



# Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

## Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Cllr. Robert Birds	Cllr. Bev Reardon
Cllr. Luke Emery	Cllr. Pat McLaughlin	
Cllr Alan Hulme (District)	Cllr. Pete Wilkinson (District)	
Also present was 1 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. Lisa Emery

Cllr. Deaville (Parish, District & County)

### 3. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Hulme and Cllr. Wilkinson – SMDC Planning Committee

### 4. Public Participation:

A member of the public asked when planning applications are decided at SMDC, do the Committee consider the increase in volume to the A50 route? A lot of the traffic is coming through Draycott. The A50 links the M1 and the M6. There is nowhere to exit between Uttoxeter and Blythe Bridge which causes big tailbacks. Houses seem to be being built but the infrastructure is not being developed. Affordable housing and the developers not fulfilling their quota as stated their original applications was mentioned.

Cllr. Wilkinson responded that SMDC have adopted a Local Plan and the 5-year housing plan was before this. The Councillors on the Planning Committee represent the electorate, but it is the officers that recommend the decisions.

### 5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were resolved as a correct record.

*Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Seconded Cllr. Birds*

### 6. Matters Arising:

a) **Village Gateway:** Cllr. Deaville was asking a Highways Officer about other recommended suppliers but was not present to report.

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b) **Dog Fouling:** An additional litter bin has now been fitted at Draycott Old Road junction, Dog Pooh Bag dispensers are still to be collected, posters have been put in the notice boards. Clerk to spray the stencil around the village.

c) **Highways Issues:**

i. **Vehicle Activated Signs:**

Cllr. Emery has downloaded the data from the signs. A report was circulated. Six incidences of cars exceeding 60 MPH at the Golden Keg have been recorded. There are a lot of cars going through above the speed limit. 2am in the morning is the worst time for speeding. Cllr. Birds and Cllr. Emery have switched on a led flashing sign with different symbols. The brightness could increase but this would drain the power more quickly. The new features may surprise drivers and encourage speed reduction.

8.45am and 5.45pm are the busiest times. Building up this data can be used as evidence to building a case to lobby the County Council. Cllr. Birds stated that the speed reduction officers in the van only come during the daytime and miss the busy volume. The data is available for view if anyone would like the full report please contact the Clerk.

ii. **Potholes:**

Potholes were discussed. Network Rail to be contacted about the actual crossing at Cresswell as the surface is very bad.

iii. **Pavement Clearance and Flooding:**

The Clerk will contact the Lengthsman to ask if she could clear the area adjacent to Uttoxeter Road by the field where Draycott Fayre was previously held.

The pavement disintegration adjacent to the bungalows on Uttoxeter Road was discussed. Cllr. Emery has chased this and the work has been actioned and is awaiting to be done.

iv. **Blocked Gullies:**

Cllr. Birds reported that the gullies have been cleared on Sandon Road.

v. **Cheadle Road Railings:**

The railing will be discussed when the Highways officer visits.

vi. **The Highways Officer**

The Highways Officer can come on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April to look at locations at 11am. It was resolved to ask the Highways officer for criteria to get installation of Pedestrian Refuges. At a previous meeting a £6,000 feasibility study was required. Councillors to ask the Highways Officer how to proceed. It was suggested to ask Cllr. Deaville what is on his Divisional Highways Program (DHP). Cllr. Flunder is now the support officer for Highways. Clerk to invite Cllr. Flunder to the next meeting.

**Community Speedwatch** was suggested, Training would need to be completed before the equipment is used but this is available from the Clerk if any Councillors would be interested in forming a Community team of volunteers.

**Litter Bins:**

A location for the second bin needs to be agreed.

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**d) Public Right of Way No8.**

No progress to date with the application for a kissing gate to replace a style. Clerk to contact PROW department to find out if there is any success with the grant application.

**e) Website:**

The council agreed to have draycottinthemoorsparishcouncil.gov.uk as the new domain name. The emails to be set up with full first name.second name.gov.uk. Cllr. Winfield recited the past crashes that have occurred on Uttoxeter Road.

**f) War Memorial:**

The Clerk will check if this work has been completed.

**7. Lengthsman/Litter picker report:** No report was presented for March

**8. Items on Notice:** None this month.

**9. Correspondence:**

a) **Vandalism:** Damage to the finials on the Church Lane was discussed. The council were disappointed that the PCSO's cannot attend meetings. It was discussed that anti-social issues in Blythe Bridge are filtering through to Draycott. Anti-social behaviour was discussed linked with the facilities that have been provided for Looked After Children (LAC). Clerk to write to the PCSO's to again ask for a visit.

b) **Best Kept Village Competition:** Living roofs were discussed for the bus stops. The council pledged to enter the competition next year.

Cllr. Wilkinson left the meeting 20.04

**10. Planning Applications: (Please see SMDC Planning Portal for the documents)**

SMD/2022/0267				
SMD/2022/0268	Blythe Park	Application Amendments		

**Cllr. Luke Emery reported on the current situation with the Blythe Park applications:**

- Flood Authority are requesting more information.
- The developer has not fulfilled the criteria so it is unlikely that the application will be going to committee imminently.
- **Blythe Fields development** have issued a consultation, this has been issued to Checkley and Forsbrook Parish Councils, but Draycott has not been consulted. Cllr. Luke Emery referenced the planning committee and pre-determination was discussed. **SMD/2023/0593**. It was resolved to send a letter to the Planning Department to complain but also copy in Cllr. Wilkinson.

*Proposed Cllr Luke Emery – Seconded Cllr. Reardon*

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- **Report of Solar farm application progress.** The application has been turned down at Leigh due to overdevelopment. It was unanimously turned down.

**11. Finance & Governance:**

- No Payments were presented for authorisation this month.

**12. District Councillor Report:**

a) **District Councillor Alan Hulme:**

No further report was given by Cllr Hulme.

**13. Matters pertaining to issues in the Parish for the next Agenda:**

Parish Assembly: Ideas for the Community. Poster to be produced.

5G connection was discussed – A small projector and a screen. Prices to be gathered.

SMDC planning documents cannot be downloaded from the website as their server has broken.

**14. Date set for Draycott-in-the-Moors Annual Meeting of the Council for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**

followed by

Annual Parish Assembly of the Community at 7.30pm, please invite speakers from the area to the event.

All welcome

to be followed by refreshments.

MEETING ENDED 20.31

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