



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 17th April 2023

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. McLaughlin
Cllr. Deaville (Parish, District & County)	Cllr. Johnson	
Cllr. Wilkinson (District)	Cllr. Hulme (District)	
Also present were 10 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. Plant

Cllr. Hollingum – dispensation granted. Cllr. Hollingum has sent word that she will not be standing for council in the election. Best wishes on her recovery journey were expressed to Cllr. Hollingum

3. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Deaville declared an interest in Planning as a neighbour of the Totmonslo application.

Cllrs Hulme and 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) Mr Richard Talbot MBE, the secretary of St. Margaret's PCC. addressed the meeting to let the Council and members of the public know about a new initiative for the forming of a Friends group which is not a religious organisation and will not be funding the ministry. This has come about due to the need to bring in community members who may not attend church, to help the ageing church congregation to keep the church building and grounds maintained. The whole community are all inheritors of the Church as a historic part of Draycott-in-the-Moors. The group will be separate from the church for the purpose of fundraising and to work collectively in the community with events like the Summer Fayre. It will have a committee and have its own bank account. This will enable the organisation to apply for grants which a Church PCC does not qualify. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Please encourage other members of the community to attend.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 20th March 2023 were approved as a correct record:

Proposed Cllr. Holdcroft, Seconded Cllr. McLaughlin – Motion Carried

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6. Matters Arising:

a) Blythe Park Applications:

It was discussed that a written response had not been received from the Chairman of SMDC. Cllr. Roberts following the letter sent regarding the Blythe Park planning process. Cllr. Deaville explained that he has spoken to Cllr. Roberts and he is aware that a response is required.

b) Highways Issues:

The Clerk has applied for a pedestrian refuge through the Highways app. Cllr. Deaville said a refuge is included in the capital plan for the next financial year for Highway improvements on Uttoxeter Road in the Parish. Cllr. Johnson expressed that the road surfaces are appalling due to bad weather erosion and need urgent attention. Cllr. Deaville reported that the County are investing 10 million pounds in road repairs to solve the issues. A reminder about the need for pavement clearance was also expressed by Cllr. Holdcroft.

c) Railway Cottages: No further information had been received.

d) Draycott Fayre:

A request has been received for help with the insurance for the Draycott fayre event. The Council discussed that they could not insure the event, this would need to be done by the event organisers. The Council resolved to support the fayre with £600 from the Solar Array to help with the insurance costs.

Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded Cllr. Winfield – Motion Carried

e) Additional Bin: A request has been received for an additional bin to help alleviate dog fouling on Uttoxeter Road and Draycott Old Road areas. The Clerk will speak to Fowlchurch depot to discuss bin emptying as this needs to be in place before additional bins can be purchased.

7. Lengthsman’s report: The benches have arrived and will be fitted soon.

8. Litterpicker’s report: No report has been received for March.

9. Items on Notice: The Draycott in the Moors Parish Council Annual Meeting date was set for Monday 15th May at 7pm to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7.30pm which is an opportunity for members of the Parish and Community to share their events and group activities in a relaxed environment. Cllr. Deaville will ask the Chief of Police Ben Adams if he may be available to speak.

10. Finance:

a) Turkish earthquake fund: The Clerk apologised but had not found out if a parish Council has the power to donate to international aid. She will do the research for the May meeting.

b) Solar Array application from Draycott Church Hall Committee. The council debated the applications in retrospect and resolved that as the items had been already purchased, they could not support the application. The Clerk will speak to the committee to see if they would reapply for a new project instead of a retrospective one.

c) Additional bunting and flag for the King’s Coronation. The Clerk requested £35 of the Coronation fund to purchase additional bunting and a Coronation flag. The council approved this purchase.

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- d) **Coronation event** - £200.00 was approved to fund a Coronation cream tea event at St Mary's Church Cresswell on Sunday 14th May.
- e) **Coronation event** - St Margaret's Church have not arranged an event to date. The Parish Council pledged funding for this if an event is arranged before the Coronation.
- f) **Parkers Piece Sculpture:** The Council approved the £540.00 from the Solar Array Fund for the sculpture by Anthony Hammond for the Community Garden.

Proposed Cllr. Deaville- Seconded Cllr. Winfield – Motion Carried

g) Payments were authorised as follows:

D Wheat	Clerk Salary Mar/Apr Clerk Expenses – milage 9 miles Flag & Bunting	£208.00 £4.50 £35.00	£247.50	Cheque 1762
HMRC	PAYE	£52.00	£52.00	1763
Draycott Church Hall	April meeting 2hrs	£20.00	£20.00	1764
A Hammond	Sculpture for Parkers Piece	£540.00	£540.00	1765
St Mary's RC Church	Coronation Event Grant	£200.00	£200.00	1766
St Margaret's Church	Coronation Event Grant not applied for to date	£	£	Approved in principle

Proposed Cllr. McLaughlin and duly signed Cllr. Holdcroft - Motion Carried

11. Planning Applications:

- a) SMD/2023/0093 – Sapling Associates Ltd.

Breach Lane Caravan Site, Totmonslow - Erection of 5 residential bungalows and associated works.

The Council resolved to have no objection to this application.

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

The objections of the Parish Council regarding access, noise, hazardous material to be logged onto the Planning Portal. Clerk to check date of Planning Committee with Ben Haywood. A polite letter to be sent to Cllr. Roberts requesting a response to the Parish Council correspondence giving a 7-day deadline.

Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded Cllr. Winfield – Motion Carried.

- 12. District Council report:** Due to the Pre-Election Period, there is no report from District as the Council prepare for Election on May 4th.

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13. County Council report: Cllr. Deaville took the opportunity to thank the Pat McLaughlin, Glyn Johnson and Roger Holdcroft, the councillors present who are retiring from the Parish Council for their superb contribution to the Parish Council during their term of office and for all the projects which have been completed.

14. The Motion to exclude Members of the Public was not needed as the Parish Council resolved to support the proposal from Totmonslow Solar Farm to accept the offer of a Community Benefit contribution prior to the application going to appeal following adjustments to the plan. SMD/2022/0343.

A discussion then ensued regarding National Policy. Cllr. Holdcroft asked to write a letter to the MP to express the need for the government to invest in green economy, suggesting using brownfield sites and industrial roof tops to increase solar power in the UK and not to use up Greenfield sites in the countryside. There should be a national plan, not governed by individual landowners applying in areas where there is capacity on the National Grid network for an increase in solar power production. Farmland should be protected.

Proposed Cllr. Johnson – Seconded Cllr. Winfield – Motion Carried

MEETING ENDED 20.30

15. Next Meeting:

MONDAY 15th MAY

ANNUAL MEETING of the Parish Council at 7pm followed by the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (or Parish Assembly) at 7.30pm

Due to the Election and the Coronation Bank Holiday the meeting will fall a week later than usual.
This will be the first meeting of the Un-contested ELECTED COUNCIL

The Parish Assembly is an opportunity for individuals of the Parish to come to speak on issues pertaining to the Parish or to promote Clubs and Groups which meet in the Parish. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact the Clerk for more information:
07812 056085 or email: draycottparishcouncil@gmail.com

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