Draycott-in-the-Moors
Parish Council

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, 14th October 2024

Attendees:

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

1. **Chairman's Welcome:** Chairman, Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies:** All present

3. **Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs. Hulme & Wilkinson – SMDC Planning Committee

4. **Public Participation:** No questions were raised.
   The Clerk was asked to minute thanks to Mr Linden Horleston for his work on the Blythe Working Group as he is very ill in hospital. Cllr. Emery will visit and send regards from the Council.

5. **Minutes of the meeting held** on 9th September 2024 were resolved as a correct record.
   Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Seconded Cllr. Deaville

6. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda:** *none*

7. **Ongoing Projects:**

   a) **Central Reservations / Pedestrian refuges:**
   Cllr Deaville has two meetings a month with Highways England representatives. Cllr Deaville has secured some help with funding for the crossing point/s on Uttoxeter Road. A meeting has been arranged to meet on site with a technical engineer and Highways England representative.

   b) **Village Gateways:** Cllr Lisa Emery has found a new competitive quotation. The Council approved this and resolved to order the gateways for all the village entrance points.
   Proposed Cllr. Birds – Seconded Cllr. Deaville – All in favour

   c) **Wi-Fi at the Church Hall:** Cllr. Luke Emery has purchased a slightly higher spec device. This can now be fitted in the Hall ready for the next meeting of the Council.

   d) **New Planters for Cresswell and Totmonslow:** The Clerk has been to negotiate prices with Summer Meadows nursery and to thank them for their continued maintenance of the planters. Clerk to ask permission from the Highways officer to plant the Cherry trees behind the gateway locations.

e) **Kissing Gate for Brookside Public Right of Way Draycott path 2.** The Clerk circulated the different types of gate. The Council resolved to have a standard kissing gate to improve accessibility to the PROW. The quote was in-between £300 - £400 depending on the additional fittings required.

f) **PROW finger post repair and path clearance:** The Clerk has reported the faults and the overgrown paths. Cllr. Birds will walk the paths to check if the jobs have been done and report back to the Clerk who will chase up the jobs with the Rangers. Path 6 has a temporary reroute order in place at Blythe Fields. Clerk to write to the North Staffordshire Ranger and direct to Paul Roachford.

g) **Footpath Clearance:** Cllr. Deaville has escalated this with the new County Environmental Team. The Clerk and Chairman also reported this to the Highway's officers at the County Council Transport Consultation session held at Stafford in September.

h) **Bus Service:** The lack of a bus service through the Parish was also reported at the Transport Consultation event. Cllr. Deaville commented that Tean Doctors Surgery has closed temporarily for renovation. Patients are having to travel to Blythe Bridge. Cllr Deaville will request a bus service for this route.

i) **Poppies , Plaques and a wreath for Remembrance:** The Clerk will deliver the ordered items to the Councillors to share and distribute to volunteers willing to help. The Clerk will also deliver some to the Lengthsman.

j) **Quotations for VAS signage:** Clerk still gathering quotations. It was resolved to move the current signs when purchased so that Cresswell will also have coverage. ***All in favour***

k) **Cresswell Railway Track:** The state of the track was discussed in the area of Tean Station at Totmonslow. Cllr Deaville is sourcing some help with road plannings. A discussion was had about the tenancy arrangements. It was resolved for the Clerk to write to get permission from the tenant Moorlands City Rail and to Highways England Department of Transport who own the track. The Council would like to adopt the track with SMDC.

l) **Dog Poop Bag Dispensers:** The Clerk has received delivery of Dog Pooh Bags for the dispensers. Locations were approved to be: Totmonslow bus stop, Cresswell layby, Draycott by the village entrance at Forsbrook boundary. It was discussed to get price for additional dispensers for Draycott Old Road and bus stop by Villa Verde. A bin is also required for Totmonslow.

m) **Overhanging trees on Draycott Road:** Cllr Birds reported the overhanging trees. The location was identified and the Clerk will contact the owners to ask them if they may cut them back as soon as possible.

n) **No HGV/ No Sat Nav signs** Prices to be gathered and brough back to next meeting.

8. **Lengthsman & Litterpicking Reports:**
These were circulated, and the notes were read out by the Clerk. In particular a new bench is needed for the Villa Verde bus stop area. The pooh bag dispensers will be fitted this month.

9. **Payments were approved for the following:**

	Net/VAT	Total	Cheque No.
D Wheat Clerk Salary September		£230.17	1861
Expenses: Mileage	£17.55		
Stamps	£6.80		
Paper (Ryman)	£27.74 / £5.54		
Total		£57.63	1862
HMRC PAYE September (Month 7)		£57.60	1863
Draycott Church Hall Oct. meeting 2hrs		£25.00	1864
J Swarbrooke Litter picking work @ £10 per hr 9hrs (Sep)		£90.00	1865
R Fox Lengthsman work @ £15 per hr(Sep)		£172.50	1866
Starboard Systems (Scribe accounting software)	£273.60/£54.72	£328.32	1867
Power Bee Christmas Lights	£37.47/£7.50	£44.97	1868

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WIFI equipment	/£8.25	£44.99	1869
JRB Doggie Pooh Bags	£121.30/ £24.26	£145.56	1870
Toner Giant – Printer Toner	£67.26/ £16.82	£84.08	1871
Remembrance Plaques RBLI x200	/£128.00	£809.96	1872
Remembrance Poppies The Poppy Shop x50	/£35.42	£212.50	1873
Cheque mistake – cancelled		£0.00	1874
Mr G Winfield Flag pole fittings		£7.99	1875
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**£2311.27**	

Proposed Cllr Winfield and cheques duly signed Cllr Deaville

Cllr. Wilkinson left the meeting at 8.07pm

10. Planning

SMD/2024/0443	Barn Conversion, Sandon Road, Cresswell	Proposed general purpose agricultural building, for the housing of livestock, storage of fodder and implements	No Objection
SMD/2024/0267	Elan Homes Land at Blythe Park, Sandon Road, Cresswell	Reserve matters application for layout, internal access arrangements, scale, appearance and landscape details for phases 4 & 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	Objection as previously. Comments to be assembled by Cllr. Emery and the Clerk ready for submission at the 14th November Planning Committee meeting

11. Neighbourhood Plan:
Cllr. Deaville suggested asking Mr Dave Byatt for advice on Planning Consultants

12. Items on Notice: Fly tipping on Cresswell Old Lane. The County and District teams are investigating where the rubble came from.

13. Correspondence: Cllr. Lisa Emery reported on the last Parish Assembly meeting at SMDC with Planning officer Ben Haywood. The new NPPF is coming soon. It is proposed for 545 extra houses for the Staffordshire Moorlands. Targets have to be reached. Solar farm targets also have to be reached.

15) County Councillor report: Cllr Deaville road safety items already covered in the main meeting.

16) New matters pertaining in the Parish for the November Agenda:
Cllr. Reardon suggested Social Media items to be promoted including Community Speedwatch and to publicise the One Network Roadworks. Items to be on next Agenda

Meeting ended 20.37

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