

# Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

## Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Vice Chairman Cllr. Holdcroft	Cllr. Johnson
Cllr. McLaughlin	Cllr. Hollingum	
District Cllr. Hulme		
Also present were 4 members of the public		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs D Wheat	7.40pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

### 1. Chairman's Welcome:

Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies:

County/Parish Cllr. Deaville  
District Cllr. Wilkinson  
Cllr. Plant

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were approved as accurate and true record:

**Proposed: Cllr. Winfield – Second: Cllr. Holdcroft – Signed by the Chairman**

### 4. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr. Hulme	Item 8 & 9	SMDC Planning Committee & Initiative Grants
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### 5. Public Participation

*All in favour to suspend standing orders*

- a) A resident of Cresswell reported about the pending Appeal regarding the Blythe Park Roundabouts. This will go to Bristol where appeals are processed. The Clerk was asked to find out from SPCA the legal process of an Appeal. The working group will study the information in detail. The Appeal will be published on the Planning Portal and the Parish Council should be informed.
- b) A resident of Cresswell reported that St Margaret's Church PCC had agreed to open the church for a Heritage Open Day event on 17<sup>th</sup> September. More information to follow in the coming weeks about this.
- c) A resident reported that when the A50 is closed, and vehicles are diverted through Draycott and Totmonslow residents in the Villages cannot get across the road. The convoy of traffic went on for 5 hours. In Totmonslow the footpath goes so far on the left then switches to the right and back again. Pedestrians just could not get across. What can the council do? **Standing Orders were reinstated.**

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## 6. Actions and Updates from previous Meetings:

### a) Lengthsman Report

The Council resolved to remind the Lengthsman to continue to clear the footway from Brookside to the top exit of Brookside. It was also resolved for the Lengthsman to clear the footway from the Golden Keg to the Bungalows on Uttoxeter Road.

**Proposed Cllr. Holdcroft – Seconded – Cllr Johnson – All in Favour**

### b) Highways Liaison Report:

Cllr Johnson attended the last meeting at Great Wood Hall in Tean. The Highways Officer, Paula Leese could not attend and so there was no progress with the issues Draycott PC were to raise.

- i. **Cheadle Road** - Ask if the damaged railings be repaired or removed.
- ii. **Uttoxeter Road** – The replacement pipe has been fixed, has this solved the flooding issue?
- iii. **Footway clearance** – Find out an estimated date for this to be done.
- iv. **Grit Bin – Rookery Crescent** – To ask if the County Council fill this bin if a resident buys the bin.
- v. **Village Gateways** – Plant decorative Cherry Trees behind the signs at the Village Gateways. Clerk to check.
- vi. **Traffic Calming** – Find out the process to apply for Pedestrian Crossing Refuges.

It was also reported that the road surface under the Cresswell A50 bridge was deteriorating. Clerk to report this. All items to be moved to the next liaison meeting and the Clerk to email in advance.

### c) Flagpole and Union Flag for the Jubilee:

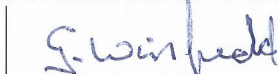
The flagpole has been delivered. The Church PCC have said no to the location inside the Church Yard. The Council resolved to erect the pole in the deep verge adjacent to the hedge in the area in front of St Margaret's Church. A resident who is qualified in engineering has volunteered to erect the pole, 5 bags of postcrete are required. A discussion was had that the Council need to check insurance to make sure it covers the flagpole, and to check the installation by the contractor is of a high standard. The Clerk was asked to check flagpole permission with the Planning department at SMDC.

**Proposed Cllr. Winfield - Seconded Cllr. McLaughlin - Motion carried**

- d) **Bunting for Jubilee** – The Councillors and Clerk volunteered to put up bunting on the bus stops, planters and other areas on the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May. Three members of the public have also offered to help. The Council had a discussion about purchasing lamppost Jubilee signs but resolved not to order these as they could not be reused. Bunting to be removed and stored after the event.
- e) **Uttoxeter Road Vehicle Activated Signs** have been serviced, but the engineers could not complete the work to add the data collection devices as there was a part missing from the sign specification. Unipart have submitted a new Quotation for the new part including another call out fee. The Clerk will write to ask for this to be negotiated as this was not in the original quotation.
- f) **Website** - The Clerk has had an online meeting with the designer from VAST. Some adjustments needed to be made and VAST will be back in touch with the first design for approval by the Council soon.
- g) **Benches** - The Clerk presented a quotation from Broxap for wooden benches. No decision was made. A suggestion was made for the Clerk to write to the Cricket Club and the Racquet Club to see if either of them would like to sponsor a bench.
- h) **WW1&2 memorial** – A quotation is required for the names to be inscribed on a freestanding stone plaque. Clerk asked to write to RBL and the Church to find out about the rules of having a war memorial.

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i) **Manchester Airport Consultation** – Cllr Deaville’s County Secretary was booking a date for him to attend.

**7. New Items:**

a) **Solar Array Development Projects Meeting Report** – A joint meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm to discuss with Checkley and Leigh Parish Council representatives the cumulative impact of several Solar Applications on the Parishes. Cllrs. Holdcroft, Winfield and Johnson attended the meeting with the Clerk. The meeting chaired by Cllr. Bell of Checkley Parish Council produced a letter of joint response proposed to be sent to SMDC Planning Officers highlighting the need for the separate Solar Applications spread across the Parishes as potential sites (in the line of the National Grid power lines due to the current capacity on the Grid) to be considered as a larger area plan for Solar power. The Planning Officers need to be aware of the full extent of the Planning proposals on the local countryside as a whole and not just each application as individual cases as is in the current National Planning Framework. Currently five different companies are proposing EIA assessments or already have applications in progress. It was proposed to support a joint letter to be sent from Checkley, Leigh and Draycott Parish Councils as a combined force to the Head of Planning at SMDC. The Chairman signed the letter.

**Proposed Cllr. Johnson – Seconded Cllr. Holdcroft – Motion Carried**

b) Novus have asked to negotiate the Community Fund split between Checkley and Draycott Parishes as the Solar farm splits over the two Parishes. The Council resolved to split the Community Benefit fund proposed by Novus from the Blythe House Farm Development by 50/50% with Checkley Parish Council. This now needs to be approved by Checkley.

**Proposed Cllr. Johnson – Seconded Cllr. Holdcroft – Motion Carried**

**8. Planning Applications:**

SMDC PLAN REF.	APPLICANT & LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	Decision
<b>SMD/2022/0197</b>  (Appendix 8)	K Parsons 117 Uttoxeter Road, Draycott	Single storey side and rear extension. To provide wet room, potential ground floor accessible bedroom. Kitchen living, bike/bun store and porch. Existing prefab. Garage to be removed along with single skin existing rear extension.	No Objection
<b>SMD/2022/0160</b> (See documents on SMDC Planning Portal)	Novus Renewable Services Ltd. Blythe House Farm and Lower Newton Farm	Installation of Solar Farm with battery storage facility and associated works	No Objection, Support to be sent in a joint letter with Checkley Parish

**9. Financial Matters & Governance:** The Clerk reported that remittance advice had been received for the following but that some grants had not been received at the date of the meeting on the Bank Statement:

a) RES – UK Solar (Lower Newton) LLP for Solar Array Fund. – confirmation received

b) £5,031.50 - Precept 2022/2023 - 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment - received

**c) Grants:**

- £100.00 - Cllr Hulme Councillor Initiative Fund for Jubilee Union Flag - received
- £100.00 - Cllr Hulme on behalf of Little Draytots Play Group. - received
- £400.00 - Cllr Deaville - County Council Fund for Community - Defibrillators - received
- £300.00 - Cllr Deaville - County Council Climate Fund - Cherry Trees for Village Gateways - confirmation received
- £400.00 - SMDC Lengthsman’s Grant - received

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- £425.00 - SMDC Jubilee Grant – confirmation received

Payee	Goods/Services	Sub-Total	Chq no	Total
Mrs. D. Wheat	Clerk Salary Apr/May 2022 20 hrs @ £13.00 p/h £260.00	Net amount £208.00	001704	£208.00
HMRC	PAYE – Income Tax	£52.00	001705	£52.00
Mrs. D. Wheat	Clerks Expenses (Mileage @ 50p p/m) notice boards, delivery paperwork - 12 miles Toner for Printer inc VAT Flagpole Express 8m fibreglass pole with finial & flag inc VAT	£ 6.00 £ 141.37 £ 729.84	001706	£877.21
BHIB Insurance	Insurance Renewal	£422.59	001707	£422.59
Draycott Church Hall	May Annual Meeting of the Council 3hrs Annual Assembly of the Parish 2hrs	£50.00	001708	£50.00
Draycott Church Hall	On behalf of Little DrayTots Playgroup (Cllr. Hulme has granted £100 to cover Hall hire for 4 weeks for the group from SMDC Councillor Initiative Fund)	£100.00	001709	£100.00
The above payments proposal .....PMCL..... and Cheques duly signed.....RH.....				

**10. Payments were authorised for the following:**

BANK BALANCE 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2022		Bank	Chq. No.	Statement
	Bank Balance b/forward	£19,685.65		Page 315
	Received in April	£6,031.50		
	Payments in April	£873.36		
	<b>1st May 2021</b>	<b>Balance</b>		
	<b>Solar Array Total</b>	<b>£ 4,379.62</b>		
	Earmarked Funds Solar Array	Solar Festive Tree & Lights £ 200.00		Ringfenced
	Solar Array Fund available	£ 4,179.62		
	Election Fund	£ 3,555.41		Designated
	Jubilee Budget & Grants	£594.90		Designated
	Lengthsman Budget 2022/23	£2,376.26		Designated
	Litter picker Budget	£1,750.00		Designated
	Website Design & yearly fee	£946.00		Designated
	Cheques not cashed to date	Jubilee Bunting £175.10	001702	
	Current Account Available	£ 11,066.50		
	Reserve Account	£ 0.01		
	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>£ 11,066.51</b>		

**11. Correspondence:**

**a) Reducing Speed:** A question via the website regarding what has happened to the proposal to reduce speed on Uttoxeter Road or if there are any plans to apply for speed cameras?

The Council discussed the need for Pedestrian Refugees and to push forward with the plan to reduce speed in the parish to 30MPH. Finance would need to be sourced as Highway engineering is expensive. A meeting with County Highways is needed to discuss a plan and to see what can be done on a route designated as a diversion from the A50.

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**b) Cresswell Bench:** *Question from a resident – A Draycott Council contractor broke up the Cresswell-bank public bench. Who gave the order and when was the order issued? Was permission gained from the owners (Draycott WI) first?*

The Council discussed that the bench needed to be removed for safety reasons following inspection by the Lengthsman. The Draycott WI. were informed. They responded to say that currently they do not have the funds to replace the bench and that they were happy for the Council to take responsibility, remove it and to replace it as they see fit. (See Item 6g above)

**c) Solar Array - St Mary's Church – Event funding.** *In September councillors said they wanted to make a grant to a project at St Mary's to match St Margaret's. St Mary's Church have not heard from the Council regarding offer.*  
The Clerk will contact the Church and send them the Solar Grant application form.

**d) Social Media:** *Question from a resident to clarify the councils Social Media usage. Who manages the social media?*

The Clerk manages the social media for the council. It was discussed that training is required to use this more effectively as a communication platform for the Council.

**Proposed Cllr. Holdcroft – Seconded Cllr. Johnson – Motion Carried**

**12. District Council Report:** Cllr. Hulme reported that SMDC have appointed a new Leader of SMDC - Cllr. Paul Roberts who replaces Cllr. Sybil Ralphs. Cllr. Deaville is the Deputy Leader. Cllr. Tony Holmes has been appointed Chairman of SMDC. The Member's Committee and the Planning Committee have been reformed and it has been identified that the head office at Moorlands House in Leek is understaffed on Customer Service and Enforcement and there is a recruitment drive in progress.

**13. County Council Report:** Not present to give a report

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

To note items raised in public participation to be discussed at the next Council meeting:

a) Speed reduction

**Meeting was closed 21.35pm**

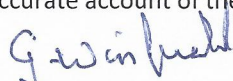
**Next Meeting:** Closing date for correspondence, written submissions, 7 days before next meeting please

Parish Assembly – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm at Draycott Church Hall

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