

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th January 2012

In the Sports Pavilion, Rectory Close, Drayton Bassett, Staffordshire

Present: Philip Millard (Chairman)
Roy Lockhart (Councillor)
Avril Edmond (Councillor)
Mary Garbett (Councillor)
Avril Edmond (Councillor)
Matthew Ellis (County Councillor)

John & Judy Williams (Parishioners)

Apologies: Geoff Hemus (Councillor)
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)

Action

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors B Reynolds and G Hemus.

Code of Conduct

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

Items for Consideration by Members of the Public

(12/386) Speed Through Village

E-mail received from parishioner regarding speed through the Village.

Parish Clerk to respond advising that a number of surveys have been carried out over the years as well as temporary speed cameras but it was found that the volume of traffic was not at a level where the County Council would fund a speed reduction campaign, and the number of accidents in the Village does not qualify for this.

A 20mph speed limit was also imposed for a temporary period in line with the National Strategy.

(12/387) Mill Lane Recreation Area

E-mail received from parishioner regarding Mill Lane Recreation area.

Parish Clerk to reply to parishioner advising that enhanced flood protection work is due to be carried out which may see the existing bank being moved and made larger, and until we know the timescales involved we do not want to make any decisions. Parish Council awaiting confirmation of start date.

Parish Clerk to also advise that the Environment Agency maintain the grass three times a year.

Parish Clerk

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Anonymous Letter re Club Noise

A discussion took place regarding the receipt of an anonymous letter received by the Parish Clerk concerning the noise outside the club late at night. It was agreed to pass the letter to the club for their awareness and that no more could be done by the Parish Council.

(12/388) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Councillor A Edmond requested that her name is removed from the attendees list as she was absent from the November meeting.

Parish Clerk

With the exception of the above, the minutes of the meeting on 29th November 2011 were signed as a true record of proceedings.

(11/389) Street Lights in Mayfair Drive (11/376)

Following a discussion, it was agreed to investigate the possibility of adding these two street lights to the SCC maintenance schedule. County Councillor Matthew Ellis to also bring this issue to a conclusion. Parish Clerk to e-mail Matthew Ellis.

Parish Clerk

(11/390) Queens Jubilee 2012 (11/378)

The Parish Council agreed to organise a Village event to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. Chairman P Millard to write to the Church and School to ask whether they would be willing to help to organise it.

Chairman

(11/391) Grit Bins (11/379) & (11/382)

Following no response from Highways to two requests to fill the grit bin on the walkway between the Village Green (on Drayton Lane) and Old Manor Drive, County Councillor Matthew Ellis stated that he would arrange for this to be done.

County Councillor Matthew Ellis also stated that he would arrange for a second grit bin to be allocated to Drayton Bassett to be located on the corner of Salts Lane and Drayton Lane.

Parish Clerk to e-mail Matthew Ellis.

Parish Clerk

(11/392) Felling of trees (11/381)

Councillor R Lockhart advised that he had met with Stuart Phillips regarding 'raising the crowns' of the trees on the historical site. Quote received of £100.00. Councillor R Lockhart proposed the work and Councillor M Garbett seconded it. Councillor R Lockhart to contact Stuart Philips to advise to go ahead with work.

R Lockhart

(11/393) Drayton Manor Hotel (11/385)

Chairman P Millard to contact Colin Bryan to ask if the Parish Council can hold their March 2012 meeting at the Hotel.

Chairman

Correspondence

None.

Chairman's Items

None.

Parish Councillor Items

None.

Finance Report for January 2012

Finance report for January 2012 circulated.

Planning

One planning application returned.

(11/394) HS2

Chairman P Millard and County Councillor Matthew Ellis both gave an update on their understanding of the current position.

It is to be noted that Councillor R Lockhart has a personal interest in this issue.

Chairman P Millard suggested that as many Councillors attend the next meeting on Thursday 9th February to see what further action can be taken and how we can progress further.

Best Kept Village Competition 2012

It was agreed not to enter this year.

(12/395) Tamworth Community Transport

Following a discussion it was agreed to donate £750.00 to Tamworth Community Transport which will go towards the cost of running the bus service twice a week from the Village to Tamworth.

Councillor R Lockhart proposed the donation and Councillor M Garbett seconded it.

Councillor A Edmond to do a poster advertising the bus service.

Parish Clerk to e-mail Linda Hayes to ask that the bus service is promoted in the Village Voice.

The meeting finished at 8.40p.m.

All

A Edmond
Parish Clerk