



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 9th October 2023

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Cllr. Lisa Emery	Cllr. Luke Emery
Cllr. Pat McLaughlin	Cllr. R Birds	
Cllr. Alan Hulme (District)		
Also present were 2 members of the public		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs S. Akerman	7.00pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

1. Chairmans Welcome:

Chairman Cllr Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. Stephanie Akerman was introduced as standing in for the Clerk at this meeting.

2. Apologies:

Vice Chair Cllr. Mark Deaville, Cllr. Bev Reardon and Cllr. Wilkinson (District)

3. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr Hulme declared in interest as a member of SMDC Planning Committee.

4. Public Participation:

2 members of public with no matters to bring to the council.

5. Guest Speakers:

(Cllr. Hulme offers to leave the room)

Simeon Batov and Andrew Dowell from REPD, representing New Buildings Solar Farm, thanked the Council for the invitation to speak. They introduced the Solar plans for New Buildings Farm, Draycott in the Moors and provide copies of the consultation boards to each councillor. Current use of land was discussed (small to medium sized agricultural fields), proposal date for structure (2026 -2028). Information about hedgerow preservation, reinstation of land, security and footpath outcomes details were provided.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th Sept 2023

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr. McLaughlin, Seconded Cllr. Luke Emery

7. Matters Arising:

a) **Village Gateways:** Cllr Lisa Emery provides update, they are in the process of getting revised quotes, with a map drawn up and securing funding.

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- b) **Cresswell Environment and Natural Habitats:** Cllr Luke Emery has yet to hear from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, and expressed that this is a full parish issue.
- c) **War Memorial Surround and Flagpole steps:** Cllr Winfield provides an update, work is starting soon and should be completed before 11th November.
- d) **Cresswell Railway Track:** No further information or updates have been received.
- e) **Railway Cottages:** No further information or updates have been received.
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr. Luke Emery updated the Council on the next steps, which are to appoint a committee mixed of Councillors and Residents, Cllr. Lisa Emery and Cllr. Birds offered to join the committee.

8. SMDC Parish Assembly Report:

Cllr. Lisa Emery and Cllr. Birds attended and had a presentation from Gill Norman, grants were detailed but these are larger scale and require match funding, the minimum is £2000. they have a leaflet which they will send out electronically. Community Support is available for groups who may struggle to apply.

Cllr. Darren Price held a presentation but both felt it was centred and focused on planning in Leek. The developing remit is for a 5-year supply and if this is not achieved developers will have the upper hand.

Ipstones latest Defib issue has led to AED Donate taking over the maintenance of the whole of SMD, centralising and avoiding this issue again.

The National Planning Policy Framework will be amended by 17th October.

9. Lengthsman/Litter picker report:

Report accepted, no issues arising.

10. Financial & Governance:

(see overleaf)

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a) Payments were authorised for the following:

D Wheat	Clerk Salary Sep/Oct Clerk Expenses – milage 9 miles	£208.00 £4.50	£212.50	Cheque: 1788
HMRC	PAYE Sep/Oct	£52.00	£52.00	1789
Draycott Church Hall	Oct meeting 2hrs	£20.00	£20.00	1790
R Fox	Lengthsman work 35.5 hrs @ £15 per/hr. Maintenance parts	£472.50 £16.94	£489.44	1791
J Swarbrooke	Litter picking work 18 hrs @ £10 per hr	£180.00	£80.00	1792
Broxap	X 2 Litter Bins	£697.90 £139.58 VAT	£837.48	1793
Blythe Cricket Club	Solar Array Grant for Community Event (see item b. below)	£800.00	£800.00	1794
Quote received	Flagpole Steps and War Memorial work	£600.00	£600.00	N/A

The above payments proposed Cllr. Winfield and cheques duly signed Cllr. McLaughlin

Financial report:

The 2nd instalment of the Parish Precept has now been received £4,743.50

Plus the additional payment from SMDC £ 280.00

This is included in the total below:

BANK BALANCE		Bank	Chq. No.	Bank Statement
Current Account 1st Oct 2023		£29,743.30		
Reserve Account		£0.01		
Total in Bank		£29,743.31		
<i>Solar Array Fund</i>	Earmarked Funds	£12,448.99		Earmarked
<i>Election Reserve</i>		£3,073.89		Earmarked
<i>Cherry Trees</i>		£300.00		Earmarked
<i>Emergency Reserve</i>	4 months of Precept	£3,162.00		Reserve
<i>Lengthsman</i>	Budgeted Funds	£1,066.70		Budget £1800.00
<i>Litter picker</i>		£1,505.00		Budget £1750.00
<i>Salary & PAYE</i>		£1,560.00		Budget £3120.00
<i>Hall Hire & Administration</i>		£1,000.00		estimated
Uncleared Cheques	<i>Draycott Church Hall</i> <i>PAYE</i> <i>Salary+exp (July/Aug/ Aug/Sept)</i>	£20.00 £52.00 £420.50	1784 1786 1787	
General Fund Available	1st Oct 2023	£5,134.23		

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- b) **Solar Array Application for £800 towards the Cresswell Cricket Club, Bonfire and Firework Community event on Friday 3rd November** – Blind Ballot Vote – 3 in favour, 1 Abstain, 1 Against Grant approved.

11. Planning Applications:

- a) **Kronos Solar Consultation:** Cllr. Winfield attended at 7pm and no one was there, concerned were raised about how a consultation should have been held more local in Draycott, Cllr. Luke Emery proposes a letter to Kronos as we are not receiving consultation, Cllr. Lisa Emery Seconded
- b) **Blythe Park Working Group Report:** Cllr Luke Emery provided an update, each application is an individual application, members of public have not all received a letter for re-consultation, means of access has been removed, dates have lapsed and an appeal rescinded, waiting for information and documents, a letter has been received from Mr Rogers over outstanding issues, Staffs Borough Council have been in touch today to arrange a meeting.

SMDC Planning Portal Ref.Number	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	End of Public Consultation	Determination Date
SMD/2022/0267	Elan Homes Land at Blythe Park, Sandon Rd, Cresswell	Reserved matters application for layout, internal access arrangements, scale, appearance and landscape details for phases 4 and 5 (157 residential dwellings and community uses) The outline application was an EIA application and an Environmental Statement was submitted to the council at the time. SMD/2018/0789.	23/10/23	SMDC Planning Committee Date to be confirmed
SMD/2022/0268	Elan Homes Land at Blythe Park, Sandon Rd, Cresswell	Reserved matters application for layout, internal access arrangements, scale appearance and landscape details for phase 4 (60 residential dwellings) The outline application was an EIA application and an Environmental Statement was submitted to the council at that time. SMD/2018/0789.	23/10/23	SMDC Planning Committee Date to be confirmed

The KC are reviewing if these applications are lawful as it is a complicated submission, the working group will liaise with residents to advise to submit letters.

Cllr. Luke Emery Proposed to submit and write a letter for both applications, Cllr. Lisa Emery Seconded.

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12. Correspondence:

- a) Friends of St Margarets Church Race Night fundraiser event was discussed, and participation encouraged.

13. District Councillor reports:

- a) **Cllr. Hulme** has had no laptop and been out of touch but has not received any correspondence from Moorlands by post which he was concerned about.

14. County Councillor Reports:

- a) No county councillor in attendance so no report received.

15. Matters Pertaining to issues in the parish for next Agenda:

- a) Cllr. Lisa Emery would like to reinstate Parishes Together meetings with Checkley and Forsbrook
- b) Cllr. Luke Emery raises an issue with an advertisement sign parking by Blythe Fields

16. No items had been raised by members of public.

Meeting ended 19:59

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