



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 12th June 2023

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Cllr. Luke Emery	Cllr. Lisa Emery
Cllr. Wilkinson (District)		
Also present were 9 members of the public		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs D Wheat	7.00pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

1. Chairman's Welcome:

Chairman, Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Cllr. Birds
Cllr. Deaville

3. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Wilkinson declared in interest as members of SMDC Planning Committee.

4. Public Participation:

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

A member of the public asked about the Highways issues. The Clerk has been unable to arrange another Highways liaison meeting at this time.

A member of the public asked about progress with the report of low flying helicopters. The Clerk apologised but the letters are still to be sent to the heads of the authorities. She will meet with Cllr. Luke Emery to discuss the letter content.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 17th April 2023 were approved as a correct record:

Proposed Cllr. Luke Emery, Seconded Cllr. Lisa Emery – Motion Carried

6. Co-option:

The Co-option of Councillor Pat Mc Laughlin was resolved to fill the vacancy on the Council.

Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Seconded Cllr. Lisa Emery – Motion Carried

7. Matters Arising:

a) Blythe Park Applications:

Response from Cllr. Roberts to the complaint regarding the Helicopter Factory was read out by the Clerk.

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Letters have been received from residents complaining about Low Flying Helicopters
Residents are keeping a log of any helicopters which are flying in the area. Cllr. Emery had also got some evidence to circulate. The applicant has been making comments on Social Media about why the application process has taken so long. This information is in the public domain.

Cllr Luke Emery suggested the Council write to the new leader of SMDC and also that the other letters are now sent to the leaders of SMDC and County Council about the Low Flying Helicopters.

Proposed Cllr. Luke Emery – Secoded Cllr. Lisa Emery – Motion Carried

b) Highways Issues:

There have been road surface repairs and potholes filled in the Parish during May.
It was resolved to ask if an Officer from Highways could come out to discuss lowering the Cheadle Road speed limit and to look at speed limits throughout the Parish.

c) Additional Bins along Uttoxeter Road, Draycott Level:

The Clerk has done some research with Alliance Environmental about bin emptying following complaints from residents on Uttoxeter Road of an increase in dog fouling nuisance. A suggestion to ask the litter picker where the most litter is found was proposed. A discussion was had regarding bin locations. It was resolved to purchase two additional bins.

Proposed Cllr. Lisa Emery – Secoded Cllr. Luke Emery – Motion Carried

d) Village Gateways:

Cllr. Lisa Emery has done some research on Gateway signage. Estimates are now required. The Council needs to decide where the signage will go and what needs to be on the signage. The Clerk will speak t the Highways officer about licence fees for street furniture. Cllr. Emery will research the costs of the signage.

e) War Memorial:

Cllr. Winfield proposed that the area surrounding the War Memorial stone is improved by adding some decorative chippings so that the weeds are not growing around the stones base. The Council resolved to improve the area.

Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Secoded Cllr Lisa Emery – Motion Carried

8. Lengthsman Report: The Lengthsman George Plant has fitted all three benches. This will be his final task as Lengthsman following his resignation. It was proposed to ask the second applicant Matt Finney of Autumn Blooms if he is still interested in the role.

Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Secoded Cllr. Lisa Emery – Motion Carried

9. Litterpicker's report:

A report has been produced of all the litter picking done in May. The Council are pleased with the progress of the new litter picker. The Clerk will upload the route to the website.

10. Items on Notice:

a) **Cresswell Railway Track:** A resident has sent photographs of a blockage with barbed wire. The Council discussed that the track is owned by Moorlands City Railway. It is not a Public Right of Way. The route is well used by walkers and cyclists. Cllr. Wilkinson commented that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council are not doing anything at the moment concerning this. Cllr. Birds knows information about it and should be asked to report at the next meeting. The Clerk will enquire at

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SMDC and write to Cheadle Town Council to ask if the opportunity arises for us to have a joint application ready to apply for UKSPF funding for green corridors and active travel route.

- b) **Antisocial behaviour report:** There has been a trials bike which has been riding around Rookery Crescent and the lanes locally around Sandon Road. Residents need to contact the police via the 101-phone line or the Staffordshire Police website. The Clerk will invite the local PCSO to see if they can attend a meeting to discuss issues in the Parish. The Police Crime Commissioner is coming to Draycott Church Hall for a Parishes together meeting on Monday 3rd July at 7pm. All welcome.

11. Finance:

- a) **Turkish earthquake fund:** The Clerk has found that the Council can donate to the Rotary Club who are a British Charity who are managing funds to Turkey. It was resolved to donate £100.00 to Blythe Bridge Rotary Club for this cause.

Proposed Cllr. Lisa Emery – Secoded Cllr. Winfield – Motion Carried

- b) **Solar Array application:** The Friends of St Margarets Church have now formed the group. A request has been received for a grant of £600.00 to help with set up costs incurred with the Draycott Summer Fayre to be held on Sunday 9th July. The Council resolved to support the fayre.

Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Secoded Cllr. Lisa Emery – Motion Carried

- c) **Payments were authorised as follows:**

			VAT	Total	Cheque No.
D Wheat	Clerk Salary April/May and May/June	£416.00		£416.00	1769
	Clerk Expenses – milage 9 miles	£4.50			
	Additional Bunting (Coronation)	£53.40			
	Stationary (folders and paper)	£13.87		£71.77	1772
	PAYE April/May	£52.00		£52.00	1771
HMRC	PAYE May/June	£52.00		£52.00	1770
Z Hutson Little Jobs Lady	Litter picking April	£65.00		£65.00	1773
Friends of St Margarets Church	Funding for set up costs of Draycott Summer Fayre (Solar Array)	£600.00		£600.00	1774
Mrs D M Corbishley	Internal Audit	£35.00		£35.00	1775
Blythe Bridge Rotary Club	Donation to the Turkish Disaster Fund	£100.00		£100.00	1776
Draycott Church Hall	May meeting 3hrs	£30.00		£50.00	1777
	June Meeting 2hrs	£20.00			

Proposed Cllr. Winfield and duly signed by Cllr. McLaughlin (following the meeting) on acceptance of being a Councillor - Motion Carried

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b) Annual Governance and Accounting Review:

Step 1. The Clerk signed the Accounting Statements

Step 2.

- i. The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted.
- ii. The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) was approved.
- iii. The Accounting Statements (Section 2) were approved.
- iv. The Certificate of Exemption was approved.

Step 3. Following approval, the Chairman and the Clerk signed the Annual Governance statement, and the Chairman signed the Accounting Statements.

Step 4. The Clerk set the date for the exercise of public rights as Friday 23rd June 2023.

Step 5. The Clerk and Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption.

Step 6. The Clerk will now send the certificate to the External Auditor, Mazars.

12. Planning Applications:

A report was heard from the working group on the objections to progress of the Cresswell Business Park Planning Applications:

SMD/2022/0577 – Hill Helicopters – Land at Blythe Park, Sandon Road, Cresswell.

Cllr. Deaville had sent in a request (via the working group) that the Parish Council should respond strongly regarding the low flying helicopter incidents to the Chief Executive of Staffordshire County Council and the Chief Executive of SMDC. and to write to the Leader of SMDC Cllr. Mike Gledhill to inform him of the situation as previously reported to Cllr. Roberts before the election.

The Council resolved to write the letters. The Clerk was urged to do this urgently.

Proposed Cllr. Lisa Emery – Seconded – Cllr. Luke Emery – Motion Carried

The Working group asked if the Parish Council can support with funding.

This item will need to be added to the next Agenda.

13. Correspondence: Request from the Volunteers of the Parkers Piece project:

The volunteers would like to organise an opening of the Community Garden Parkers Piece and would like to invite the Council. It was resolved that a Saturday afternoon would be the best time for everyone. Clerk to give this information to the volunteers so they can organise the date.

14. District Council report: Cllr. Wilkinson reported from the District Council that there was no overall control; to form an administration Labour and Independent Councillors now hold the major positions in the cabinet. Cllr. Wilkinson is now Chairman of Planning. He has requested an overhaul of the Planning Process. Cllr. Wilkinson will have briefings with Officer Ben Haywood on all Planning issues prior to meetings.

15. County Council report: Cllr. Deaville was not present to give a report.

16. Next Agenda: a) Proposals for the Social Media Policy
b) Village Gateways

MEETING ENDED 20.30

Next Meeting:

MONDAY 10th July 2023

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