



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 9th September 2024

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Cllr. Pat McLaughlin	Cllr. Luke Emery
Cllr. Deaville (Parish, District & County)	Cllr. Bev Reardon	
Cllr. Pete Wilkinson (District)	Cllr Alan Hulme (District)	
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. Lisa Emery & Cllr. Robert Birds
- Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs. Hulme & Wilkinson – SMDC Planning Committee
- Public Participation:** No questions were raised.
- Minutes of the Meeting held** on 8th July 2024 were resolved as a correct record. *All in favour*
- Matters Arising:**
Verges: The Clerk reported that Rookery Crescent verges have now been cut. The Lengthsman has strimmed the odd verges on Sandon Lane that had been missed.
- Ongoing Projects:**
 - 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.
 - Central Reservations/ Pedestrian Refuges:** Cllr. Deaville has arranged a meeting with Highways England to discuss the possibility that they will help fund the Pedestrian Refuges or a Crossing on Uttoxeter Road. A date is to be confirmed.
 - Village Gateways:**
No progress to date
 - Internet Connection at the Church Hall:**
Cllr. Luke Emery presented quotations for a 4G standalone router £30 - £60 one off payment, the options then starting at £5 - £20 per month for a data only sim. The Council agreed to £40 to buy the router, then £5 per month which can be increased if there is need at a later date. The Council approved to fund the basic package ongoing for the Church Hall. The Clerk to write to the Church Hall Committee and to the St Margarets PCC.
Proposed Cllr. Winfield – Second Cllr. Deaville

Cllr. Reardon arrived 19.20

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- e) **Summer Flowers** – Clerk to discuss with Summer Meadows Nurseries at Draycott for the Cherry Trees, new Planters and plants for the next season.
- f) **Public Right of Way No8. Kissing Gate:**
The Clerk will fill in the form to apply to the Public Rights of Way.
- g) **Footpath Clearance:** The Chairman has tried a disability scooter and struggled to traverse towards Sandon Road along the footway, the path is down to 9 inches width, a pram or pushchair cannot get along. Hedge cutting dates were discussed. The Clerk to write to the farmer of the fields along Uttoxeter Road. Cllr. Hulme commented that some farmers now only cut once every two years. Clerk to also write to County Highways to ask for pavement clearance throughout the Parish. Cllr Deaville suggested the new environmental team will come to do this when the job log is requested. The weeds and nettles on the corner of Draycott Old Road also need to be cut back.

8. **Lengthsman & Litterpicking Reports:** These were circulated and will be loaded onto the website. Thanks was given to Rachel & Jack for their continued work in the Parish to keep the green areas tidy and to keep the litter to a minimum.

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

			Cheque No.
D Wheat Clerk Salary July	£230.37	£230.37	1853
Remembrance Plaque & Poppy	£32.00/£8.00 VAT	£40.00	1854
HMRC PAYE July	£57.60	£57.60	1856
D Wheat Clerk Salary August	£230.37	£230.37	1855
HMRC PAYE Aug	£57.60	£57.60	1857
Draycott Church Hall Sept meeting 2hrs	£25.00	£25.00	1858
J Swarbrooke Litter picking work @ £10 per hr hrs			
7.5hrs (Jul)	£75.00		
10 hrs (Aug)	£100.00	£175.00	1859
R Fox Lengthsman work @ £15 per hr			
6.5 hrs (Jul)	£97.50		
12 hrs (Aug)	£180.00	£277.50	1860
TOTAL PAYMENTS		£1,093.44	

Clerk to ask permission of the Council to set up a direct Debit for HMRC PAYE. Tax has gone digital and it is more difficult to send cheque payments each month.

Proposed Cllr Winfield and cheques duly signed Cllr Deaville

10. **Planning**

SMD/2024/0372	The Croft Cheadle Road Draycott In The Moors	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Existing occupation of the dwelling in breach of the agricultural occupancy condition	No Objection
SMD/2024/0363	The Garth 297 Draycott Old Road Draycott	Demolition of current kitchen extension, w/c and garage and replace with new garage with habitable room over to the side, with a single-story kitchen extension to the rear.	No Objection

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11. Neighbourhood Plan:

The Clerk reported that funding window is now open for applications to Locality. Draycott can apply for a grant to continue with the plan.

It was resolved to ask Urban Vision if they could give a presentation at the October meeting to restart the Neighbourhood Plan.

12. Items on Notice:

a) **Working groups:** Tackling overgrown areas was discussed. The Council would need to publicise projects to ask members of the public to get involved with helping.

b) **Samples of poppies were shown to the Council.** Cllr Hulme and Wilkinson asked if the Clerk would order poppies for Checkley Parish also. They will confirm numbers after the Checkley meeting.
It was resolved to purchase the Poppies and plaques, numbers to be confirmed when the prices have been circulated. Clerk to also purchase a quality Union Flag.

Proposed Cllr Winfield – Secoded Cllr Luke Emery.

c) **Treating Weeds:** The Clerk advised that Lengthsman at Leek has the weed spraying qualification. The Council discussed this as a possibility.

It was resolved not to spray weeds because of the water course River Blythe.

d) **Additional VAS signs:** **The Council affirmed that Road Safety is at the top of the Parish Councils agenda.** Quotations to be gathered for 2 additional VAS on Uttoxeter Road and also one on Cresswell Lane in the area of the A50 bridge or by Rookery Crescent. Cllr. Luke Emery stressed the importance of the data collecting software capturing volume and speed. Since the beacon was activated in the current VAS there has been a 5% decrease. Battery versus mains powered was also discussed. Some have number plate recognition (Lancashire manufacturer).

Clerk to ask suppliers to do a presentation.

Clerk to contact Melanie Langdown of the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership for advice.

The Chairman and the Clerk are attending the Highways consultation at Stafford on Friday 20th September. ***A report will be given at the October meeting.***

e) **Draycott Old Road pavement clearance:**

The Lengthsman to be asked to clear the overgrown pavement on Draycott Old Road.

Proposed Cllr. Reardon – Secoded Cllr. Deaville

13. Correspondence:

a) **Cresswell to Cheadle Railway Track:** A Cresswell Resident wrote to ask the Council if they can help to put some hardcore onto the Railway Track at Totmonslow to solve the mud issue as the track is almost impassible at that point.

The Railway track is leased by Moorlands City Railway. The Clerk to write to Mr D. Kemp to ask permission. The Council resolved to support the residents if permission is given, as local people are working hard to keeping the track clear for people to use. Old Road Plannings were discussed as a more cost effective solution compared to hardcore. Cllr. Deaville will ask if any old chippings could be delivered.

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- b) **Broken Fingerpost at Cresswell** Paynsley Hall path has been reported.
- c) **Footpath 6 around the border of Blythe Fields** has been reported to Public Rights of Way as currently inaccessible and St Modwen have been reminded of their Planning conditions.
- 14) **District Councillors report:** Cllr. Wilkinson reported that the Blythe House Solar Farm application with Battery storage has now been approved.
Cheadle market is up for auction. The District Council are interested in the sale.
- 15) **County Councillor report:** Cllr Deaville road safety items already covered in the main meeting.
- 16) **New matters pertaining in the Parish for the October Agenda:**

Recent A50 road closures and diversions in Blythe Bridge have caused chaos on Draycott Old Road as HGVs try to take alternate routes.

Environmental width restrictions were discussed following recent diversion trouble on Draycott Old Road. "Unsuitable for HGV" signs. "Do not follow Sat Nav" along this lane signs.

New project to be considered on October Agenda

Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded Cllr Reardon

Meeting ended 20.28

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