

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th July 2012

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

Present: Philip Millard (Chairman)
Roy Lockhart (Vice Chairman)
Avril Edmond (Councillor)
Mary Garbett (Councillor)
Geoff Hemus (Councillor)

Apologies: Brian Reynolds (Councillor)

Action

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor B Reynolds.

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

(12/441) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – 26th June 2012

Councillor A Edmond requested that it be minuted that Councillor M Garbett advised that she will be cutting down the hedgerow at the side of her property and a brick wall will be built to replace it.

A slight amendment to the Mill Lane Land item is also to be made.

Parish Clerk to make amendments.

Parish Clerk

Matters Arising from those Minutes

(12/442) Mill Lane Land (12/430)

Parish Clerk to contact LDC to request the existing dog bin in Mill Lane is moved into the field (other side of the gate).

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk to also request a new sign in Mill Lane at the entrance (top end of Mill Lane - gap in the hedge – just past the houses).

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk to contact the Environment Agency for a timetable of works and request that whatever work is undertaken, the land that is currently being maintained by the residents is put back to the way it looked before they commenced work.

Parish Clerk

Matters Arising from those Minutes cont....**(12/443) Mill Lane Land (12/430) cont...**

Parish Clerk to advise the Environment Agency that we are not happy with the way the area is currently being maintained and we have received complaints from residents.

Parish Clerk

Parish Clerk to contact John Ikin at Fisher German to ascertain in what capacity Fisher German are working with the Environment Agency.

Parish Clerk

(11/ 444) Street Lights in Mayfair Drive (11/431)

SCC investigating. Parish Clerk to chase response. On-going as at 24.07.12

Parish Clerk

(11/445) Grit Bins (11/432)**Filling of 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.**

Following a further negative response from Staffordshire County Council, it was agreed to order a second grit bin to be located on the corner of Drayton Lane / Salts Lane from Amberol and purchase salt directly for DBPC to fill.

Parish Clerk

(11/446) Felling of trees (11/433)

Councillor, R Lockhart to chase Stuart Philips regarding 'raising the crowns' of the trees on the historical site. On-going as at 24.07.12. This is now urgent so we can complete before the end of the year.

R Lockhart

(12/447) Boundary Signs (12/440)

Councillor B Reynolds raised the subject of the Village boundary signs saying that they are perhaps in need of updating.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Councillor A Edmond would bring the designs that were previously suggested to the next meeting to discuss.

A Edmond

It was agreed to take this forward to the September meeting.

(12/448) Village Green

Councillor A Edmond advised that one of the oak posts on the Village Green has rotted at ground level and advised to replace would cost £8.00 per post from Goulds. Councillor A Edmond asked the councillors whether we should replace all the oak posts at the same time.

It was agreed that Councillor B Reynolds would ask Chris Hunt to look at the condition of all the posts and obtain a quote for fitting and Councillor A Edmond would obtain a quote to replace all in readiness for the next meeting so a decision can be made.

A Edmond /
B Reynolds

On-going as at 24.07.12

Correspondence**(12/449) Planning Enforcement Policy**

Agreed.

Parish Clerk to submit priorities to Staffordshire County Council.

Parish Clerk

Chairman's Items

None

Parish Councillor Items**Cars Parking on Heritage site**

Councillor M Garbett advised that people are still occasionally parking on the historical site. Chairman P Millard advised that, as previously advised, as this is illegal parking Councillor M Garbett should contact the police direct with car registration details if she sees anyone parking on the historical site and should encourage other residents to do the same.

(12/450) Trees on Land Adjacement to walkway between Old Manor Close and Drayton Lane

Councillor M Garbett advised that people are worried about walking down the walkway between Old Manor Close and Drayton Lane due to the trees swaying and stated that parishioners are knocking on her front door late into the evening to advise her of this.

It was agreed that Councillor A Edmond would contact Mike Healey to ask if he could look at the trees and provide a report on what can be done together with a quote for any works in readiness for the next meeting.

A Edmond

(12/451) Dog Fouling

Councillor M Garbett advised that the amount of dog fouling on the piece of land next to her property is increasing.

It was agreed to request the 'No Dog Fouling' signs on the footpaths are re painted around the Village and request two 'No Dog Fouling' signs are erected on the piece of land next to Councillor M Garbett's house by Lichfield District Council .

Parish Clerk

Children Playing in Roads

Councillor M Garbett advised that children are playing in the roads.

Chairman P Millard stated it is not illegal for children to play in the roads.

Councillor M Garbett advised that the police have been notified and attended.

Tidying of land/walkway Old Manor Close / Drayton Lane

Councillor M Garbett raised the issue of the untidiness of the hedges to the side of the walkway between Old Manor Close and Drayton Lane and asked if this could be tidied up. However, it was pointed out that this land does in fact not belong to the Parish Council but it belongs to Councillor R Lockhart and a parishioner living in the property next to this piece of land. Councillor R Lockhart agreed to action this request as the land owner.

(12/452) Finance Reports (12/438)

No Finance reports submitted.

Parish Clerk to submit once finance papers returned from Internal Auditor.

Parish Clerk

Planning

None

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Councillor R Lockhart and Councillor M Garbett provided an update.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm