

Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 14th March 2022

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. Johnson
Cllr. Plant	Cllr. Hollingum	Cllr. P McLaughlin
District Cllr. Hulme		
Also present were 9 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:

County Cllr. Deaville – Work Commitment
District Cllr Wilkinson – Work Commitment

3. Guest Speaker – Mr Giles Houlston – Kronos Solar

Mr Houlston introduced the company Kronos explained the process of Solar Energy production. He also explained the sequence to apply for Planning Permission and how long it would take to install the panels if successful. There are three Parishes involved with their proposal in Leigh, Checkley and Draycott.

150 acres of Solar Panels would equal 55 wind turbines. The Climate Change crisis means that we must do something. The other option is nuclear power. There is capacity in the grid locally. Connection costs 4 million pounds. The point of connection is determined by Western Power. The Application would include Solar Panels, substations, and transformers.

The locations have been chosen because the landowners are interested, but also because the sites are not in National Park boundaries and are not in the boundaries of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. One site is close to the ancient Moat.

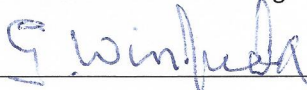
There will be a full public consultation after various Planning Surveys are completed including Agricultural, Heritage, Transport, Arbor cultural, Ecology, Landscape and Visual Impact assessment, Glint and Glare, Photomontages and Flood Risk Assessment.

Cllr. McLaughlin arrived 8.05pm

Public footpaths were discussed. Substations will be in a hollow
The Parishes will be offered a unilateral undertaking split between the three parishes.

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The project website is now live : draycott-solar-farm.co.uk

Questions were then asked:

- Have Brown Field sites been looked at? Mr Houlston replied that a farmer had approached the company. The Planning Committee will refuse if they are not satisfied that the location is right.
- Traffic will increase to the site. What will be the benefit to the Community? The transport and traffic will be one of the surveys which will be done.
- What will happen after the 40-year life of the Panels? This will be built into the application terms.

At 20.35 Mr Houlston finished his presentation. The Chairman thanked him for coming and presenting to the Council and the residents present.

4. Public Participation

All in favour to suspend standing orders

- A question was asked about which Councillors will speak at the Planning Committee regarding the objection to the Blythe Park Change of Conditions to represent the views of the residents.
- A resident spoke about the Council's proposal to erect a new flagpole for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as St Margaret's Church already having a flagpole.
Standing Orders were reinstated.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 14th February and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28th February were approved as accurate and true records:

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

6. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Plant	Items 9a/11a	Lengthsman
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7. Actions and Updates from previous Meetings:

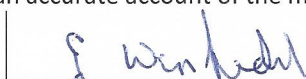
- Lengthsman Report** – The Bench has been removed at the Cresswell sign on Cresswell Lane due to it being rotten. The Milestones have been painted and restored. Cllr Holdcroft read a letter from a resident concerning the state of the footway along Cheadle Road. The Council resolved to ask the Lengthsman to clear the overgrowth as soon as possible.
Proposed Cllr Holdcroft – Seconded – Cllr Johnson – All in Favour
- Grit Bin** – The Clerk showed a quotation for a Grit Bin for Rookery Crescent. A discussion was had about whether the County Council would fill a community bin. The Clerk will speak to the Highways Officer.
- Highways Reports** – The Clerk has logged a new complaint to Highways about the Draycott to Totmonslow footway needing clearance.
- Correspondence has not yet been received following a request for quotations from Highways for major road infrastructure work for pedestrian islands to cross Uttoxeter Road. The Clerk will chase this.

8. New Items:

- SMDC Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – Consultation** The Clerk reminded the Council that 7th April is the deadline for public comments to be made:
<https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/article/1166/Supplementary-planning-documents-and-design-guidance>.
- SMDC Parish Assembly – 17th March 2022**

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Cllr Hollingum offered to be the Parish Representative for future meetings, if she has not got other commitments. The Clerk will register Cllr Hollingum as the Parish representative.

- c) **Draycott in the Moors Parish Assembly – The Council resolved for the Parish Assembly to be held on Monday 25th April at 7pm at Draycott Church Hall.**
- d) **Fly Tipping Incident in Cresswell:** The problem has been reported to SMDC. Cllr Deaville has also requested assistance from the County Council to help the residents affected. It was reported as being professional waste – approximately 30 tons. It is police enforcement issue to pursue the prosecution of the perpetrator.
- e) **Solar Array Projects:**
- i. **Flagpole** – The Clerk presented three quotations for 6-meter and 8-meter Flag poles in both fibreglass and stainless steel. Cllr Plant asked for clarification on which type is recommended and for fitting groundwork information.
A resident has asked the Council to complete the War Memorial Project before they embark on the Flagpole project. The Council discussed the plaques and resolved that they will do both projects. More thought is required for the war memorial and a discussion was had regarding inclusion of a Covid memorial. Clerk to contact The Royal British Legion.
 - ii. **VAS data collection devices** – The Council resolved to accept the quotation and to order the VAS data devices for the current VAS signage
Proposed Cllr. Winfield - Seconded Cllr. McLaughlin – All in favour
 - iii. **Benches** – The Clerk has had correspondence with the NMU department at Staffordshire County Council and they have confirmed that a Section 50 licence will be required for each new bench location. Replacement of damaged benches can be done without the licence.

21.30 Cllr. Hollingum left the meeting

9. Financial Matters & Governance: Payments were authorised for the following:

Payee	Goods/Services	Sub-Total	Chq no	Total
Mr G Plant	Lengthsman Jobs (Feb) 11hrs @ £13 p/h plus Paint & Stain	£175.00	001691	£175.00
Draycott Church Hall	Hire of the Room (4 hrs) @ £10 p/h 28 th Feb and 14 th Mar meetings	£40.00	001692	£40.00
Mrs D Wheat	Clerk Salary Feb/Mar 2022 20hrs @ £12.50 p/h £250.00	Net amount £200.00	001693	£200.00
HMRC	PAYE	£50.00	001694	£50.00
Mrs D Wheat	Clerk Expenses – Mileage 9 - 2 meetings and noticeboard agendas plus emptying Church Lane bin Broadband contribution (2021-2022) Toner Ink (inc. additional leaflet printing)	£4.50 £120.00 (£10 per month) £171.60	001695	£296.10
Unipart Dorman	Data collection devices and service 2 VAS signs	£526.94 plus VAT £105.39	001696	£632.33
The above payments proposedGW..... and Cheques duly signed.....PMcL.....				

BANK BALANCE 1 st Mar 2022		Bank	Chq. No.	Bank Statement
	Bank Balance b/forward			Page 313
Received in February		£0.00		
1st March 2021	Balance	£21,079.08		
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		£ 1,124.50		Designated
Cheques not cashed to date	Draycott Church Hall	£40.00	01686	

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Current Account Available		£ 12,347.22		
Reserve Account		£ 0.01		
Total Available		£ 12,347.22		

10. Planning Application and Related Issues:

SMDC PLAN REF.	APPLICANT & LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DECISION
SMD/2021/0829	Elan Holmes (Midlands) and Scenterea Ltd. Land at Blythe Park, Sandon Road, Cresswell	Application for Variation of condition 4 in regards to outline application SMD/2014/0576	As discussed in Public Participation, speakers have been approached to represent the Residents at the Planning Committee Meeting on 7th
Pre-application Consultation www.totmonslosolarfarm.co.uk email office@repd.co.uk	Totmonslow Solar Farm, Totmonslow Farm, Draycott, ST10 4JJ	Solar Farm at Totmonslow Farm Public Consultation deadline 13 th March 2022	Public comments can still be submitted after the 13 th March. The Clerk has requested an extension.

11. Correspondence:

a) **Litter Picker Role:** – A suggestion has been received from a resident that the Lengthsman could do some litter picking in the absence of a Litter Picker as this would be efficient and cost saving. The Lengthsman replied that he could do some but not on a regular basis like Mr Price did and that he would charge his current rate. Thanks were given to the Duke of Edinburgh volunteer who is currently still doing regular litterpicks in the village for the Volunteering element of her Silver DofE Award.

b) Platinum Jubilee Planning:

- **SMDC have offered a Jubilee Grant Fund** to Parish and Town Councils. The Clerk was instructed to apply.
- **Clerk to research Community Events** involving the two Churches and the Bell Ringers plus any other Village organisations who wish to help out or be involved. Flagpole – quotations, location and groundwork. Write to St Margaret's Church PCC to ask about the flagpole location.
- **Queens Green Canopy** – Tree Planting to mark the Jubilee. The Clerk has applied for Cllr Deaville's County Fund for Climate projects on behalf of the Parish.

12. District Cllr Report:

Cllr. Hulme offered a contribution towards the Jubilee Flagpole to purchase a Flag. The Clerk to apply for the Councillor Initiative Grant on behalf of the Council.

13. **County Cllr Report:** Cllr Deaville not present.

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

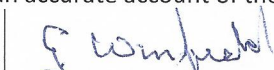
- New Benches and Replacement Benches
- Community Grit Bin for Rookery Crescent

Meeting was closed 21.50

Next Meeting date Monday 11th April 2022 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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