



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 20th March 2023

Attendees:

Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. Johnson	Cllr. McLaughlin
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:

Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Holdcroft welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Cllr. Hollingum – dispensation granted.
Cllr. Winfield – Chairman
Cllr. Deaville
Cllr. Plant
Dist. Cllr. Wilkinson
Dist. Cllr. Hulme

3. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

4. Public Participation:

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

The working group representative asked the Clerk to read out the letter from the Blythe Park Working Group.

The Chairman then read out Cllr. Deaville's letter to the Leader to SMDC

A member of the public thanked SMDC for the installation of new LED lighting in Cresswell. The Clerk will write to thank SMDC.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 13th February 2023 were approved as a correct record: *Proposed Cllr. McLaughlin, Seconded Cllr. Johnson – Motion Carried*

6. Matters Arising:

a) Blythe Park Applications:

The Council resolved to write a letter to support the members of the public and voted all in favour to send the letters.

The Chairman thanked the working group for all their hard work on this case.

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b) Highways Issues:

The Highways Liaison meeting had been cancelled by the officer. The council expressed their disappointment as the Highways issues in the Parish are not being solved.

c) Railway Cottages: Keep this item on the next Agenda.

d) Draycott Fayre – Anyone wanting to be involved in organising the fayre or helping on the day please contact John Clarke. John is struggling to find features to display at the Fayre. The funfairs are already booked up. All help and ideas are welcomed. The Chairman stated that the community appreciates all the work that John does to make this event happen in the Parish.

7. Lengthsman's report: The Lengthsman was not present. A review of the Lengthsman role is to be on the next Agenda.

8. Litterpicker's report: February routes was considered. The council are pleased with the progress.

9. Items on Notice:

A complaint about dog fouling was heard on Uttoxeter Road. The council asked the Clerk to contact SMDC to discuss this and to reply to the resident to say action is being taken to improve the situation.

10. Finance:

a) Turkish earthquake fund:

It was resolved to donate £100.00 subject to the Clerk making enquiries to check if a Parish Council can make donations to an international charity.

Proposed Cllr. Holdcroft – Seconded Cllr Johnson – Motion Carried

b) Solar array Application for the Parker's Piece Bench was approved for £299.99.

A wood carving by Anthony Hammond has not been commissioned to date and designs are still in discussion.

c) Solar Application for improvements to Draycott Church Hall

It was resolved to move the item to the next Agenda for a full Parish discussion.

The Clerk will ask the applicants to attend the April meeting to do a short presentation about the application for a new hot water boiler, a microwave, lightweight tables and a set of mugs.

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

d) St Mary's Church, Coronation Event funding application – Clerk to ask for more information about the event.

e) St Margaret's Church Event funding application – Clerk to gather more information about the event.

The Coronation Grant funding has not been received from SMDC to date but can be authorised at the April meeting when the bank has been reconciled and the grant received.

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f) Payments were authorised as follows:

D Wheat	Clerk Salary Feb/Mar Clerk Expenses – milage 9 miles	£208.00 £4.50	£212.50	Cheque 1755
HMRC	PAYE	£52.00	£52.00	1756
Draycott Church Hall	March meeting 2hrs	£20.00	£20.00	1757
Z Hutson Little Jobs Lady	Litterpicking February	£80.00	£80.00	1758
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association	SPCA Annual Subscription	£220.00 £66.77 VAT	£286.77	1759
CIS Street Furniture Ltd.	3 Lion Benches and delivery	£2,180.00 £436.00 VAT	£2616.00	1760
Mr J Clarke	Parkers Piece Bench	£299.99	£299.99	1761

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

11. Planning Applications:

a) Totmonslow Solar Farm Consultation– Cllr. Johnson reported on the public consultation which was held before the meeting. The applicants are reducing the amount of panels away from the residential properties. The application will be going to appeal.

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

The Clerk was asked to confirm from SMDC for a specific date for the Planning committee. Speakers need to be agreed. There are 5 planning applications connected to Blythe Park currently in progress.

12. Waste bins overflowing: A complaint has been received about a business residence on Uttoxeter Road. The bins are overflowing. Cllr McLaughlin suggested checking business rates with SMDC and consult them about the waste management.

13. No District Council report

14. No County Council report

15. APRIL Meeting: MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023

Please note that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be a week later than usual due to the Easter holiday. MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023 at 7pm at DRAYCOTT CHURCH HALL

The Vice- Chairman asked the Clerk to bring all Governance and Finance up to date so that a clear legacy of Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council is to be passed over to the newly elected council in May.

MAY Meeting: MONDAY 15th MAY ANNUAL MEETING

Due to the Coronation Bank Holiday the meeting will fall a week later than usual.

This will be the first meeting of the NEW ELECTED COUNCIL following the election on 4th May, where ACCEPTANCE of OFFICE will be confirmed.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish or Parish Assembly date needs to be set.

MEETING ENDED 20.25

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