

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 19 September 2017

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

Present:

Chair: Cllr Ian Watkins

Councillors:

Brian Reynolds, Avril Edmond, Marlene Keenan, Alan Wilkinson

	Action
<u>Apologies</u> Cllr P Millard Cllr G Hemus	
<u>Code of Conduct</u> The Chair Cllr Watkins reminded those present to observe the Code of Conduct during the meeting.	
<u>Visitors – Parishioners & members of public</u> Janet Watson	
<u>Items for Consideration by members of the public</u> None	
<u>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting</u> The minutes from meeting on Tuesday 19 July 2017 were not approved due to discrepancies, clerk to amend and to be signed at next meeting. <u>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting</u> 17/1006 Cllr Watkins confirmed that it was discussed at the July meeting that he would look into potential costs for holding a music event.	Clerk

(17/1013) Football Team

The clerk confirmed that the football team has signed the new agreement and paid the fees for the 2017/18 season.

17/1014) TDCS re conservation New Row

No update this month clerk to contact Claire Hines at LDC for progress.

Items from visitors

17/1015

Janet Watson mentioned the significant increase in Drayton Manor Park traffic this summer. It was requested the clerk contact Drayton Manor Park and Staffordshire Highways and ask them to consider additional signage on routes to the park directing traffic to avoid Drayton Bassett village.

Janet also mentioned there were lots of leaves on the footpaths which is resulting in difficulty for people walking.

Janet also asked if extra bulbs for the village can be obtained by means of a grant from HS2 it was discussed that this is not the type of items intended for grants from HS2. Other grants are available to be discussed under correspondence.

The shrine was discussed that has gone up following the fatality on the junction of Salts Lane/Tamworth Rd. There are concerns around the village that drivers observing it may not be concentrating on the road which could result in another accident.

Staffordshire Highways have been contacted who say they have no policy for such matters, clerk to contact Cllr Brian Yeates from LDC.

Correspondence

17/1016 Staffs CC small community grant

The EnviroGrant Scheme for grants up to £1,000 was launched on 4th September applications are open until 27th October 2017. This could be a possibility for additional bulbs for the village as previously discussed.

17/1017 Play equipment inspection

The Allianz play equipment annual inspection report was circulated, remedial works have been done with the exception of the defect reported regarding the ladder. This has been looked at by Cllr Reynolds and no defect could be found, Clerk to contact Allianz for clarification of the defect.

17/1018 Awards for all grant

Clerk reported she has contacted Awards for All to be told the application process has changed and a new application to be submitted. Clerk to proceed with new application.

17/1019 Grass/hedge cutting

An email was received from Gavin at Exterius Facilities Management advising they had problems getting the hedges cut as they had to sub this work out as do not have correct equipment. Contractors approached were reluctant to quote and there was a misunderstanding of communication between them, the previous contractor John Mason and Gavin. This has now been resolved and John Mason has offered to do this work for Gavin.

17/1020 Summer traffic increase

This was discussed under items from visitors

17/1021 Fatality Salts Lane/Coleshill Rd

This was discussed under items from visitors

17/1022 HS2 drop in surgery

Tahir Ahmed from HS2 contacted the clerk to ask about a possible venue for a HS2 drop in surgery to be held in October. The clerk suggested he contact the W.I. with a view to use their hall as they had better facilities. Clerk emailed the W.I and passed on their contact details to Tahir.

17/1023 Local council tax support grant

A letter received from LDC regarding the proposed changes to Parish Council Local council Tax Support Grant 2018/19. The CTSG is due to cease from 2018/19 meaning Parish councils will receive less income from LDC and if the level of expenditure remains the same council tax would need to increase to fund this. Most small councils are objecting to this as the clerk will do on behalf of Drayton Bassett.

Chairmans items

Nothing to report

Councillor/clerk items

17/1024

Cllr Reynolds reported the grass cutters are spraying the weed killer in a too wider area, its now looking unsightly around the kerbs and play equipment. The clerk to contact Gavin Traynor at Exterius as this was not the case last year.

17/1025

Due to the recent weather an extra grass cut needs doing this was agreed proposed by Cllr Reynolds seconded by Cllr Edmond.

17/1026

Grants available

There was a discussion about possible grants available from HS2 (Groundwork UK) and any other bodies. The clerk will look into any available. The clerk mentioned that a combined grant could be applied for from Groundwork UK incorporating other organisations needs within the village. Cllrs to make enquiries around the village.

(17/1027) Finance Reports

Finance reports were circulated

The following cheques were signed and approved for payment this month

Chq 1273 Facilities Mgt Ltd £1,150.00
Chq 1274 Allianz £619.20
Chq 1275 O Ghent salary Aug/Sept 17 £468.22

(17/1028 Planning

None this month

(17/1029) HS2 Update

Nothing this month

Meeting finished 8.30pm

