



Draycott-in-the-Moors PARISH COUNCIL

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes Monday, 13th April 2026

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Cllr. Bev Reardon	Cllr. Robert Birds
Vice Chair Cllr. Lisa Emery	Cllr. Luke Emery	Cllr. Mark Deaville (Parish & District)
Cllr. Alan Hulme (District)	Cllr. Gary Bentley (County)	Cllr. Pete Wilkinson (District)
1 member of the public		

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Mrs. Y Grimshaw Baker Parish Clerk	7.00pm	Draycott Church Hall, Church Lane, Draycott, ST11 9AG

- Chairman's Welcome:** Chairman, Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Apologies:** Cllr. Pat McLaughlin,
- Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs. Hulme and Wilkinson are members of the SMDC Planning Committee.
- Public Participation:** No residents questions.
- Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2026** were approved as a correct record.
Proposed Cllr. Emery – Seconded Cllr. Bird – all in favour
- Matters Arising:**
 - Welcome cards:** Progressing with the design, ideas needed to be included on the cards.
 - War Memorial Restoration:** Cllr. Deaville has made enquiries, however the previous tradesman is unable to do it at present. Cllr. Winfield offered to pressure wash the memorial, if another painter could refashion the lettering.
 - Cherry Tree Planting:** Message relayed from retiring Clerk, Denise Wheat who suggested organising a date where the Lengthsperson and others can all meet up working together to plant new trees. All agreed.
Cllr. Reardon will collect the trees and deliver to the Lengthsperson to plant at the specific locations.
- District Council Report:** Cllr. Wilkinson brought attention to the Parish Council the planning application SMD/2025/0247. A brief discussion on the severe impact on the residual road network, especially when the A50 is closed, concerns about alternative routes for industrial and commercial HGV's. This is issue was not on the agenda, therefore tabled to the next meeting in May.

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8. County Councillor Report: Cllr. Bentley updated the council on the temporary patch on Draycott Road, to help with the pothole problems until 24th May when Highways are due to significantly cut out the potholes and resurface, which should last until next year when a full resurfacing is to take place. The railings on Cheadle Road to be repaired during the temporary (5 day approx.) road closure, the footpath is to be cleaned at this time too.

Cllr. Bentley offered to buy or reimburse for any paint needed to improve and highlight the railings.

9. Recruitment: Motion to agree on the appointment of new Parish Clerk, Mrs Grimshaw Baker, ***Proposed Cllr. Emery - Secoded Cllr. Birds.***

10. Planning: SMD/2026/0110 No objections were raised regarding planning application for a proposed detached dwelling and detached double garage. Cllr. Deaville remarked that there had been a previous refusal, and if refused again he would bring it up to the committee.

11. Lengthsman & Litterpicker report: The March report was reviewed and approved. Lengthsperson has cleared soil from roadside. Rachel and Jack were complemented for continuing to do an excellent job in the parish.

12. Finance & Governance: Payments were authorised for March invoices:

D Wheat	Cancelled Cheque (written incorrectly)			Cheque 1960
	Clerk Salary Month 1 (Apr) (SPC rate 12 £ £14.82 p/h) Total - £322.00 per month	Gross £322.00 TAX £64.40	Net £257.60	1961
HMRC	PAYE (Apr) Month 1 Cheque cancelled (written incorrectly)	£64.40	£64.40	1962 1963
J Swarbrooke	Litter picking work @ £12.50 per hr 22 hrs March	£275.00	£275.00	1964
R Fox	Lengthsperson work @ £15 per hr 20 hrs March	£300.00	£300.00	1965
Clerk Expenses:				1966
Smarty	Internet package p/m	£9.00	£9.00	
Clerks Milage	9 miles @50p	£4.50	£4.50	
Litter Sticks		£44.37 (vat 8.88)	£53.25	
Litter Rings		£16.66 (vat3.33)	£19.99	
Dog Pooh Bags		£21.62 (vat 4.33)	£25.95	
Post Office Ltd	Stamps	£20.56	£20.56	
Ryman	Paper	£9.00 vat £1.80	£10.80	
Ryman	Laminating Pouches (Bus stp art gallery)	£16.49 vat £3.30	£19.79	
Max Speilman	61 10x8 prints	£247.05	£247.05	
Morrisons	Notebook and Acetate pockets	£7.75	£7.75	
		TOTAL	£418.64	
Alliance Environmental	X2 boxes Blue Litter Bags	Net £90.00 vat £18.00	£108.00	1967

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Draycott Church Hall	Room Hire	£30.00	£30.00	1968
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	£1153.64	

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

a) Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2026 was approved.

Cash in Hand	01/04/2025	24,974.67
ADD		
Receipts	01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026	27,869.00
52,843.67		
SUBTRACT		
Payments	01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026	37,361.92
A Cash in Hand	31/03/2026	15,481.75
(per Cash Book)		

Cash in hand per Bank Statements

Petty Cash	31/03/2026	0.00
Reserve Account	31/03/2026	2,533.09
Current Account	31/03/2026	12,978.66
		15,511.75

B		
Less unrepresented payments (Draycott Church Hall)		30.00
Plus unrepresented receipts		
Adjusted Bank Balance		15,481.75
		15,481.75

A = B Checks out OK

**b) The Internal Auditor, Mrs Marion Corbishly was appointed
Proposed Cllr. Deaville - Seconded Cllr. Emery**

c) **Year End Budget Report** was circulated to all Councillors to be checked and any questions to be raised at next ordinary meeting.

13. Projects in Progress:

HIGHWAYS

- i. **Totmonslow Sign:** The Totmonslow sign on Draycott Road at the Tean entrance is down, Cllr. Birds has inspected it and it looks like it has been knocked over by a tractor. The sign is quite flimsy, Cllr. Deaville suggested that as Cllr. Emery is working on the Gateways project, to make the location of the broken sign, the new demarcation with a new sign with an updated design which is be confirmed later. Cllrs. Emery and Deaville and parish clerk are meeting Aron Brown soon to discuss. Clerk is still applying to the Moorlands Partnership Board for restoration of heritage features, with the Clerk still to seek quotations for a design and two new signs, consult with Highways officer and to apply for the MPB grant from SMDC.
- ii. **Potholes:** Councillors are reporting potholes to County Highways through the app. None appear to have been repaired in the last month in the parish, but some have been inspected and marked.

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Everyone was encouraged to keep reporting issues as they appear. Cllr. Emery stated he has made 10 applications and 4 have been returned enquiry closed no further action. In some cases, this is against the highway's own priority listing. The lack of road markings on the junction of Uttoxeter Road and Cresswell Lane was also discussed. Clerk to report to Highways.

- iii. **Grass verge churned up and mud on the footway along Uttoxeter Road:** The Lengthsperson is clearing the footways.
Cllr. Emery asked that the footpath to be cleared from the Tudor house on Sandon Road up to the bus shelter on Cresswell Lane. New clerk to discuss with existing clerk and report to Lengthsperson.
- iv. **Cheadle Road railings:** County Cllr. Bentley has confirmed there is due to be a road closure in place from 24th May to repair the Cheadle Road railing and to fix potholes, this was discussed earlier in the County report.

The Parish Council have no objections to Draycott Nurseries/Sweet Meadows placing some hanging baskets on the inside of the railings, therefore not causing any obstruction of the footway. Also, no objections to Draycott Nurseries maintaining the area at Villa Verde bus stop.

The Council agreed that partnership working was to be welcomed

- v. **Crossing or Pedestrian refuge on Uttoxeter Road.** No further progress on this issue as a third survey is being done on the road again.
The Clerk will keep the council informed of any information received.
- vi. **Village Gateways:** The Clerk to Mr Hargreaves of Waste Gate Farm who owns the verge opposite The Hunter pub to meet with us at the site visit. Site visits still to be arranged to discuss locations and written permission is needed to submit with the application for the licences.
- vii. **Breach Lane speed and volume issues:** Cllr. Emery has checked with Google support and researched a definitive way to get results to stop Breach Lane appearing on Sat Nav's for major providers, seems to be by the County Council issuing a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). In Cllr. Emery's opinion the benefit is that there is no infrastructure, so reasonably quick to implement and minimal costs. Drawback is it will not catch everyone, maybe the TRO will only be an Access Only sign. Another solution would be making the road one way only, it will not solve traffic at peak times, however as only in only direction ultimately safer. Which ever solution is accepted it will require an entry in the County Council GIS database for mapping providers to pay attention.
- viii. **Community Speedwatch:** Cllr. Emery has emailed *AUTO SPEED WATCH* over six times to obtain equipment however, no reply. Cllr. will continue to chase and keep updating on any progress.
- ix. **VAS –** The council agreed for both old signs to be relocated and erected in Cresswell. Clerk and councillors to meet with Highways Officer Aron Brown to confirm locations. Cllr. Luke Emery has downloaded the stats from the VAS cameras, which show a huge increase in speeds since January 2026.

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PROJECTS

x. New Planters and the Maintenance and watering of each planter

Sweet Meadows Nursery have offered to maintain and water the area on the corner of Cheadle Road. Council have agreed this is a good idea. Lengthsperson has offered her husband's services to build new planters at cost, this was agreed by council to have new ones made when replacing existing planters. Cllr. Reardon has sourced metal coat of arms to attach to new planters and signs. ***Cllr. Bird proposed that the Lengthsperson to plant up new planters, seconded by Cllr. Emery.***

x. Best Kept Village Community (BKVC)

Denise Wheat is applying and has requested councillors send her any content of village activities and events and other items of significance that would be useful in the application.

xi. Bus Stop Art Galleries

The Clerk has printed 50 old photographs that need to be displayed. Bus Stop measurements confirmed by Cllr. Emery who will be sending the measurements to everyone via email, Cllr. Emery pointed out that the bus stop outside The Golden Keg has no glass inside it, and suggested standard roadside fixings. Ali bond in British Racing Green (nano tape) can be ordered on Amazon approx. £3.

xii. Cresswell to Cheadle Railway track: The speaker on the history of the Railway to be invited to talk at the Parish Assembly, It was also suggested that members of the Parish Cluster be invited to meet and talk at the next cluster meeting, to do something together, rather than individual Parish Councils, as the railways goes through all three parishes (Draycott-in-the-Moors, Checkley and Cheadle)

COMUNICATION

Parish Assembly:

Invitations to be sent to the new Chief Fire Officer Elect, Friends of St Margaret's, also Cheadle Spitfire Club and Outside Arts and MP Alison Gardener.

Refreshments to be provided.

Meeting closed 20.50

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