

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 February 2017

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

Present:

Philip Millard (Chairman)
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)
Ian Watkins (Councillor)

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<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Avril Edmond (Councillor) Geoff Hemus (Councillor)</p>	
<p><u>Departing from the Standing Orders</u></p> <p>In view of there being no Chairman, the Council departed from the Standing Orders and nominations were requested for a Councillor to Chair the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Reynolds proposed Councillor Millard to act as Chair and Councillor Watts seconded. Councillor Millard accepted.</p>	
<p><u>Code of Conduct</u></p> <p>Chairman Millard reminded those present to observe the Code of Conduct during the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Visitors – Parishioners</u></p> <p>Mr & Mrs Kneale, John & Judy Williams, Janet Watson, Mark Lewis, Marlene & Rob Keenan, Ann Reynolds, Mo Smith. Stuart Potts</p> <p>HS2 - Tahir Ahmed, Ian Gannon</p>	
<p><u>Items for Consideration by members of the public</u></p> <p>None</p>	

<p><u>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from meeting on Tuesday 24 Jan 2017 were approved by Cllr Watts & Cllr Reynolds</p> <p><u>(16/949) Condition of Football Pitch and Future Maintenance (14/732)</u></p> <p>Changing rooms, next inspection to be done at March 17 meeting</p>	<p>All councillors</p>

<p><u>(16/950) Councillor vacancies</u></p> <p>Attempts have been made to find a replacement as there are now 2 vacancies</p> <p>An advert was put on the Noticeboards and an email the headmaster of the school to see if any parents may be interested and also Parish Clerk to contact Linda Hayes again of the Village Voice.</p> <p>No response for either.</p> <p>All Councillors were tasked to ask around the village to see if anyone interested. The next step would be to send a letter around the village about the vacancy and the potential consequences if the Parish Council fails to have enough councillors to run it.</p> <p>Parish clerk to get flyers printed and to do a leaflet drop</p>	<p>All councillors</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>

<p><u>(16/951 Lloyds bank mandate)</u></p> <p>Updating of the bank mandate has still not been resolved although they have changed the address to the new parish clerk address. Lloyds are now asking for proof of address for ID/address for Cllr Hemus. Cllr Hemus to go to the bank.</p> <p><u>(16/952) Village trees</u></p> <p>The stumps are not fully ground down after work carried out by Central Trees - Parish clerk asked to contact them, reply received from Kevin Perry stating they were only asked to fell the trees not remove the stumps. Report from LDC Orbologist to be scanned and need to plan into maintenance schedule</p>	<p>Cllr Hemus</p> <p>Cllr Millard</p>
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(16/953) TDCS re conservation New Row

Cllr Reynolds has been in discussion with Norman Biggs of TDCS and has a contact at LDC Claire Hines Principal Conservation & Design Officer Parish clerk to email village photos and letter to Claire Hines to explore if any of the buildings within the village which would meet the criteria for local listing, in particular around New Row.

Email received from Claire Hines 23 Jan 2017 advising she has a new member of staff now & is working through a backlog of work. She feels the DBPC historic site has potential to be designated a conservation area and her team will work on this in 2017. She will write a draft report initially for review by the relevant council committee in order to go out to public consultation, she estimates this will be around summertime. She will keep us posted and arrange to meet DBPC and Civic Society.

(16/954) Play Equipment

The play equipment from Playdale Playgrounds has now been installed

(16/955) HS2 community engagement managers

Tavir Ahmed & Ian Gannon from HS2 attended the meeting, Tavir Ahmed confirmed he is the point of contact during construction.

He advised Royal Assent should be granted by the end of Feb 17 for Phase 1 The community engagement plan has been provided to the contractor & now approved for enabling works to commence.

Contractors will meet the local councils when constructions starts, he estimates this will be in 2018 HS2 will come out with the contractor and discuss matters further.

An HS2 college will be opened for HND/Apprenticeships in Birmingham and Doncastor.

Regeneration of areas – A Pot of money - £40M has been set aside for the Community Environment Fund (CEF) this will be available post Royal Assent Contractors will have a community investment programme, i.e. locally for new fencing etc. Contractors to apply to CEF who will approach HS2

Community Investment strategies are presently being formed Newsletters will be sent out to local community & landowners/MP's local councils etc within 1km

Ian Gannon confirmed the main contractor was appointed in Nov 16 it's a joint venture with Laing O'Rourke Construction Limited and J. Murphy and they are based at Snow Hill Birmingham.

The first focus is Ecology works, the enabling works will start by doing Ground Investigation works this entails the examination and study of the soil, rocks and groundwater below the surface at various points along the route to ensure the design and work is done safely, economically and in the most efficient manner. It is likely therefore that in the coming weeks/months you may see people in High Viz jackets undertaking these surveys within the Parish.

When this starts HS2 are happy to come out with the contractor and discuss matters further.

There was some points raised by parishioners regarding the speed limit being lowered (even temporarily) during construction at the part of Drayton Lane that meets Sutton Rd

DBPC has previously applied for this but it was declined.
Construction traffic will not come through the village & it's the responsibility of the contractor to ensure all sub contract work/deliveries adhere to this.
There are Traffic Liason Groups set up where all parties meet to discuss the Traffic Management Plan, (Transport/Community/Emergency services/Staffs CC/LDC) The traffic management team is policed by HS2
M42 Junction 9 there will be large earthworks and will be one of the first jobs.

There is an interactive map on the HS2 website

New items this month

(16/956) Play Equipment/Grant

The play equipment has been installed and Cllr Reynolds and Cllr Edmond have looked into getting a grant for more equipment. The lottery grant form has been completed and they have a contact that can pursue this Aime Elliot she will do this on a No Win No Fee basis for £400

(16/957) HS2 briefing meeting at LDC

Parish clerk attended a meeting at LDC, the briefing was about our responsibility post Royal Assent. We will get planning applications for the bridges/viaducts etc & we have the normal 21 days to respond. Our response can only be on the design etc to fit in with the surrounding area, Once Royal Assent is granted the bridge/viaducts etc WILL go ahead & we can't object to them, only have an input on appearance.

Parish clerk will update the website and add another feature to the website to post all HS2 updates so they are easily found.

(16/958) Clerk CiLCA training

Parish clerk confirmed she would now like to start the CiLCA training it requires 4 training sessions over 4 months at a cost of £250 + vat plus the CiLCA registration £250. This will be completed by July 17

This has previously been agreed by DBPC

Correspondence

(16/959) Letter from WI to let us know the donation we made went towards the porch roof repairs.

(16/960) Finance Reports

Finance reports circulated, the funds in the current account are getting low but Parish Clerk has submitted a VAT refund request to HMRC for £4,683.38. The cheque for the Play Equipment can be sent once VAT refund received.

The following cheques were signed and approved for payment this month

Chq 1242 AMT Sports Play £4,200.00
Chq 1243 Eric Roy £115.00
Chq 1244 Toplis Associates £130.20
Chq 1245 LDC £268.72
Chq 1246 SLCC £78.00
Chq 1247 ALCC £10.00
Chq 1248 Odette Ghent £234.21
Chq 1249 Playdale playgrounds £5,023.32

(16/961) Planning

17/00119 2 The Croft Drayton Lane
– Two storey front extension
Objections due to obscuring visibility

(16/962) HS2 Update

See above comments

The meeting finished at 8.55pm