

# MINUTES

of the

## Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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

Present: Roy Lockhart (Vice Chairman)  
Avril Edmond (Councillor)  
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)  
Mary Garbett (Councillor)

Apologies: Philip Millard (Chairman)  
Geoff Hemus (Councillor)

Parishioners: Maurice Leake / Martin Hall

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### Apologies

Apologies were received from Chairman P Millard and Councillor G Hemus.

### Code of Conduct

Vice Chairman R Lockhart reminded those present to observe the Code of Conduct during the meeting.

### Items for Consideration by Members of the Public

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

A Mayfair Drive resident attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council to consider paying for a section of the land in Mill Lane to be cut from May to September for use by the children.

It was agreed to add the cutting of this piece of land to the existing Grass Cutting Contract on the same rota basis as the cutting of the Village grass.

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

Parish Clerk to accept John Mason's quotation of £65.00 +VAT.

Parish Clerk

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

Parish Clerk

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

Parish Clerk

Councillor M Garbett proposed we continue to use Fisher German and Councillor A Edmond seconded it.

**Items for Consideration by Members of the Public****(12/430) Mill Lane Land (cont....)**

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

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

Parish Clerk

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> May were signed as a true record of proceedings.

**Matters arising from those Minutes****(11/431) Street Lights in Mayfair Drive (11/419)**

SCC investigating. Parish Clerk to chase response. On-going as at 26.06.12

Parish Clerk

**(11/432) Grit Bins (11/420)**

**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.**

Parish Clerk to e-mail County Councillor Matthew Ellis as this issue still remains unresolved 6 months after the initial request.

Parish Clerk

**(11/433) Felling of trees (11/421)**

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

R Lockhart

**(12/434) Steps to the Bridge (12/422)**

Councillor B Reynolds confirmed the repair work will start tomorrow, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

**(12/435) Council Tax Bills (12/423)**

Following LDC's response advising that there has been no increase on the precept, Councillor A Edmond forwarded a copy of her council tax bill to LDC for investigation.

Councillor A Edmond advised no response received as yet – Councillor A Edmond to chase up and copy in Parish Clerk.

A Councillor

**Correspondence** - None

**(12/436) Clearing of Area Adjacent to School Playground (12/424)**

Councillor A Edmond confirmed the area had been cleared and asked what should be done with this piece of land.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that Councillor A Edmond would purchase some shrubs and bark to make the area look tidy and maintained.

Councillor B Reynolds proposed this and Councillor M Garbett seconded it.

A Edmond

**(12/437) Repairs to Play Equipment (12/425)**

Work being carried out by Chris Hunt tomorrow, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Councillor A Edmond to obtain a quote for some brackets to go over the whole length of the bench leg to make it more secure.

A Edmond

**Chairman's Items** - None

**Parish Councillor items** - None

**(12/438) Finance Reports (12/427)**

No Finance reports submitted. Parish Clerk to submit once finance papers returned from Internal Auditor.

Parish Clerk

**Planning**

None

**(12/439) HS2 (12/428)**

Councillor M Garbett requested permission to obtain photocopies of the proposed route plans at a cost of £20.00 per copy.

M Garbett

Councillor A Edmond proposed this and Councillor R Lockhart seconded.

**(12/440) Boundary Signs**

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

**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

The meeting finished at 8.50pm