



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, 8th July 2024

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Cllr. Robert Birds	Cllr. Luke Emery
Cllr. Pat McLaughlin	Cllr. Lisa Emery	
Cllr. Pete Wilkinson (District)	Cllr. Deaville (Parish, District & County)	Cllr Alan Hulme (District)
No members of the public were present		

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
- Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs. Hulme & Wilkinson – SMDC Planning Committee
- Public Participation:** No questions were raised.
- Minutes of the Meeting held** on 10th June 2024 were resolved as a correct record.
Proposed Cllr. Lisa Emery – Seconded Cllr. Birds
- Matters Arising:**
 - New MP for Stoke South:** It was announced that Stoke South has a new Labour MP Alison Gardener.
 - Highways Issues:**

Grass Cutting Verges: Some verges in Cresswell have been missed. The Clerk circulated the County Council program for grass cutting. Cllr. Lisa Emery noted that Cresswell is spelt with one L. Clerk to ask for this to be corrected. Ragwort was discussed as necessary to remove as it is poisonous to cattle and horses. Complaints from residents that they pay Council tax but are not getting the service promised, indicate they think it is the Parish Councils fault.
The Council resolved to write to the County Council to request for an allocation of funding so that the Parish can organise their own grass cutting.

19.11 Cllr. Deaville arrived

Cllr Deaville clarified that the verges should be cut 6 times a year.

7. Ongoing Projects:

a) Internet Connection at the Church Hall:

A letter was sent to St Margaret's PCC asking for permission to put in internet to the Church Hall. The PCC responded and are pleased about this but asked if the Parish Council will continue to fund the annual fee once the internet is installed.

The Parish Council will get quotations and will then consider this at a future meeting.

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b) **Litter Bin and Dog Poop Bag Dispensers:** The Clerk and her husband have fitted the second litter bin on the west bound side of Uttoxeter Road which had no bin. This will be emptied by the Parish Lengthsman and collected by SMDC. Dog poop bag inserts for the dispensers are proving hard to source.

c) **Central Reservations/ Pedestrian Refuges:** The Chairman read out his responses to the report presented at the June meeting by Cllr. Deaville funded through his Divisional Highways Program (DHP). Cllr. Wilkinson supported challenging the report as the Planning Committee do often question Highways officer recommendations.

- **Blocking Driveways:** Issues were raised about blocking residents driveways.
- **Road Traffic Incidents:** Fatalities on the road were discussed. Pedestrian refuges are necessary for pedestrian safety and as a traffic calming device to help prevent any further accidents.
- **Bus Stops:** There are still children who catch buses to local schools in Tean and Cheadle from stops on the level but not all the stops are used. Moving bus stops was discussed.
- **Carriage width.** The carriageway is wide enough for three lanes in-between Stuart Avenue and New Avenue and could easily accommodate a central crossing point.
- **Resident Consultation:** Local residents will need to be fully consulted about the process.
- **Vehicle volume:** The Chairman recorded a sample count of traffic in one hour to be 1061, 18 vehicles per minute. Cllr. Luke Emery has now analysed the data from the VAS signs and the devices are producing accurate data about all traffic flow along the road so this can be evidenced as part of the application.
- **Disabled Facilities Grant:** Clerk to find out if funding may be available from the District Disabled Facilities Grant to help fund the Highways works to improve the lives of vulnerable residents in Draycott.

The Council resolved to invite the Highways technical designer and officer to come to Draycott for a meeting onsite to discuss the project.

d) **Village Gateways:**

Cllr. Emery has done further research with Ellastone Parish Council as they have gateways in their village. ***Information from this will be reported at the next meeting.***

e) **Public Right of Way No8. Kissing Gate:**

The Clerk has spoken to the PROW officer. He has recommended a wider accessible gateway if there is room to improve accessibility for disabled users. It was resolved for the Clerk to apply to the County for the gate and to SMDC for support with funding for a wider accessible gateway from the disabled facilities grant fund.

f) **Broken Footpath Fingerpost:** Sandon Road at the junction of Paynsley Lane. The fingerpost has been broken. ***Clerk to check the progress of the report.***

g) **Diverted footpath 6:** Alongside the perimeter of St Modwen development, it was reported by Cllr. Birds that the PROW footpath is impassible as it is so overgrown. As part of the Phase 2 Planning process an application was made to divert the path.

It was agreed that the Clerk write strongly to St Modwen with a time limit to ask them to maintain the accessibility of the path (also to copy in Forsbrook Parish Council as the path is in their Parish).

8. **Lengthsman and Litter Picker Report:**

The Lengthsman and Litter picker have completed various tasks during May and June. The Lengthsman was thanked for her detailed reports. The bench at the Draycott Rd/Cheadle Road Junction Bus stop has been

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identified as needing replacement. The wood is rotten at the base of the legs and the bench back, has laths missing. **Clerk to get a quotation for a bench for the next Agenda.**

9. Finance & Governance:

Payments were Authorised for the following:

D Wheat	Clerk Salary June (Month 4)	Gross £287.77 Less Tax £57.40	£230.17	<u>Cheque</u> 1846
	Clerk Expenses – milage 9 miles	£4.50	£4.50	
	DDay80 Plaques	£29.70/£7.42 VAT	£37.12	
	Union Flag	£16.00/£4.00 VAT	<u>£20.00</u>	1847
			£61.62	
HMRC	PAYE June (Month 4)	£57.40	£57.60	1848
Draycott Church Hall	July meeting 2hrs	£25.00	£25.00	1849
J Swarbrooke	Litter picking work @ £10 per hr 13.5hrs (May)	£135.00		
	Plus 9 hours in June	£90.00	£225.00	1850
R Fox	Lengthsman work @ £15 per hr 21.5 hrs (May)	£322.50		
	Plus 23hrs in June	£345.00	£667.50	1851
Local Authority Tech CIC	Parish Online – new website	£240.00		
	Cheque reissued as first one returned uncashed	£60.00 VAT	£300.00	1852
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	£1,566.89	

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

10) Planning Applications:

SMD/2024/0280	52 Anselm Sandon Road Cresswell	Erection of replacement dwelling	Parish Council comments The Council support the property being developed but want to refer the Planning Committee to design codes for the linear development of Cresswell to be in keeping with the traditional features of other properties.
SMD/2024/0293	141 Uttoxeter Rd, Draycott in the Moors	Extension of existing dormer to front elevation	No Objection

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11) Neighbourhood Plan: Clerk to research the current position regarding Grants and Technical help availability for the September meeting.

12) Items on Notice:

- a) **Forming Working Groups:** To include local residents to help progress projects. Active engagement with the community was discussed. Clerk to add councillor administrators to Social media and to get the new website active with .gov emails. Cllr Luke Emery suggested a leaflet drop if there are specific projects that the council would like support with.
- b) **Lamp Post Poppies:** Cllr Lisa Emery to move to buy more Lamp post Poppies. A discussion was had about availability of these. ***The Clerk will check for other similar products and bring to the September meeting and also bring the current collection of poppies in storage.***
- c) **Christmas Lights:** Cllr Lisa Emery proposed that the council to buy better quality Christmas lights for the bus stops. ***All in favour***
- d) **Village Planters for Cresswell and Totmonslow:** Cllr. Emery proposed for more Planters to be ordered for Cresswell sign by bench, Cresswell Kiosk and the two Totmonslow signs. ***All in favour***
Clerk & Cllr Emery to ask for prices at local nurseries.

13) Correspondence:

- a) Thank You from St Mary's Church for the donation towards their Cream Tea from the DDay80 fund.
- b) Thank you from St Margaret's for the donation from the DDay80 fund towards an event at the church for the community.

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

14) To receive oral reports from our District Councillors: No specific report from The District Councillors

15) To receive oral report from our County Councillor: Cllr. Deaville reported that Cheadle Road will be closed for pothole and surface repair in the next month.

16) Matters pertaining to issues in the Parish for the next Agenda:

Cllr. Birds reported from the SMDC Parish Assembly with news of a future assembly having guest speaker Ben Haywood to discuss Planning across the District and in particular Solar Farms.

17) To note items raised in public participation to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

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