

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 21 November 2017

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

Present:

Chair: Cllr Millard

Councillors: Reynolds, Edmond, Watkins, Keenan, Wilkinson

	Action
<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies from Cllr Hemus.</p>	
<p><u>Code of Conduct</u></p> <p>The Chair Cllr Millard reminded those present to observe the Code of Conduct during the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Visitors – Parishioners & members of public</u></p> <p>Simon Robson – Headteacher Manor School Viv Patchett WI Ann Foley WI Judith Haden Homer – St Peters Church John Greenfield – Drayton Bassett Club Lyn Hayes - Drayton Bassett Club</p>	
<p><u>Items for Consideration by members of the public</u></p> <p>HS2 Funding - see below</p> <p><u>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from meeting on Tuesday 17 Oct 2017 were approved.</p>	

Matters arising from previous minutes

17/1046 Hedge Cutting – re 17/1032

Clerk to inform Exterior facilities management that trees need cutting back taking off 3 years growth..

Clerk

17/1047

Re 17/1039 fence posts around village green, Cllr Edmond looking into prices to replace

Cllr
Edmond

Items from visitors

17/1048 – HS2 funding

Cllr Millard explained that Groundworks are managing the grant process and that DBPC cannot apply on behalf of local groups but encourage them to do so as funding is available. Grants can be applied for over a period of time and Cllr Millard asked that DBPC are kept up to date with grant applications.

Manor school Simon Robson reported some ideas for funding application for the school.

1. Storage next to playground to store bikes that were gifted to the school
2. An outside classroom that could also be used for other community use
3. All weather path/track around the field to encourage exercise

Simon Robson also mentioned looking into the opportunity of Forest schools accessing Edden Woods

Womens Institute – The WI is a registered charity and own their land. They are looking for funding for new windows and a new boiler and heating system

St Peters church – Looking for funding to extend the inside of the church to extend the porch, kitchen and WC and possibly extend the organ loft floor. Also a new sound and visual system, including loop system.

DBPC Cllr Millard reported that DBPC were looking into a multi use facility where the tennis courts are and possible a running track area.

Correspondence

17/1049 Letter from Christopher Pincher MP regarding memorial commemorating local members of armed forces who died in action during post 1945 conflict. It was agreed to reply with positive feedback that DBPC would like to be involved in this.

Chairmans items

17/1050 Cllr Millard mentioned the service board needs updating, price for a new board in Oak is £700 Veneer £400. Clerk to look at obtaining stick on letters to update current board.

17/1051 The clerks appraisal to be done, date to be arranged

Councillor/clerk items

17/1052 Christmas Tree – village green. Cllr Reynolds asked if the council would consider a permanent tree being erected and lights put on each Christmas. It was agreed to put up a temporary tree this year proposed Cllr Watkins Seconded Cllr Keenan

A date to be set for 2018 to look into the feasibility of erecting a permanent tree.

17/1053 Cllr Edmond asked Cllr Millard if the flag can be taken down to be measured in order to get prices for a new one.

(17/1054) Finance Reports

Finance reports were circulated, Clerk reported the precept needs to be agreed at the next meeting. DBPC no longer get the 'Council Tax Support Grant'

The following cheques were signed and approved for payment this month

Chq 1279 Grant Thornton £240.00

Chq 1280 Odette Ghent £234.01

Chq 1281 Manor Park Nurseries £428.40

Chq 1282 Royal British Legion £40.00

(17/1055 Planning

Application 17/01587 no objections

(17/1056) HS2 Update

No updates apart from HS2 drop in surgery

Meeting finished 9pm

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd January 2018

