

MINUTES

of the

Drayton Bassett Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th January 2016

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

Present:

Philip Millard (Chairman)
Brian Reynolds (Councillor)
Geoff Humus (Councillor)

Not present

Avril Edmond (Councillor)
Ian Watkins (Councillor)

	Action
<u>Apologies</u> Cllr Edmond and Cllr Watts	
<u>Departing from the Standing Orders</u> In view of there being no Chairman, the Council departed from the Standing Orders and nominations were requested for a Councillor to Chair the January meeting. Councillor Reynolds proposed Councillor Millard to act as Chair and Councillor Hemus seconded. Councillor Millard accepted.	
<u>Code of Conduct</u> Chairman Millard reminded those present to observe the Code of Conduct during the meeting.	
<u>Visitors</u> None	
<u>Items for Consideration by members of the public</u> Nothing to report	

<p><u>Approval of Minutes from previous meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from meeting on Tuesday 24th November 2015 were approved by Cllr Hemus & Cllr Reynolds</p> <p><u>Matters arising from those minutes</u></p> <p><u>(13/834 Notice Board (13/726))</u></p> <p>Councillor Reynolds advised that it had been fitted but already vandalised the glass had cracked and needs repair. MJH carpentry aware. Cllr Reynolds to chase MJHcarpentry</p>	<p>Councillor Reynolds</p>
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<p><u>(14/835) Condition of Football Pitch and Future Maintenance (14/732)</u></p> <p>Councillor Millard advised that the Football Team have carried out a refurbishment to the Changing Rooms and met with Kim Shears from the Football Team Paperwork now signed for the new agreement and a set of keys made available. Also attached is the relevant document as per the contract including a list of all players</p> <p>It was agreed that an inspection of the changing rooms will be done alternate Parish Council Meetings, to inspect at February 2016 meeting</p>	<p>Councillors Millard Watts Hemus</p>
<p><u>(15/836) Grant Thornton Audit for y/e 31st March 2015 (15/787)</u></p> <p>Maxine Monk the internal auditor has indicated she is very busy, Cllr Millard proposed we look for a new internal auditor. Parish clerk to look at list provided by SPCA</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p><u>(15/837) Maintenance of bus stop on A4091/Salts Lane</u></p> <p>Cllr Edmond asked for the opinion of other councillors about what to do with the old (no longer used) bus stop on A4091/Salts Lane. It has been overtaken with hedgerow and weeds and looks unsightly. Options were to knock it down, or tidy up or just leave. It was agreed to tidy it up and Cllr Edmond will trim the hedge back.</p>	<p>Cllr Edmond</p>

<p><u>(15/838) Maintenance of cement circle in park</u></p> <p>Cllr Edmond brought up that the cement circle in the park has now disintegrated and we need to get quotes in the spring to rectify.</p> <p>Cllr Reynolds to obtain quote to repair</p>	<p>Cllr Reynolds</p>
<p><u>(15/839) Extension of laurel hedge in park</u></p> <p>Cllr Edmond mentioned that the laurel hedge in the park needs to be extended. It was agreed that new laurel hedges do need planting Cllr Potts proposed this and Cllr Reynolds approved.</p>	<p>Cllr Edmond</p>
<p><u>(15/840) Playdale play equipment</u></p> <p>Cllr Reynolds had an email from Celia Webb from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd who previously installed play equipment in the park. They have indicated we could get funding for further play equipment in particular a Zip wire.</p> <p>Parish clerk to investigate further as to what funding is available.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>

<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>	
<p><u>(15/841) Best kept village competition 2016</u></p> <p>Letter and entry form from the Community Council of Staffordshire This was discussed and Parish Clerk to forward to Shelly Cogan from the local W.I.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
<p><u>(15/842) Drayton Bassett Bells Appeal thank you letter</u></p> <p>A thank you letter received from St Marys thanking the Parish council for their £500 donation</p>	

<p><u>(15/843) Local parish precept analysis form 2016-2017</u></p>	
<p>Local precept amount to be sent to LDC by 31st January 2016 It was agreed that the precept to remain the same as 2015 at £21,629</p>	
<p><u>(15/843) 9 Salts Lane broken fence</u></p>	
<p>An email received from Cat Wingrove regarding the wire fencing that surrounds the playing field part of it has holes in and children often wander into her garden. It was agreed that the fence belongs to DBPC Quotes to repair it required parish clerk to investigate.</p>	Parish Clerk
<p><u>Parish Councillor Items</u></p>	
<p><u>(15/844) Letter of resignation received from Cllr Potts.</u></p>	
<p>Cllr Stuart Potts resigned from DBPC on 16th January 2016. He has said that as he was involved in the HS2 petitioning he will respond to any queries DBPC may have in the future regarding HS2</p>	
<p>Attempts to be made to find a replacement as there are now 2 vacancies An advert to be put on the Noticeboard and Parish Clerk to contact Nick Reid from the Tamworth Herald about the possibility of placing an advert in the Herald. Parish clerk to email the headmaster of the school to see if any parents may be interested and also contact Linda Hayes of the Village Voice</p>	Parish Clerk
<p><u>(15/845) Finance Reports</u></p>	
<p>Finance reports were circulated with an up to date spend to December 2015.</p>	
<p><u>(15/846) Planning</u></p>	
<p>No applications this month</p>	
<p><u>(15/847) HS2</u></p>	
<p>Parish Clerk advised a new update USB was delivered re additional provision on 02.12.15 in electronic format.</p>	

The meeting finished at 8.30pm