

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 27th November 2012

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

Present: Philip Millard (Chairman)
Mary Garbett (Councillor)
Geoff Hemus (Councillor)

Apologies: Roy Lockhart (Vice Chairman)
Avril Edmond (Councillor)
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)

Action

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors R Lockhart, B Reynolds and A Edmond.

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

Christmas Tree for the Village

Following a request and agreement from the Parish Council to pay for a Christmas tree for the Village, Chairman P Millard confirmed the purchase and erection of the tree and advised that solar lights were being purchased. Thanks to Sue Harris for organising this for the Village.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 25th September were recorded as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Matters Arising from those Minutes

(12/460) Mill Lane Land (12/453)

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 27.11.12

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 27.11.12

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. Ongoing as at 27.11.12

Parish Clerk

Matters Arising from those Minutes cont....**(12/461) Mill Lane Land (12/454) 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. Chairman and Parish Clerk to look at the land before sending an e-mail.

Chairman /
Parish Clerk

Chairman P Millard advised that a new Land Agent, Shortland Parsley of Atherstone, have been instructed to act on our behalf and a meeting has been scheduled with them on Friday which Councillor A Edmond will also be attending.

The Environment Agency is applying for planning permission and it appears that plans have already prepared. Both representatives of the Environment Agency say no firm decisions have been made. It has been suggested to raise the existing bung by ½ metre which they would prefer not to do, and the other option would be to move the bung to the other side of the field and make it ½ meter taller, however, this option would not allow access to maintain the grass. The final option would be to build a wall that runs from the road all the way around the back of the houses and across the side and would remove the bottom of the fence of the houses. After discussion it was thought the wall would be the best option.

(11/462) Felling of trees (11/455)

Councillor R Lockhart to chase Stuart Philips regarding 'raising the crowns' of the trees on the historical site. It is imperative that Councillor R Lockhart contacts Stuart Phillips so we can complete before the end of the year.

R Lockhart

It was agreed to seek an alternative quote as this item has been on the agenda since 2011. Councillor M Garbett to pass on details of a company in Fouroaks to the Parish Clerk to contact.

M Garbett

(12/463) Village Signage (12/456)

Parish Clerk confirmed e-mail sent to SCC regarding missing/repair 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 boundary - Drayton / Fazeley boundary A4091 (opposite Mariner) - letter missing.

Councillor G Hemus to move Drayton Lane street sign to just in front of Drayton House.

Geoff Hemus

(12/464) Drayton Manor Traffic (12/457)

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. No response as at 27th November 2012.

Parish Clerk

(12/465) Dog Fouling (12/458)

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. On-going as at 27th November 2012.

Parish Clerk

(12/466) New Code of Conduct (12/459)

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

Parish Clerk

Correspondence

None

Chairman's Items

None

Parish Councillor Items

None

Finance Reports

Finance reports circulated prior to meeting.

Planning

One planning application circulated.

HS2

Councillor M Garbett gave an update on HS2.

(12/467) Road Verges

Parish Clerk to e-mail SCC to request the road verges from the top of Drayton Lane past Portleys Lane be filled with something more substantial than soil.

Parish Clerk

The meeting finished at 8.20pm