

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 28th February 2012

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

Present: Philip Millard (Chairman)
Roy Lockhart (Councillor)
Mary Garbett (Councillor)
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)
Mike Wilcox (Leader of Lichfield District Council)

Apologies: Geoff Hemus (Councillor)
Avril Edmond (Councillor)

Action

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors A Edmond 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

None.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 24th January 2012 were signed as a true record of proceedings.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

(11/396) Street Lights in Mayfair Drive (11/389)

SCC investigating. Parish Clerk to chase response.

Parish Clerk

(11/397) Grit Bins (11/391)

Parish Clerk to e-mail Mary Lee at SCC to request the filling of the Parish Council's grit bin on the walkway between the Village Green (on Drayton Lane) and Old Manor Drive and to provide a second grit bin to be located on the corner of Salts Lane and Drayton Lane.

Parish Clerk

(11/398) Felling of trees (11/392)

Councillor, R Lockhart to chase Stuart Philips regarding 'raising the crowns' of the trees on the historical site.

R Lockhart

11/399) Drayton Manor Hotel (11/393)

March meeting to be held at Drayton Manor Park.
Chairman P Millard to send out details nearer the meeting date.

Chairman

Correspondence

None.

Chairman's Items

None.

Parish Councillor items**(12/400) Smartwater**

Following a discussion, it was agreed to add Smartwater to the Annual Assembly agenda.

Parish Clerk

(12/401) Motor Vehicle for Community Police

Following a request from the Community Police for funds to help purchase a community police vehicle, the general consensus of opinion by the Councillors was that the Parish Council does not have sufficient funds to be able to help.

Councillor M Garbett to advise.

M Garbett

Grass Cutting Contract

Councillor M Garbett was asked by a parishioner why do the Parish Council pay to cut the grass on the properties owned by Bromford Living.

Chairman P Millard explained that this was an historic arrangement to maintain the gardens of the elderly residents of the Village from when the houses were first built prior to the management of the property changing from LDC to Bromford Living.

Following a discussion, it was agreed not to change the arrangement in place.

Parking by the Historical Site

Councillor M Garbett reported vehicles parking on the historical site.

Councillor P Millard advised Councillor M Garbett to contact Marc Fortin Tobin directly whenever this happens and provide vehicle registration and, if known, names of those parking on the site for him to contact.

Finance Reports

Finance reports circulated.

Planning

None.

(11/402) HS2

Following a discussion about the upcoming local consultative meetings regarding HS2, it was decided that Councillor P Millard will attend the Middleton meetings with Councillor R Lockhart, and Councillor M Garbett will attend the Hints and Canwell meetings with Councillor R Lockhart.

It was agreed that Councillors would only attend SNOW meetings if they wished to do so.

HS2 Action Alliance donation request to be added to the Annual Assembly agenda for discussion to gauge the views of the parishioners about the Parish Council's on-going financial support for anti HS2 action in the future now that the project has been agreed by the Government.

Parish Clerk to advise the HS2 Action Alliance that the issue will be raised at the Annual Assembly in April.

Parish Clerk

(11/403) Queens Jubilee 2012 (11/390)

The Parish Council agreed to support 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. On-going as at February meeting.

Chairman

Letter received from County Councillor Mathew Ellis offering grants of £200.00 towards events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

If a Village event is organised Chairman P Millard will submit form.

Chairman

(12/404) Wind Turbines

Following receipt of an e-mail asking the Parish Council to consider helping to fund the opposition of an application for a wind turbine farm, it was found that the Councillors did not have strong views either way to agree to this and that every application will be looked at on an individual basis.

Parish Clerk to contact Clifton Campville Parish Council to advise them of the Council's decision.

Parish Clerk

Community Paths Initiatives – Bids for 2012/2013

Agreed not to request funding.

(12/405) Winzip

Parish Clerk asked for agreement to purchase WinZip to enable her to receive the Electoral Register via e-mail instead of Special Delivery which needs to be signed for. Councillor B Reynolds proposed and Councillor R Lockhart seconded.

Parish Clerk to purchase.

Parish Clerk

The meeting finished at 8.45p.m.