

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd January 2013

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

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

Apologies: Brian Reynolds (Councillor)

Action

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor B Reynolds.

Welcome

Chairman P Millard welcomed parishioners Sue and Patrick Harris to the meeting.

Code of Conduct

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

Co Option of Susan Harris onto the Parish Council

Councillor A Edmond proposed the co-option of Susan Harris and Councillor R Lockhart seconded.

The co-option was unanimous.

Items for Consideration by Members of the Public

None

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 27th November 2012 were recorded as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Matters Arising from those Minutes

(12/468) Mill Lane Land (12/460)

Parish Clerk to contact LDC to request the existing dog bin in Mill Lane is moved into the field (other side of the gate). Awaiting response as at 22.01.13

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). Awaiting response as at 22.01.13

Parish Clerk

Matters Arising from those Minutes cont....**(11/469) Felling of trees (11/462)**

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

R Lockhart

Parish Clerk to contact Fouroak Tree Services (0121 308 8595) to obtain a further quotation.

Parish Clerk

(12/470) Village Signage (12/463)

Missing/repairs required to Village signage:

Village curtilage - junction of Drayton Lane / Portleys Lane (Ashdene farm) missing.

Village curtilage - 30 yards from main junction A4091 and Salts Lane - sign lopsided.

Parish Clerk confirmed that the Drayton / Fazeley boundary sign opposite the Mariner has been repaired. Councillor A Edmond advised that the other repairs were not yet done. Parish Clerk to chase.

Parish Clerk

Councillor G Hemus to arrange to move the Drayton Lane street sign to just in front of Drayton House. On-going as at 22.0.13 – Councillor G Hemus to chase.

Geoff Hemus

(12/471) Drayton Manor Traffic (12/464)

Parish Clerk to e-mail County Councillor Matthew Ellis regarding the increase in volume of traffic to ask if he is aware of anything that has changed in terms of the admission procedure and whether he knows of anything currently being put in place to reduce traffic volume. Parish Clerk to send chaser e-mail.

Parish Clerk

Dog Fouling (12/465)

Parish Clerk advised that Lichfield District Council have confirmed they will arrange for the 'no dog fouling' signs to be repainted on the footpaths when the weather improves and they will arrange for the 'no dog fouling' signs to be erected on the piece of land next to Councillor M Garbett's property.

(12/472) New Code of Conduct (12/466)

Parish Clerk to print a copy of the new Code of Conduct for Parish Councils (dated 9th August 2009) and obtain signatures from all Councillors to confirm they have read and will adhere to the new Code.

Parish Clerk

Correspondence**(13/473) Dog Waste Bags**

Parish Clerk to investigate whether LDC can provide dog waste stations and bags. Parish Clerk to obtain details from an alternative supplier if LDC do not provide.

Parish Clerk

Correspondence cont...**(13/474) Best Kept Village Competition 2013**

Parish Clerk to write to the WI, Church, Village Club, Scouts, Manor School and the Football team to see if there is any interest to help with the arrangements so the Village can enter the Best Kept Village Competition.

Parish Clerk

It was also discussed that as part of the Best Kept Village Competition we could give a prize for the Best Kept Garden to raise interest and participation.

Chairman's Items**Repairs to Play Equipment**

Councillor A Edmond confirmed that all required repairs following the last safety report on the play equipment are underway.

(13/475) Potential Projects for 2013

- Review of play equipment with a possible replacement/additional Climbing Frame
- Path around the park for running, walking, pushchairs to give greater access to the park
- A 'green' initiative (gas / electric) install wind turbine
- Review location of planters and look at additional ones
- Benches around the Village
- Hanging baskets in the bus stop
- Drayton Bassett Village Show with Carnival Prince and Princess Competition
- Village Lunch Club – Councillor S Harris to investigate why the previous lunch club was stopped in the WI. Councillor S Harris to speak to Viv Patchett, Lynn Hayes and Paula Acton to see if there is any appetite for a monthly lunch club to start up again. Need to look at location, catering (in-house or external), and volunteers.
- Electricity on the Village Green – Chairman P Millard currently trying to find details on sponsorship with EON.

Councillor Harris

Chairman

(13/476) Register of Interest Forms

Parish Clerk confirmed receipt of forms from Chairman P Millard and Councillor B Reynolds.

Councillors
Lockhart /
Hemus /
Edmond

Chairman P Millard requested that the remaining Councillors complete and return the forms to the Parish Clerk as a matter of urgency.

Lichfield District Council Chairman's Dinner

Chairman P Millard asked if any councillor would like to attend the above dinner on 1st March. All Councillors declined the invitation but agreed that should Chairman P Millard and the Parish Clerk wish to attend they were agreeable to this.

	Action
<p><u>(13/477) Gritting Salt</u></p> <p>Councillor M Garbett advised that there was no gritting salt in the grit box near the Village Green. Councillor A Edmond to purchase some grit.</p>	A Edmond
<p><u>Parish Councillor Items</u></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><u>Finance Reports</u></p> <p>Finance report circulated prior to meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>One planning application circulated.</p>	
<p><u>(13/478) HS2</u></p> <p>Councillor M Garbett to provide an update following the next meeting on 21st February.</p> <p>Councillor R Lockhart advised that as a Parish Council we need to be able to show that we have formal minutes of our discussions on HS2. Parish Clerk to review last 2 years Minutes and pull out all references to the HS2 debate and submit these to Councillors R Lockhart and M Garbett.</p>	Parish Clerk
<p><u>(13/479) Grass Cutting Contract</u></p> <p>Parish Clerk to contact John Mason to ask him to quote for the grass cutting contract for a one year period.</p> <p>Councillor A Edmond to contact Lichfield District Council to see if they provide grass cutting services.</p> <p>Parish Clerk to contact Bromford Housing to advise that the Parish Council have been cutting the grass belonging to the properties owned by Bromford Housing for some years and to ascertain why this is the case. Parish Council to look at either Bromford Housing taking back responsibility or contributing towards the cost via the Parish Council.</p>	Parish Clerk Councillor Edmond Parish Clerk
<p><u>(12/480) Road Verges (12/467)</u></p> <p>Parish Clerk to e-mail SCC to request the road verges from the top of Drayton Lane past Portleys Lane are filled with something more substantial than soil. On-going Parish Clerk to chase.</p>	Parish Clerk
<p>The meeting finished at 8.35pm</p>	