Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council

Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, 8th June 2026

Attendees:

Chairman Cllr. Gordon Winfield	Vice Chair Cllr. Robert Birds	Cllr. Pat McLaughlin
Cllr. Alan Hulme (District)	Cllr. Mark Deaville (Parish & District)	Cllr. Gary Bentley (County)
2 members 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

1. **Chairman's Welcome:** Chairman, Cllr. Winfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr. Bev Reardon, Cllr. Lisa Emery, Cllr. Luke Emery, Cllr. Pete Wilkinson
3. **Declaration of Interests:** Cllr. Hulme is a member of the SMDC Planning Committee.

4. **Public Participation:** A resident wanted to thank the council on the new Cheadle Road improvements, however, pointed out the footpath clearing has not continued to its natural end, which is further up the road towards Brookside.
   Resident to email Cllr. Bentley with the details so he can chase up with relevant department.

5. **Minutes;**
   a) Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 13th April 2026
   b) Minutes of 11TH May 2026 Annual Meeting
   c) Minutes of 11th May 2026 Parish Assembly
   were all approved as a correct record after the following amendments were corrected:

Amendment to 11th May Minutes 2026: Formation of Working Groups or Committees:

a) Cllr. Birds will be joining Cllr. Deville and Cllr. Wilkinson to the Cresswell to Cheadle Railway Track working group.
b) Cllr. Luke Emery and Cllr. Birds will form the Blythe Park working group.
c) Cllr. Reardon and Cllr. Birds will form the Best Kept Village working group.
No Meetings have been held currently.

Proposed Cllr. Deaville – Seconded Cllr. Birds – all in favour

6. **Matters Arising:**

a) **Update on Cheadle Road: Work is still in** progress, some snagging issues that have been passed on to relevant departments.
A vehicle has backed up against a road sign pole outside Villa Verdi. Clerk to report.

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b) **Update on Planters and Bedding Plants**: Clerk reported that Sweet Meadows are happy to continue with bedding plants in the new planters. Lengths-person to send a quote to the council for the final two planters.
Breach Lane survey: No further news on this issue.

7. **District Council Report:** No District report due to absence.

8. **County Councillor Report:**

- Cllr. Bentley updated the council on the roadworks on Cheadle Road, the railings on the corner of Cheadle Road have been repaired and painted during the temporary road closure, the footpath has been cleared, although he will chase up why not further up the road. Cllr also reports the ditches have been cleared satisfactory and confirmed that the land behind the Bus shelter is Parish Councils.

- Cllr. Bentley has reported that unfortunately he has not had any further response after his latest email regarding the Crossing, there has been a further two accidents on the same road since last meeting and Cllr Bentley requested the Clerk email him regarding further information so he can forward to relevant people.

- Cllr Bentley also noted that the Grass on the entrance to the A50 roundabout will need early cutting, as it can block visibility, making it very dangerous, both Cllr. Bentley and Clerk will endeavour to find out how to do this with relevant authorities

9. **Planning: SMD/2025/0388** No updates on the proposal for a Large Solar Farm. An objection on behalf of the Parish Council has been submitted to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and an email to the Third Revolution Projects with an invite to come and speak to the Parish Council has been sent out. No reply received to date.

10. **Finance & Governance: Payments were authorised for May invoices:**

Draycott Church Hall	June meeting (hire rate £30 p/session)	£30.00	**£30.00**	**Cheque No. 1976**
D Wheat	Clerk Salary Month 3 (May/Jun) – (SPC rate 12 £ £14.82 p/h) Total - £322.00 per month	Gross £322.00 Tax £64.40	**Net £257.60**	**1977**
DW Expenses: Smarty Clerks Milage	Internet package p/m 9 miles @50p	£9.00 £4.50	**£13.50**	**1978**
Y Grimshaw Baker	Clerk Salary Month 3 (May/Jun) -(SPC rate 12 – as above)	Gross £322.00 Tax £0.00	**Net £322.00**	**1979**
Clerk YGB Expenses	9 miles @50p	£4.50	**£4.50**	**1980**

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Clerks Milage HP Ink	Printing ink HP 305	£18.32+ £3.67 VAT	**£21.99**	
HMRC	PAYE (May/Jun) Month 2	£64.40	**£64.40**	**1981**
J Swarbrooke	Litter picking work @ £12.50 per hr 12.5 hrs May	£156.25	**£156.25**	**1982**
R Fox	Lengths-person work @ £15 per hr 22.5 hrs April	£337.50	**£337.50**	**1983**
R Fox	Soils, Paint for Cherry Trees and Benches New Planters wood, screws & labour	£66.40 + £12.73 VAT £450.24	**£79.13** **£450.24**	**1984**
Mr M J Hubbard	Removal of old VAS and Fitting of new VAS	£330.00	**£330.00**	**1985**
SPCA	Staffordshire Parish Councils Association membership fee	£372.67 No VAT	**£372.67**	**1986**
	Cheque cancelled Incorrectly written			**1987**
Clear Insurance	Parish Council Insurance (full year)	£644.79	**£644.79**	**1988**
Parish Online	Website hosting fee	£350.00 VAT £70.00	**£420.00**	**1989**
	<u>New calculated total</u>	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**	**£3504.57**	

The above payments proposed……MD…… and cheques duly signed……PM……

b) Unity Trust Bank progress Report: All Councillors have been given a copy of the document from unity trust with details of what is needed from them to open a new bank account. Clerk will be seeking these personal details this month to progress the application**.**

c) Signatories to sign HMRC Direct Debit: Unable to do so at present, defer to the next meeting.

d) Rural Regeneration Fund: Defer to the next meeting

e) Lengths-person & litter-picker reports May 2026: The increasing costs of both lengths-person and litter-picking were discussed, it decided that only budgeted hours should be followed this month, until a review of the budget can be completed next month. Clerk to authorise any extra hours that may come up in this time and was given delegated powers –
Proposed by Cllr. Birds and seconded by Cllr. Winfield

f) Budget for Maintenance: As above, with any other budget decisions to be delayed until next meeting.

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g) **Council to consider application for Solar Array Fund** – Parkers Piece Information Board. Cllrs to invite applicant to attend next ordinary meeting to discuss the project as further details and quotes are needed.

11. Items on Notice: to consider introducing a scheme to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people. Defer to July meeting.

12. Draycott in the Moors Parish Council Annual Governance and Accounting Review:

a) Clerk signed the Accounting Statements
b) The Internal Audit Report was received and noted.
c) The Annual Governance Statement (section 1) was approved by the Council.
d) The accounting Statements (section 2) are approved.
e) Following the approval, the Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement.
f) The Chairman signed the Accounting Statement.
g) The date was set for the exercise of public rights for the 1st July 2026

Projects in Progress

Highways

i. **Crossing or Pedestrian refuge on Uttoxeter Road.** No further progress on this issue as a third survey is being done on the road.
The Clerk will keep the council informed of any information received.

ii. **VAS** – The Council agreed that both existing signs should be relocated and erected in Cresswell. The Clerk and councillors were scheduled to meet with Highways Officer Aron Brown to confirm the proposed locations; however, we have since been informed that he has left his position and moved to another council. The Clerk will follow this up with the newly appointed Highways Officer. In addition, there have been reports that a county-wide requirement may be introduced for all VAS equipment to use the same camera system. This matter will also be investigated and clarified.

iii. **Community Speedwatch:** Councillors will continue to chase and update on any progress.

Projects

Totmonslow Sign: The Totmonslow sign on Draycott Road at the Tean entrance is still down, 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.

Village Gateways: Site visit still to be arranged to discuss locations and written permission, hopefully the same time as meeting regarding the VAS Cameras.

Bus Stop Art Galleries:
The Clerk has printed 50 old photographs that need to be displayed. Project still ongoing.

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Parish Information welcome Cards: Thanks was given to Cllr. Deaville who has had 30 cards printed, which he is donating to the Parish Council. Cllr. Reardon is putting together a list of helpful numbers and advice that will be going into the cards welcoming new parishioners**.**

Communication

I. **Policies:** Clerk to investigate a new safeguarding policy for all to complete.

II. **Calendar of events 2026:** Remembrance Sunday – It was agreed that the Remembrance Sunday displays in the bus shelters were very well received by residents, and that the silhouettes displayed at the memorial were a fitting addition to the commemorations, will need to take inventory of the poppies so that extra can be acquired. The Christmas lights at the Bus shelters looked great and again we may need to take inventory. Both initiatives should be included in the 2026 Calendar of Events. Details and arrangements will be confirmed in due course.

III. **Training and Development** – The Clerk has successfully completed the first stage of training and requested approval to enrol on the next finance training course provided by SPCA. Approval was granted, proposed by Cllr. Deaville and seconded by Cllr. Birds.

Items to be put on the July Agenda

1) Lengths-person and litter-picker budget.
2) Progress on Online Banking.
3) To discuss to Cresswell to Cheadle Railway project
4) Rural Regeneration report.
5) Telephone Box quote.
6) Solar Array Application.

Meeting closed 20.50

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