

Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, 14th February 2022

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. P McLaughlin
Cllr. Plant	Cllr. Hollingum	Cllr. Johnson
County/Parish Cllr. Deaville	District Cllr. Wilkinson	District Cllr. Hulme
Also present were 9 members of the public		

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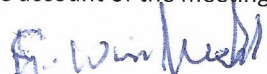
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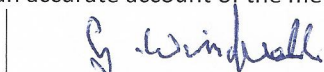
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Urban Vision	Two Steering Group Meetings up to 30 th March 2020	0.5 day inc. VAT	001690	£315.00
The above payments proposedMD and Cheques duly signed.....PMcL.....				

11.

BANK BALANCE 1 st Feb 2022		Bank	Chq. No.	Bank Statement
	Bank Balance b/forward			Page 310
Received in January	Lengthsman Grant SMDC	£200.00		
1st February 2021	Balance	£21,881.90		
Solar Array Total		£ 5,011.95		
Earmarked Funds Solar Array	Solar Festive Tree & Lights	£ 200.00		Ringfenced
Solar Array Fund available		£ 4,811.95		
Election Fund		£ 2,555.41		Designated
Lengthsman Budget 2021/2022		£ 1,332.50		Designated
Current Account Available		£ 12,982.04		
Reserve Account		£ 0.01		
Total Available		£ 12,982.05		

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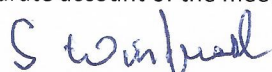
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11. Correspondence:

- a) **Notice of Resignation from Mr Malcolm Price, Litter picker.** \Malcolm has worked for Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council as Litter picker for 14 years. He has kept the Parish Clean and reported any issues he found along the way either to SMDC or to the Clerk. He has decided to end his role due to the roads getting very busy and he was feeling unsafe at times. The Clerk read out a thank you card from Mr Price to the Council. The Council send their regards to Mr Price and wish him all the best for his retirement. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks from the Council for all his hard work and commitment to the role. 'A good job done' The Clerk to put out a notice of vacancy for a Parish Litter picker. Interest to be received for consideration by the Parish Council via the Clerk.
A young member of the community has volunteered to litter pick for the volunteer section of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. Litter picking equipment, bags and Hi-Vis jackets have been provided. She is doing this with her parents once a week for 1 hour. The council congratulated the young person for her initiative to do this for her community. The Clerk was asked to check insurance with BHIB and with Duke of Edinburgh scheme.
Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded – Cllr McLaughlin – All in favour
- b) **COP26 – A question was asked to the Council in correspondence from a resident:** In light of COP26 will Draycott Council declare a climate emergency, as 300 of the nation's councils already have? In declaring a climate emergency, a council agrees that climate change exists and that it will devise what measures it can to stop human-caused global warming. A discussion was had about the County and District Councils declaring a Climate Emergency and that the Parish Council should follow these guidelines. All levels of Climate Change need to become part of everyone's daily life for business and in people's personal lives. Clerk asked to apply for £300 funding from the Eco Fund Initiative which is currently available to plant trees in the County.
- c) **Solar Array Grant Application Procedure** – A discussion was had regarding the application process. A suggestion was made for the Clerk to fill in the Parish Councils official application form for each of the Parish Council projects using Solar Array Funding for Transparency and so that members of the public can read the applications on the website.
- d) **Tree Cutting on the Cresswell to Cheadle Railway Line** – A resident asked for the tree cutting on the old line to be looked into. Cllr Deaville will call the resident to find out more about the issue.
- e) **Grit Bin request for Rookery Crescent and Bin refills for Sandon Close and St Mary's Church.** The Clerk reported correspondence with residents on Rookery Crescent who would like a grit bin. The County Council have assessed the area and made the decision that it did not meet the criteria to qualify for a grit bin. Other community bins have been reported by the Clerk and should now have been refilled on Sandon Close, Cresswell and St Marys Church, Cresswell Old Lane.
- f) **Draycott-in-the-Moors Neighbourhood Plan** – offer of possible further funding in 2022. The Clerk explained that if the Parish Council would like to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan that there could be the potential for 18,000 more funding to do site allocations which could benefit the Parish Plan of finding a location for the Pitch or other ideas to apply for the S106 funding from the Blythe Vale/ Blythe Fields Development which impacts on the local infrastructure of Draycott even though most of the development falls in Forsbrook Parish. Cllrs. Hollingum, Deaville and Plant will be forming an idea of how to involve the Community with the Village Plan. They will report back on this at the March Meeting. Clerk asked to contact Sally Curley to find out how regimented applications for S106 funding need to be.
- g) **Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – A letter has been received in response to the Clerks invitation to the St Margaret's PCC. to ask what events they may hold for the Jubilee. The PCC have replied to say they

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would be happy to follow the Parish Council's lead in making plans to celebrate the event. The Tower Captain has expressed that the St Margaret's Bellringers would very much like to make a contribution to the event. A Beacon was discussed but no decision was made on this. £500 has been budgeted for the celebration. Suggestions were discussed for a street party for residents at the Church Hall, a Children's party, and a Parish Flagpole to mark the event and to be used for other events in the future. Clerk to present three quotations at the March Meeting. Clerk to write to the PCC to discuss locations for a flagpole and to acknowledge the Tower Masters offer of a Peel of Bells.

- h) Moorlands Partnership Board Grant funding: The Clerk explained the offer for Historic projects. Several ideas were discussed including the Totmonslow Hundred, Draycott Cock Pit, Draycott's Blacksmiths Shop, Painsley Hall, St Mary's Church, St Margaret's Church.

12. District Cllr Report: Cllr. Wilkinson reported that SMDC has been recently concentrating on the Budget which has been set at 2.99% increase.

Cllr. Hulme reported that there have been reports to the Health Scrutiny committee of poor service at Leek hospital

13. County Cllr Report: Cllr Deaville reported on the County Council budget and the problems that arise from the National Settlement agreement which is only for 12mths so it is difficult to foresee what could happen in the long term. More capital has been put into Highways. The Highways Liaison meetings are working well with Paula Leese. Clerk to advise when the next meeting will be.

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

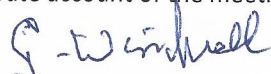
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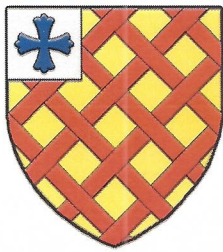
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HMRC	PAYE	£50.00	001688	£50.00
Mrs D Wheat	Clerk Expenses – Mileage 9 , zoom (1/2 fee)& Stamps 2 books of 12 1 st , 12 2 nd class	£4.50 £7.20 £18.12	001689	£29.82
Urban Vision	Two Steering Group Meetings up to 30 th March 2020	0.5 day inc. VAT	001690	£315.00
The above payments proposedMD and Cheques duly signed.....PMcL.....				

11.

BANK BALANCE 1 st Feb 2022		Bank	Chq. No.	Bank Statement
	Bank Balance b/forward			Page 310
Received in January	Lengthsman Grant SMDC	£200.00		
1st February 2021	Balance	£21,881.90		
Solar Array Total		£ 5,011.95		
Earmarked Funds Solar Array	Solar Festive Tree & Lights	£ 200.00		Ringfenced
Solar Array Fund available		£ 4,811.95		
Election Fund		£ 2,555.41		Designated
Lengthsman Budget 2021/2022		£ 1,332.50		Designated
Current Account Available		£ 12,982.04		
Reserve Account		£ 0.01		
Total Available		£ 12,982.05		

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11. Correspondence:

- a) **Notice of Resignation from Mr Malcolm Price, Litter picker.** \Malcolm has worked for Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council as Litter picker for 14 years. He has kept the Parish Clean and reported any issues he found along the way either to SMDC or to the Clerk. He has decided to end his role due to the roads getting very busy and he was feeling unsafe at times. The Clerk read out a thank you card from Mr Price to the Council. The Council send their regards to Mr Price and wish him all the best for his retirement. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks from the Council for all his hard work and commitment to the role. 'A good job done' The Clerk to put out a notice of vacancy for a Parish Litter picker. Interest to be received for consideration by the Parish Council via the Clerk.
A young member of the community has volunteered to litter pick for the volunteer section of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. Litter picking equipment, bags and Hi-Vis jackets have been provided. She is doing this with her parents once a week for 1 hour. The council congratulated the young person for her initiative to do this for her community. The Clerk was asked to check insurance with BHIB and with Duke of Edinburgh scheme.
Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded – Cllr McLaughlin – All in favour
- b) **COP26 – A question was asked to the Council in correspondence from a resident:** In light of COP26 will Draycott Council declare a climate emergency, as 300 of the nation's councils already have? In declaring a climate emergency, a council agrees that climate change exists and that it will devise what measures it can to stop human-caused global warming. A discussion was had about the County and District Councils declaring a Climate Emergency and that the Parish Council should follow these guidelines. All levels of Climate Change need to become part of everyone's daily life for business and in people's personal lives. Clerk asked to apply for £300 funding from the Eco Fund Initiative which is currently available to plant trees in the County.
- c) **Solar Array Grant Application Procedure** – A discussion was had regarding the application process. A suggestion was made for the Clerk to fill in the Parish Councils official application form for each of the Parish Council projects using Solar Array Funding for Transparency and so that members of the public can read the applications on the website.
- d) **Tree Cutting on the Cresswell to Cheadle Railway Line** – A resident asked for the tree cutting on the old line to be looked into. Cllr Deaville will call the resident to find out more about the issue.
- e) **Grit Bin request for Rookery Crescent and Bin refills for Sandon Close and St Mary's Church.** The Clerk reported correspondence with residents on Rookery Crescent who would like a grit bin. The County Council have assessed the area and made the decision that it did not meet the criteria to qualify for a grit bin. Other community bins have been reported by the Clerk and should now have been refilled on Sandon Close, Cresswell and St Marys Church, Cresswell Old Lane.
- f) **Draycott-in-the-Moors Neighbourhood Plan** – offer of possible further funding in 2022. The Clerk explained that if the Parish Council would like to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan that there could be the potential for 18,000 more funding to do site allocations which could benefit the Parish Plan of finding a location for the Pitch or other ideas to apply for the S106 funding from the Blythe Vale/ Blythe Fields Development which impacts on the local infrastructure of Draycott even though most of the development falls in Forsbrook Parish. Cllrs. Hollingum, Deaville and Plant will be forming an idea of how to involve the Community with the Village Plan. They will report back on this at the March Meeting. Clerk asked to contact Sally Curley to find out how regimented applications for S106 funding need to be.
- g) **Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – A letter has been received in response to the Clerks invitation to the St Margaret's PCC. to ask what events they may hold for the Jubilee. The PCC have replied to say they

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would be happy to follow the Parish Council's lead in making plans to celebrate the event. The Tower Captain has expressed that the St Margaret's Bellringers would very much like to make a contribution to the event. A Beacon was discussed but no decision was made on this. £500 has been budgeted for the celebration. Suggestions were discussed for a street party for residents at the Church Hall, a Children's party, and a Parish Flagpole to mark the event and to be used for other events in the future. Clerk to present three quotations at the March Meeting. Clerk to write to the PCC to discuss locations for a flagpole and to acknowledge the Tower Masters offer of a Peel of Bells.

- h) Moorlands Partnership Board Grant funding: The Clerk explained the offer for Historic projects. Several ideas were discussed including the Totmonslow Hundred, Draycott Cock Pit, Draycott's Blacksmiths Shop, Painsley Hall, St Mary's Church, St Margaret's Church.

12. District Cllr Report: Cllr. Wilkinson reported that SMDC has been recently concentrating on the Budget which has been set at 2.99% increase.

Cllr. Hulme reported that there have been reports to the Health Scrutiny committee of poor service at Leek hospital

13. County Cllr Report: Cllr Deaville reported on the County Council budget and the problems that arise from the National Settlement agreement which is only for 12mths so it is difficult to foresee what could happen in the long term. More capital has been put into Highways. The Highways Liason meetings are working well with Paula Leese. Clerk to advise when the next meeting will be.

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

- a) New replacement Bench for Cresswell border location.
- b) Benches requested by Solar Array application in 2021.
- c) Flagpole – quotations, location and groundwork
- d) Jubilee Children's Party Street party
- e) Community Events involving the two Churches and the Bell Ringers plus any other Village organisations who wish to help out or be involved.
- f) Queens Green Canopy – Tree Planting to mark the Jubilee

Meeting was closed 21.35

Next Meeting date Monday 14th March 2021 at 7.30pm at Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

Closing date for correspondence, written submissions, e-mails to draycottparishcouncil@gmail.com - 7 days before next meeting, please.

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