



# Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

## Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### **Attendees:**

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

### **3. Declaration of Interests:**

Cllr. Hulme – SMDC Planning Committee

### **4. Public Participation:**

No questions were raised.

### **5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were resolved as a correct record. The 13<sup>th</sup> May Annual Meeting and the Parish Assembly Minutes were noted – to be approved in 2025.**

***Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded Cllr. Birds***

### **6. Matters Arising:**

a) **DDay80 Grant:** £435 has been received from SMDC to contribute to memorial events in the Parish. A DDay80 flag and plaques for display on the noticeboards and near to the War Memorial stone have been purchased. The Clerk will order a new union flag. The Council resolved to support the two Churches with their memorial events with a donation of £100 to St Margaret's for their community open day events and £100 to St Mary's for their annual cream tea.

### **b) Highways Issues:**

- i. **Litter Bin and Dog Poop Bag Dispensers:** The Clerk and Lengthsman are liaising to complete both these projects.

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- ii. **Central Reservations/ Pedestrian Refuges:** Cllr. Deaville has funded a survey through his Divisional Highways Program (DHP). He presented a report with recommended locations on Uttoxeter Road. The estimated cost of this project is £70,000. The Council agreed to invite the Highways officer to come to Draycott for a meeting onsite to discuss the project.
- iii. **Cheadle Road Railings:** The idea of a pipe was discussed but no decisions were made.
- iv. **30MPH:** Woodseaves Parish Clerk has sent information on how they managed to introduce traffic calming through Woodseaves to Cllr Reardon. A new Community Highways manager Richard Rasom has been appointed. Clerk to invite him to a future meeting.
- v. **Blythe/Teau Roundabout:**  
A report from Cllr. Lisa Emery about speeding around the Blythe/Teau roundabout was discussed and the 40mph speed limit from the roundabout to Draycott. Cllr. Deaville will ask for additional attendance of a speed van in the area between the roundabout and the new estate.
- vi. **Public Right of Way No8. Kissing Gate:**  
The kissing gate has been approved by the County Council subject to the landowners consent. Cllr Winfield confirmed that consent has been given by Mr Ford who owns the land. Clerk to confirm this to the Public Rights of Way team.

## 7. Finance & Governance:

### a) Payments were Authorised for the following:

D Wheat	Clerk Salary May	£230.37	Chq. No. 1845
HMRC	PAYE Feb/Mar	£57.40	1844
Draycott Church Hall	June meeting 2hrs	£25.00	1843
G Plant	War Memorial (letter S filling)	£20.00	1842
Mrs D M Corbishley	Internal Audit	£40.00	1841
St Margarets Church	DDay80 Grant	£100.00	1840
St Marys Church	DDay80 Grant	£100.00	1839
	<b>TOTAL Payments</b>	<b>£572.77</b>	

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

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**b) Annual Governance and Accounting Review:**

**Step 1.** The Clerk presented the signed the Accounting Statement

- Step 2.** i. The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and approved.  
ii. The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) was approved.  
iii. The Accounting Statements (Section 2) were approved.  
iv. The Certificate of Exemption was approved.

**Step 3.** Following approval, the Chairman and the Clerk signed the Annual Governance statement, and the Chairman signed the Accounting Statements.

**Step 4.** The Clerk set the dates for the exercise of public rights as Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Step 5.** The Clerk and Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption.

**Step 6.** The Clerk will now send the certificate to the External Auditor.

**8. Planning Report:**

a) **SMD/2024/0162:** The Council resolved to have no objection to a dropped curb at Uttoxeter Road, Draycott.

b) **Blythe Working Group update:** Report from Cllr. Lisa Emery, with information from a resident of Cresswell. Stoke Air Ambulance organisation are still campaigning which the working group are concerned about. Financial reports have been inspected for Stoke Air Ambulance and information has been passed onto advertising standards and the Charity Commission.

9. **Village Gateways:** No reply from County officer Lisa Hall, but Cllr. Deaville has conversations with James Bailey about suppliers.

10. **Lengthsman and Litter Picker report:** No report or invoice received to date. The Clerk reported some communication difficulties with email. Report to be carried forward to July.

**11. Items on Notice:**

a) **Vulnerable Residents:**

An issue was raised by Cllr Lisa Emery about vulnerable residents in the Parish. Cllr Deaville will take the issue up at District with Your Housing. There was a Hardship fund at the District during the Covid period. Clerk to check this with officer Mark Trillo. **Clerk to forward the resident information to Cllr. Deaville under Confidential. Clerk to also check the powers of a Parish Council with regard to funding for vulnerable residents in need.**

b) **Public Rights of Way:**

Cllr. Birds reported a broken Public Rights of Way sign/stile in Cresswell.  
**To be reported on the PROW app to the County Council.**

c) **Grass cutting program:**

Cllr. Reardon reported very long verges which need to be cut for highways safety as visibility is being impaired by the tall grass. Cllr Birds added that some small verges in front of properties in Cresswell have been missed and are unsightly. The contractors make a mess, they don't pick up the cuttings. The frequency and the quality of the grass cutting across the Parish is unsatisfactory.  
**Clerk to report to the County Council and to copy Cllr. Deaville in.**

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**12. Correspondence: Allotments:** An offer of some land in Cresswell by a landowner for a space for an Allotment was discussed. Clerk to check back for enquiries about residents requiring Allotments. The Greyhound Rescue Centre is open on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Clerk to attend for a chat with landowner.

**13. District Councillor Report:** Cllr Hulme reported that due to the Pre-election period (Pudah), the District activity has been minimised. A report was received that the Blythe Solar farm extension had been refused.

**14. County Council Report:**

Cllr. Deaville read out his County Report created for the Draycott Parish Assembly held in May with a full overview of the County Council. The Highways budget is a real issue. The County have invested in one Pothole Pro. Cheadle Road will be closed soon for the Potholes to be fixed.

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

**a) Bus provision in Draycott in the Moors:**

The 6a bus comes every hour and waits in the layby near to Chandni Cottage for the Blythe, Longton, Hanley route. Clerk to write to Richard Rae copied into David Atkinson who manages Transport plans to ask about extending this route to cover Draycott. This could be a partnership between the Parish, District and the County Council.

**b) WiFi at the Church Hall** to assist with Parish Council business. 5G connection was discussed – A small projector and a screen would help display Planning and other reports at meetings. Prices to be gathered.

**c) Working Groups** for members of the public to assist the Council by sharing skills as proposed by Mr Stewart at the Parish Assembly.

**MEETING ENDED 20.38**

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