



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Monday 12th May 2025 - MINUTES

The Annual Parish Meeting held at Draycott Church Hall, ST11 9AG at 7.30pm on Monday 12th May 2025

All Local Government electors of Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish including Totmonslow and Cresswell were invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish

1. Refreshments were served.

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Vice Chair: Cllr. Lisa Emery	Cllr. Robert Birds
Cllr. Alan Hulme (District)	Cllr. Pat McLaughlin	Cllr. Luke Emery
Member of the public Mr. Mark Stewart and Mrs. Maureen Winfield		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs D Wheat	7:30pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

2. **Welcome and apologies:** Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Gordon Winfield opened the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Assembly of 13th May 2024** were approved.
4. **The Annual Report** from Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Chairman was received:

Meetings: Regular monthly meetings have been held on the second Monday of the month throughout the year (except August).

Governance: The Precept for the forthcoming financial year was set at £10,134.

Community and Volunteer Activity in the Parish:

- Sweet Meadows/ Draycott Nurseries are supporting the Parish by supplying and maintaining planters. Additional new planters have been ordered from the nursery.
- The Christmas lights on the tree by the memorial worked well as did the bus shelter lights. Thanks was given to the volunteers and special thanks to the volunteers who transported the heavy equipment to Church Lane.

Contract Work: Lengthsperson Rachel Fox and Litter Picker Jack Swarbrooke

Both have worked very hard to keep our Parish tidy. Many thanks was given to them both for their work.

War Memorial & Flag Pole: Rachel Fox tends to the War Memorial which was made by local stone mason George Plant. John Clarke changes the flags when needed and Laura Bird has also helped with this. Thanks to all of them for maintaining the village features.

Street Furniture: The benches are maintained by Rachel Fox, who also put up the Dog Pooh bag dispensers around our parish to encourage dog walkers to keep our parish clean. An additional litter

bin has been installed on Uttoxeter Road which the Parish empty as well as the one at the end of Draycott Old Road.

Highways Issues:

Zebra Crossing: Meetings have been held through last year on site with Highways officers to address the safety issues on Draycott level, pedestrian refuges were the preferred option, but these were not feasible. One option put forward by Highways would not be of any benefit to pedestrians as it was suggested in the wrong place, so an alternative offer was to have a zebra crossing between Stuart Avenue and New Avenue. Pedestrians need a safe place to cross and it will also help to reduce speeding traffic. The Council is awaiting approval for this project from the County Council.

Potholes are an ongoing issue in the Parish.

Cheadle Road railings repair (no decision has been made by Highways to repair these due to the high chance it will happen again due to it being a route for HGVs to the New Hayden Industrial Estates.

2 New Vehicle Activated Signs have been delivered and are waiting to be installed.

7 Village Gateways have also been delivered and are awaiting the application process to the County Council before they can be fitted.

Public Transport: The Chairman and the Clerk attended a Public Transport meeting in Stafford regarding the lack of public transport throughout the Parish. Unfortunately, there has been no response to this problem.

Meeting Venue: Draycott Church Hall provides a good venue for Parish Council meetings. Cllr. Luke Emery has fitted WiFi device to the Hall so that Parish Council meetings can access online data and Planning reports when required to be projected. This will also help reduce paper and ink wastage if meeting documents can be projected instead of printed. The WiFi is also available for other Hall users so this is improving services in the community building.

Best Kept Village Community:

Cllr. Bev Reardon has lead the project to enter the Best Kept Village Community Competition held by Community Foundation and Campaign for Rural England. There are several categories of entry and the aim is to try for all of them.

5. **The Financial Statement** (unaudited) for the year ending 31st March 2025 was received. The Clerk will publish the audited version as soon as it has been approved and the period of public rights will be announced to give members of the public the opportunity to inspect the accounts.
6. **Speakers:** No speakers had requested to attend on this occasion. The Clerk will ask more next year.
7. **Open Discussions Proposed by the electorate:** No discussions were proposed

Meeting Ended