

# MINUTES

of the

## Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012

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

Present: Philip Millard (Chairman)  
Roy Lockhart (Councillor)  
Avril Edmond (Councillor)  
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)

Apologies: Geoff Hemus (Councillor)  
Mary Garbett (Councillor)

Action

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### Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors M Garbett 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

#### (12/406) Donation Request from Parishioner re Queens Jubilee Celebration

Parish Clerk to find out when the Environment Agency are due to mow the land on Mill Lane.

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk to e-mail parishioner to advise that the land should not be scarified as this will cause damage to the grass.

Parish Clerk

The Parish Council agreed to fund up to £100.00 towards their Jubilee celebrations.

Parish Clerk to advise that the cheque cannot be written out to an individual helping to organise the celebrations but we can write a cheque out to an organisation for part or full payment of something.

Parish Clerk

Councillor A Edmond proposed this and Councillor B Reynolds seconded it.

#### (12/407) Tennis Court

Councillor A Edmond and Chairman P Millard to arrange a meeting with Paul Robinson to discuss further.

Chairman /  
A Edmond

#### (12/408) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

There was one small amendment to the Minutes from Councillor M Garbett regarding the wording on the Historical Site item. Parish Clerk to amend.

Parish Clerk

With the above amendment made, the minutes of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were signed as a true record of proceedings.

**Matters Arising from Previous Minutes****(11/409) Street Lights in Mayfair Drive (11/396)**

SCC investigating. Parish Clerk to chase response.

Parish Clerk

**(11/410) Grit Bins (11/397)**

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.

**Update**

Following a response from SCC, Parish Clerk to reply to say we are not prepared to wait any longer as this issue has now been going on since November 2011 and ask how much it will cost to fill the Parish Council's existing grit bin as well as purchasing and filling a new grit bin.

Parish Clerk

**(11/411) Felling of trees (11/398)**

Councillor, R Lockhart to chase Stuart Philips regarding 'raising the crowns' of the trees on the historical site. On-going as at March 2012 meeting.

R Lockhart

**11/412) Drayton Manor Hotel (11/399)**

Chairman P Millard to speak to Colin Bryan to see if there is a possibility of holding a Parish Council meeting at Drayton Manor free of charge.

Chairman

**Correspondence**

None.

**Chairman's Items**

None.

**Parish Councillor items****(12/413) Roundabout in Park**

Councillor A Edmond provided some initial quotes. It was agreed that Councillor A Edmond would get a firm quote for a roundabout and surface area for consideration at the next meeting. In principle the Parish Council agreed to purchase this up to a cost of £7,000.

A Edmond

**(12/414) Steps to the Bridge**

Councillor B Reynolds to speak to Chris Hunt to look at building some steps at the side.

B Reynolds

**(12/415) Pavilion Gates – Finishing Off**

Councillor A Edmond to speak to Upton Engineering re quote for an archway next to the gates to give them a finished look.

A Edmond

**Finance Reports**

Finance reports circulated prior to the meeting.

**(12/416) Council Tax Bills**

Village Council Tax bills are showing an increase of 1.4% on the precept when the Parish Council haven't increased it for the last 3 years.

Parish Clerk to contact LDC and ask them to investigate.

Parish Clerk

**Planning**

None

**(12/417) Clearing of Area Adjacent to School Playground**

Parish Clerk to contact John Mason and ask for a quote to remove the large stones, remove brambles and cut back other shrubbery on the small piece of land next to Walnut House adjacent to the school playground.

Parish Clerk

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Latest updates given.

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

The Parish Council agreed to support a Village event to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

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.

No update at March 2012 meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.30p.m.