bin
 - iii. Cherry Trees at Village Gateways including Draycott Cross.
- b) The Lengthsman was asked to clear the footway on Cheadle Road of overgrown grass and mud on the pavement.
- c) War Memorial Stone or plaque was discussed and the deadline of November. Cllr Plant will discuss a drawing with the Chairman and will quote for the next meeting. Members of the public were congratulated for attending and researching informed arguments to back up their concerns.

Meeting was closed 21.35

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

Next Council Meeting: Monday 12th September 2022 at 7.30pm at Draycott Church Hall, ST11 9AG

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