



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 11th November 2024

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Cllr. Pat McLaughlin	Cllr. Robert Birds
Cllr. Deaville (Parish, District & County)	Cllr. Lisa Emery	
One member of the public		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs D Wheat	7.00pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

- Chairman's Welcome:** Chairman, Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Apologies:** Cllr. Bev Reardon, Cllr Luke Emery, Cllr. Alan Hulme, Cllr. Pete Wilkinson.
- Declaration of Interests:** None declared.
- Public Participation:** A resident on Draycott Road is unhappy about having a request from the Council to cut trees.
- Minutes of the meeting held** on 14th October 2024 were resolved as a correct record.
Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Seconded Cllr. Deaville
- Matters Arising not on the Agenda:** *none raised.*
- Ongoing Projects:**
 - Central Reservations / Pedestrian refuges:**

The Parish is affected when there are road closures on the A50. Cllr. Deaville and The Chairman met with Highways officers and two good proposals for crossing points have emerged for Uttoxeter Road.

 - Crossing adjacent to the Golden Keg.
 - Crossing where the New Avenue bus stop is currently located.

The benefit would be to vastly improve safety for pedestrians, and it would slow vehicles down. The project will be a considerable engineering project and would mean filling in the current bus stop and curbing. It would mean any buses would need to stop in the highway which will slow traffic down. A partnership of funding from all the Council levels is more likely to be successful. Highways England (Highways Agency) will be asked for funding as part of this application.
 - Village Gateways:** An invoice has been raised £1728.00. The Council approved the payment so that the project can be progressed.
Clerk to arrange the Licences with the Highways Officer.
 - "No Sat Nav" signs** for Draycott Old Road, Breach Lane and Cresswell Old Lane. Clerk to order and arrange fitting.

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- d) **Quotations for new VAS signs:** Clerk still gathering quotations. Move to next meeting.
- e) **Bus link through Draycott:** No progress or new information on this to date.
- f) **Kissing Gate:** The application is in progress for Brookside Path 2. The Clerk to organise the delivery and fitting.
- g) **Finger post:** Still down on Paysley Lane. Clerk to chase this up with PROW department.
- h) **Public Right of Way Path 6 overgrown:** The path is the responsibility of St. Modwen Blythe Fields. Clerk to contact St Modwen again to complain and get the route cleared.
- i) **Footpath clearance on Uttoxeter Road.** Clerk to phone the farmer (Manor Farm) to ask if they will cut the hedge. The Chairman proposed to ask the Lengthsman to clear the footpath if the hedges can be cut back. *All in favour*
- j) **Overhanging trees:** Residents with overgrown vegetation will be asked politely first before formal letters are sent.
- k) **Cresswell Railway:** Mud clearance or hardcore for area at Tean Station, Totmonslow. Permission is needed. Owned by Highways England and leased by Moorlands City Rail. **Clerk to write letters.**
- l) **WiFi at the Church Hall:** To be fitted for the December meeting if possible.
- m) **Website and .gov emails:** Launch of new website needed. Clerk to advise Councillors of .gov email addresses. Portraits of Councillors needed at next meeting.
- n) **New Planters:** Awaiting a Quote from Summer Meadows
- o) **Cherry trees:** Opportunity for some free Cherry Tree saplings from the Japanese tree project. Clerk to apply, but to also purchase the 5 trees for the Village entrances.

8. **Lengthsman & Litter Picker Reports:** The reports were read out. Reports to be published on the new website monthly and jobs to be highlighted on social media where possible. Removal of Poppies. The Council resolved to ask the Lengthsman to remove before the end November and to return to Cllr. Winfield for storage. **Proposed Cllr – Cllr Emery – all in favour**

9. **Payments were authorised for October:**

D Wheat	Clerk Salary Oct – (£287.77 Gross)	£230.17	£230.17	1886
HMRC	PAYE Oct	£57.40	£57.60	1887
Draycott Church Hall	Oct meeting 2hrs	£25.00	£25.00	1888
J Swarbrooke	Litter picking work @ £10 per hr 8.5hrs (Oct)	£85.00	£85.00	1889
R Fox	Lengthsman work @ £15 per hr 6.5hrs (Oct)	£97.50	£97.50	1890

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Geosphere Ltd	Parish Online Mapping Software	£64.00/ VAT £12.80	£76.80	1891
Watt Plastics Ltd.	Village Gateways	£1440.00 £288.00 VAT	£1,728.00	1892
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	£2,300.07	

The above payments proposed.....GW..... and cheques duly signed.....PMcL.....

10. Solar Array: An application has been received for a notice board for Friends of St Margarets Church Community group for bottom of Church Lane: The paperwork was not available, so item moved to December meeting.

Cllr Deaville proposed to ring fence funds for road safety in the village. Proposal to be on the Agenda for approval at the next meeting.

11. Planning

SMD/2022/0267	Elan Homes	Land At Blythe Park Sandon Road, Cresswell	Reserved matters application for layout, internal access arrangements, scale, appearance and landscape details for phases 4 and 5 (159 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.	SMDC committee has been extended to the December meeting. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Luke Emery to decide on the comments.
SMD/2024/0467	Mr Beech	The Croft Cheadle Rd Draycott	Application for Removal Condition 3 (Agricultural occupancy) in relation to application 7328	No objection

A discussion was had about the Stoke-on-Trent Helicopter Charity. By collecting they are diverting funds from the other Air Ambulance charities.

It was resolved to send Mr Horleston a get-well card from the Council – Cllr. Deaville will deliver this.

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Clerk to send the Neighbourhood Plan Road Map information to Cllr. Deaville to ask colleagues about Planning consultants. Clerk to contact Locality. A discussion was had about the quotas of low-cost houses and a clause on them that stays with them when they are sold.

13. Item on Notice: The Council resolved to agree to the proposed Community Benefit agreement with Innova for the Blythe House Solar Farm to be set at 60% to Checkley Parish Council and 40% to Draycott in the Moors Parish Council as more of the solar panels are in the Checkley Parish.

14. Correspondence: None received

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15. District & County Council Report:

Cllr. Deville reported that road lines on the highways will be repainted soon throughout the Parish.

Cllr. Deaville left the meeting 20:15

16. Any other business – The lights for Christmas will be fitted to the Bus Shelters at the beginning of December by Cllr Lisa Emery.

Meeting ended 20.26

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