

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council

Tuesday 26th January 2010

in the Pavilion Building, Drayton Bassett, Staffordshire

Present: P Millard (Chairman)
R Lockhart (Vice Chairman)
A Edmond (Councillor)
Geoff Hemus (Councillor)
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)

L Brown (Clerk)

Action

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor, M Garbett.

Code of Conduct

Chairman, P Millard, reminded those present to observe the Code of Conduct during the meeting.

(09/156)

Chairman, P Millard advised Councillors that he had spoken with District Councillor, Charlie McEwan who had requested that the Council allow the prospective Conservative candidate for the member of Parliament, Mr M Pincher, to speak at the Annual Assembly in April 2010.

Chairman, P Millard asked for comments from the Councillors as to whether they would agree to this request.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that as he was not the elected MP the Council could not be seen to be being political and he would therefore be welcome to attend the meeting but not formally address the meeting via the Parish Council.

Chairman, P Millard to advise District Councillor, C McEwan accordingly.

Chairman

Items for Consideration by Members of the Public

There were no items for consideration.

(09/157) Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting (09/141)

Councillor, G Hemus advised that his name had been missed off the Attendees List of the last meeting Minutes.

Parish Clerk to make amendment and circulate to Councillors.

Parish Clerk

	Action
<u>Matters Arising from those Minutes</u>	
<u>Letter of Complaint from Parishioner regarding Horse Rider riding on footpaths (09/139)</u>	
Councillor, R Lockhart advised that he had not managed to ascertain the identity of the horse rider.	R Lockhart
Chairman, P Millard advised that we had informed the complainant that we would endeavour to identify the horse rider but that she should contact the police if the horse rider is seen to be riding on footpaths again.	
<u>(09/158) Gates to Playing Fields (09/142)</u>	
Councillor, R Lockhart to chase up quote and alternative designs for gates from Kevin Wilkes of KS Plant.	R Lockhart
This is still to be done.	
<u>(09/159) Perimeter Fence (09/143)</u>	
Councillors, G Hemus and R Lockhart confirmed they had inspected the perimeter fence and advised it was beyond repair and stated that it would be expensive to repair.	A Edmond Parish Clerk
Following a discussion, it was agreed to get a quote to trim the hedge back to the fence at the bottom end of the playing field to bring it under control.	
Councillor, A Edmond to ask Paul Llewellyn to quote. Parish Clerk to get another quote.	
<u>(09/160) Meeting with Helen Portman of Staffordshire County Council re Traffic Management (09/144)</u>	
Chairman, P Millard confirmed he had contacted Helen Portman to get an update and is still awaiting a reply.	Chairman
Chairman, P Millard discussed the possibility of getting some new speed sign stickers printed for parishioner bins.	
It was agreed to get some 20mph (20 is Plenty) stickers printed, 2 per household.	
Chairman, P Millard to organise.	
<u>(09/161) Ownership of hawthorn hedge – council land, Drayton Lane and Walkway leading up to Old Manor Close (09/145)</u>	
The issue of ownership of the hawthorn hedge was raised again by Councillor, M Garbett.	Parish Clerk
Parish Clerk confirmed she had spoken to Alan Deacon from Lichfield District Council re ownership of hedge and he advised that he would need to visit the site to ascertain ownership and advise Parish Clerk accordingly.	
Parish Clerk to chase Alan Deacon.	

Matters Arising from those Minutes cont...**New Parish Councillors (09/147)**

Following the Chairman's suggestion that Councillors ask parishioners if they would be interested in becoming a councillor, parishioner, Brian Reynolds, having attended the last few meetings expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and was therefore co-opted onto the Council.

Councillor, R Lockhart proposed this appointment and Councillor G Hemus seconded it.

Chairman, P Millard welcomed Brian to the Parish Council.

(09/162) Grass Cutting Contract (09/151)

Chairman, P Millard and Councillor, A Edmond to look at previous grass cutting specification document before sending out to possible companies to quote.

This is still to be done.

Chairman /
A Edmond

(09/163) What the Village Would Like to See (09/152)

It was agreed to distribute the 'Suggestion Cards' on Saturday 29th January 2010 and collect on Saturday 6th February 2010. Although the distribution could be done by a couple of Councillors, the collection needed to be done by everyone.

Chairman, P Millard asked if everyone could help to collect and he would e-mail a list of areas and who would be responsible for collecting the cards.

P Millard

Correspondence

No list was circulated as all correspondence received had been circulated and dealt with and needed no further action.

Chairman's Items**(09/164) Parish Clerk Expenses**

Following a discussion, it was agreed to pay an amount of £10.00 per month towards the Parish Clerk's internet at home.

This is to be back-dated to January 2010.

(09/165) Repair to Play Equipment

Chairman, P Millard advised that the wood around the play equipment needs replacing and the area needs re filling with bark to bring it back up to standard.

Chairman, P Millard confirmed that a quote had been received from Paul Llewellyn to make the area bigger and re fill with bark at a cost of £3,600 + V.A.T.

Chairman, P Millard confirmed that all work is included in the Play Builder grant currently being applied for but needed to be done quickly and asked permission to go ahead.

Councillor, A Edmond proposed this and Councillor, G Hemus seconded it.

	Action
<u>Chairman's Items cont....</u>	
<u>(09/166) Transport for Elderly Parishioners to Fazeley Church Luncheon</u>	
Following a discussion, it was agreed to continue to support the elderly parishioners by paying for the transport for a further 6 months.	
Parish Clerk to contact Tamworth Community Transport to advise them accordingly.	Parish Clerk
Parish Clerk to write to elderly parishioners to advise of the Parish Councils further support.	Parish Clerk
<u>(09/167) Historical Site (09/124)</u>	
Chairman, P Millard advised that he had met with Steve Dean, County Archaeologist, who advised that they were trying to find funds to enable retired archaeologist, Bob Meeson to write up the findings of the artefacts found some years ago.	
Chairman, P Millard asked Steve Dean if he knew where the artefacts were stored. Steve Dean advised that he did not know but they could be stored at the Potteries Museum, Stoke-on-Trent or Tamworth Castle.	
Chairman, P Millard advised that he would get quotes for a display for the historical site and report back at a future meeting.	Chairman
<u>Parish Councillor Items</u>	
There were none.	
<u>(09/168) Finance (09/130)</u>	
Finance Reports circulated.	
Parish Clerk advised that funds needed to be transferred from the Business 30 Day Notice account to the Treasurers Account.	
Parish Clerk to arrange.	Parish Clerk
Councillor, B Reynolds mentioned the poor interest rate paid on the money in the Business 30 Account and asked if a better interest rate could be sort.	
Parish Clerk to contact the bank to ascertain if any better interest rates were available.	Parish Clerk
<u>Planning</u>	
No outstanding Planning Applications	
<u>(09/169) Website (09/149)</u>	
Chairman, P Millard confirmed this would be ready for the New Year.	Chairman
This is still to be done.	

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<u>(09/170) War Memorial (09/150)</u>	
Chairman, P Millard confirmed that further quotations had been received. Chairman, P Millard advised that we will be applying for the grant in April 2010.	
Councillor, B Reynolds stated that he knew of someone who might be interested in quoting to do the restoration work on the war memorial.	
Parish Clerk to forward specification to Councillor, B Reynolds.	Parish Clerk
It was previously reported that Chairman, P Millard would contact Corrine Knight ex partner of army deceased parishioner. This is still to be done.	Chairman
<u>(09/171) Clarence</u>	
Parish Clerk to contact Clarence regarding missing Drayton Lane sign on grassy area in front of Drayton House.	Parish Clerk
Also replace Salts Lane sign placed at junction with Drayton Lane.	Parish Clerk
<u>Precept</u>	
Chairman, P Millard confirmed the Precept document had been sent off for 2010 and as agreed by all Councillors the same budget was used as 2009.	
<u>(09/172) Community Gangs</u>	
Parish Clerk to request grass verges on A4091 Portleys Lane are cleared during next Community Gangs Day.	Parish Clerk
Also ascertain whether litter picks in hedgerows are done as part of the Community Gang days as the hedgerows in Drayton Lane, Portleys Lane and Salts Lane need clearing.	
<u>(09/173) Future of Sports Pavilion</u>	
Councillor, P Millard discussed the issue of the future of the Sports Pavilion.	
Do 'suggestion' drop then bring to future meeting.	
<u>(09/174) Best Kept Village</u>	
Chairman, P Millard asked Councillors for a volunteer to handle this project but no-one came forward. Chairman, P Millard to e-mail Councillor, M Garbett asking if she would be prepared to do it. It was agreed that if Councillor, M Garbett did not wish to handle this project the Council would not enter this year.	Chairman
The meeting finished at 9.00p.m.	