

# MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

in the Pavilion Building, Drayton Bassett, Staffordshire

Present: P Millard (Chairman)  
Geoff Hemus (Councillor)  
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)  
L Brown (Clerk)

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## **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors, M Garbett, R Lockhart 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**

There were no items for consideration.

## **(09/175) Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting (09/157)**

Councillor, G Hemus advised that the wording in item (09/159) needed to be amended to read "parts of the fence were beyond repair".

Parish Clerk to make amendment and circulate to Councillors.

Parish Clerk

## **Matters Arising from those Minutes**

### **(09/176) Gates to Playing Fields (09/158)**

The issue of the new gates for the entrance to the Pavilion was discussed and Councillor, G Hemus offered to speak to Kevin Wilkes to help speed this up so it can be moved forward to get the style and design agreed.

G Hemus

### **(09/177) Perimeter Fence (09/159)**

Due to Councillor, R Lockhart not being present, it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Chairman, P Millard confirmed that a quote had been received from Paul Llewellyn to trim the hedge back to the fence at the bottom end of the playing field to bring it under control.

Councillors agreed that the quotation seemed quite high and it was agreed to ask John Mason to quote as well.

Parish Clerk to speak to John Mason.

Parish Clerk

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<b><u>Matters Arising from those Minutes cont...</u></b>	
<b><u>(09/178) Meeting with Helen Portman of Staffordshire County Council re Traffic Management (09/160)</u></b>	
Chairman, P Millard confirmed he had contacted Helen Portman to get an update and is still awaiting a reply.	
Chairman, P Millard discussed the possibility of getting some new speed sign stickers printed for parishioner bins.	
It was agreed to get some 20mph (20 is Plenty) stickers printed, 2 per household.	
Chairman, P Millard to organise. This is still to be done.	Chairman
Chairman, P Millard advised that he had met with Councillor, Matthew Ellis to discuss traffic, bus service and the club.	
Chairman P Millard to write up notes of the meeting and circulate to the Councillors.	Chairman
Councillor, M Ellis confirmed that the flashing speeding signs which had been taken down were going to be re erected.	
<b><u>(09/179) Ownership of hawthorn hedge – council land, Drayton Lane and Walkway leading up to Old Manor Close (09/161)</u></b>	
The issue of ownership of the hawthorn hedge was raised again by Councillor, M Garbett.	
Parish Clerk confirmed she had spoken to Alan Deacon from Lichfield District Council re ownership of hedge and he advised that he would need to visit the site to ascertain ownership and advise Parish Clerk accordingly.	
Parish Clerk advised she had received no response despite phone calls chasing this up.	Parish Clerk
Parish Clerk to write to Lichfield District Council to ascertain why this hasn't been done.	Parish Clerk
<b><u>(09/180) Grass Cutting Contract (09/162)</u></b>	
Chairman, P Millard and Councillor, A Edmond to look at previous grass cutting specification document before sending out to possible companies to quote.	Chairman / A Edmond
This is still to be done.	
<b><u>(09/181) What the Village Would Like to See (09/163)</u></b>	
Councillor, G Hemus advised that he is still to collect the cards that were dropped off in the areas that were designated for him to deliver the cards.	G Hemus
Once these have been received, the Parish Clerk will do a summary of the findings.	Parish Clerk

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<p><b><u>Matters Arising from those Minutes cont...</u></b></p> <p><b><u>(09/182) Historical Site (09/167)</u></b></p> <p>Chairman, P Millard advised that he had met with Steve Dean, County Archaeologist, who advised that they were trying to find funds to enable retired archaeologist, Bob Meeson to write up the findings of the artefacts found some years ago.</p> <p>Chairman, P Millard asked Steve Dean if he knew where the artefacts were stored. Steve Dean advised that he did not know but they could be stored at the Potteries Museum, Stoke-on-Trent or Tamworth Castle.</p> <p>Chairman, P Millard advised that he would get quotes for a display for the historical site and report back at a future meeting.</p>	Chairman
<p><b><u>Best Kept Village</u></b></p> <p>Chairman, P Millard confirmed Drayton Bassett would not be entering this year's Best Kept Village competition.</p> <p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Item 2</u></b> - Chairman, P Millard advised that a letter had been received from Lichfield District Council regarding Local Development Framework, which all Councillors should be in receipt of. It was discussed and agreed that Chairman, P Millard would complete the document on behalf of the Parish Council for Mill Lane, the Playing Fields and the Club Car Park.</p>	Chairman
<p><b><u>Chairman's Items</u></b></p> <p>There were none.</p> <p><b><u>Parish Councillor Items</u></b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
<p><b><u>(09/183) Finance (09/168)</u></b></p> <p>Finance Reports circulated.</p> <p>Following Councillor, B Reynolds request to seek better interest rates for the money in the Business 30 Account, the Parish Clerk advised the Councillors of the interest rates Lloyds TSB were able to offer.</p> <p>Parish Clerk to contact HSBC and the Halifax to see what interest rates they are able to offer.</p>	Parish Clerk
<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p>No outstanding Planning Applications</p>	
<p><b><u>(09/184) Website (09/169)</u></b></p> <p>Chairman, P Millard confirmed this would be ready for the New Year.</p> <p>This is still to be done.</p>	Chairman

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<p><b><u>(09/185) War Memorial (09/170)</u></b></p> <p>Chairman, P Millard advised that we will be applying for the grant in April 2010.</p> <p>Chairman, P Millard confirmed a further quotation had been received by an acquaintance of Councillor, B Reynolds.</p> <p>It was previously reported that Chairman, P Millard would contact Corrine Knight ex partner of army deceased parishioner. This is still to be done.</p>	Chairman
<p><b><u>(09/186) Community Gangs (09/172)</u></b></p> <p>Parish Clerk confirmed the next Community Gangs Day will be in June.</p> <p>Parish Clerk still to ascertain whether litter picks in hedgerows are done as part of the Community Gang days as the hedgerows in Drayton Lane, Portleys Lane and Salts Lane need clearing.</p>	Parish Clerk
<p><b><u>(09/187) Future of Sports Pavilion (09/173)</u></b></p> <p>Councillor, P Millard discussed the issue of the future of the Sports Pavilion.</p> <p>Do 'suggestion' drop then bring to future meeting.</p>	
<p>The meeting finished at 8.15p.m.</p>	