

## MINUTES

of the

### Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 21st February 2017

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

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

	Action
<b>Apologies:</b> Avril Edmond (Councillor) Geoff Hemus (Councillor)	
<b>Departing from the Standing Orders</b>  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.  Councillor Reynolds proposed Councillor Millard to act as Chair and Councillor Watkins seconded. Councillor Millard accepted.	
<b>Code of Conduct</b>  Chairman Millard reminded those present to observe the Code of Conduct during the meeting.	
<b>Visitors</b>  Mr and Mrs Kneale, John and Judy Williams, Janet Watson, Mark Lewis, Marlene and Rob Keenan, Ann Reynolds, Mo Smith, Stuart Potts HS2 - Tahir Ahmed, Ian Gannon  <b>Visitors items for consideration</b>  See 5/17	
<b>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting</b>  The minutes from meeting on Tuesday 24th January 2017 were approved. They had been circulated to all Cllrs and no amendments had been notified.	
<b>Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting</b>	
<b>(16/938) Condition of football pitch and future maintenance</b>  Changing rooms, next inspection to be done at March 2017 meeting.	All Councillors

<p><b>(16/939) Councillor vacancies</b></p> <p>The position regarding Councillor vacancies was again discussed and the Parish Clerk was asked to get flyers printed and organise a leaflet drop.</p>	<p>Councillors and Parish Clerk</p>
<p><b>(16/940) Lloyds bank mandate</b></p> <p>Still not resolved due to bank procedures. Parish Clerk asked to chase up the bank.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p><b>(16/941) Village trees</b></p> <p>Cllr Millard confirmed that the removal of the stumps was not included in the quote. It was agreed that we would monitor regrowth of the trees. Parish Clerk to scan the report from LDC Orbologist and need to plan work into maintenance schedule.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p><b>(16/942) TDCS re conservation New Row</b></p> <p>No further update received from Claire Hines.</p>	
<p><b>(16/943) Play equipment</b></p> <p>The play equipment has now been installed.</p>	
<p><b>New Items this month</b></p>	
<p><b>2/17 Play Equipment Grant</b></p> <p>Cllrs Reynolds and Edmond have looked at getting a grant for more equipment. The lottery grant form has been partially completed and they have a contact Aime Elliot, who will complete the form on our behalf and return it to the Parish Clerk. Ms Elliot will do this on a no win no fee basis for £300.</p>	<p>Cllrs Reynolds/Edmond</p>
<p><b>3/17 HS2 briefing meeting at LDC</b></p> <p>Parish Clerk attended this meeting, the briefing was about our responsibility post Royal Assent. We will get planning applications for the bridges/viaducts etc and 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 bridges/viaducts etc WILL go ahead and we cannot object to them, only have input on appearance. Parish Clerk will post all HS2 updates to the DBPC website so they are easily found.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p><b>4/17 Clerk CiLCA training</b></p> <p>Parish Clerk confirmed that she would now wish to start the CiLCA training, it requires 4 sessions over 4 months at a cost of £250 +VAT, plus the CiLCA registration £250. This will be completed by July 2017. This had previously been agreed by DBPC.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>

**Correspondence****Letter from WI**

Letter informs the Parish Council that the donation we made went towards the porch roof repairs.

**Finance Reports**

Finance reports circulated, the funds in the current account are getting low but Parish Clerk to submit VAT refund request to HMRC for over £4,000. The balance of the play equipment and installation costs will need to be paid. The precept is due in April.

The following cheques were signed and approved for payment this month:-

Chq1242	£4,200.00	AMT Sports Play
Chq1243	£115.00	Eric Roy
Chq1244	£130.20	Topliss Associates
Chq1245	£268.72	LDC
Chq1246	£78.00	SLCC
Chq1247	£10.00	ALCC
Chq1248	£234.21	Odette Ghent
Chq1249	£5,023.32	Playdale Playgrounds

**Planning**

17/00119 2, The Croft, Drayton Lane

-Two storey front extension

Objections due to obscuring visibility and not in keeping with building/development in vicinity.

## **5/17 HS2**

Tahir Ahmed confirmed he is the point of contact during construction. He advised that Royal Assent should be granted by end of Feb 2017 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 construction starts, he estimates this will be in 2018, HS2 will come out with the contractor and discuss matters further.

A HS2 college will be opened for HND/Apprenticeships in Birmingham and Doncaster.

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, ie 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 and landowners/MP's, local councils etc within 1km.

### **HS2 (cont)**

Ian Gannon confirmed main contractor was appointed in Nov 2016, its a joint venture with Laing O'Rourke Construction Ltd 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 parishioners may see people in high viz jackets undertaking these surveys within the Parish.

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

There were some points raised by parishioners regarding the speed limit being lowered (even temporarily) during construction where Drayton Lane meets Sutton Road. DBPC had previously applied reduction of speed limit but it had been declined.

Construction traffic will not come through the village and it is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure all sub contract work/deliveries adhere to this. There are traffic liaison groups set up where all parties meet to discuss the traffic management plan, (transport/community/emergency services/SCC/LDC) The traffic management team is policed by HS2. There will be large earthworks undertaken at Junction 9, M42 and it will be one of the first jobs. There is an interactive map on the HS2 website.

<b>The meeting finished at 8.55pm</b>	
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SIGNED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

MEETING CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_