

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13 April 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr E M Curtis – Chairman
Cllr W Bell
Cllr M Billing
Cllr R Clayton
Cllr S Plunkett

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

In attendance: Cty Cllr R Heseltine

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Disclosure of Interests

Members were invited to disclose any interests (including any not already listed in the Register of Interests) relevant to the business of the meeting, and, in respect of a disclosable pecuniary interest (previously registered or not), to request dispensation pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct to participate in the business under discussion and vote on the matter.

Additional Interests disclosed: None.

Dispensation Requests received: None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2016

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 March 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- (i) Right to Appeal Planning Applications - Online petition The Clerk reported that the petition had successfully gained the number of signatures required to call for a debate.
- (ii) Superfast Broadband It was reported that Boundless were continuing to work on the installation of equipment in the local area.
- (iii) Local Green Space The Clerk reported that the application to have the lane designated in the Local Plan as a local green space had been refused.
- (iv) Planning Appeal – Chelker House Farm Turbines It was noted that a response to the Planning Inspectorate had been submitted, confirming the Council’s objections to the development.
- (v) Grass Cutting It was noted that the contract had been renewed with ISS Facilities for the cutting of the village green and the verges at the top of the village to the A65 junctions. Low Lane householders had been advised that the verge areas up and down the village would no longer be cut by contractors, but no comments had as yet been received.
- (vi) Locality Fund – Application for Defibrillator The Clerk reported that grant funding of £375 had now been pledged from Craven District Council, and contact had been made with Barchester, parent company of the Dales Care Home, to discuss funding support towards the remaining 25% of budgeted purchase costs.

At the invitation of the Chairman, County Cllr Heseltine reported for information on the following ongoing issues:

- (vii) Devolution The policy implications for North Yorkshire continued to be investigated, but the benefits for the area were unclear.
- (viii) Improvements to Transpennine road links Works to upgrade the A59 at Kexgill were to go ahead, and other improvements to the East-West road link were also planned within the next 8 years.

5. Financial Matters

(1) Payments made (as authorised) in the month:

- (i) YLCA - £117
- (ii) SLCC - £30

(2) The month’s accounts were approved for payment as follows:

- (iii) NYCC Power to footway lights - £173.15

- (3) Pursuant to Financial Regulation 4.5, and as previously reported to the Chairman, the Clerk reported that expenditure of £65 had been made in respect of emergency repairs to the Council computer.
- (4) The Clerk presented the draft (unaudited) statement of Receipts and Payments 2015/16. It was noted that the accounts showed a surplus for the year, in large part representing grant funds received and due to be expended in 2016/17.

6. Correspondence

- (i) Craven Local Plan Comments were invited by 17 May on the pre-publication draft of the Local Plan.
- (ii) Bradley Neighbourhood Plan Bradley parish council were consulting on their draft Neighbourhood Plan, published on their website, and online comments were invited.
- (iii) Waste Management services Opening times and charges at the household management recycling centres had been revised.
- (iv) Passenger Transport services Changes to services with effect from 1 April had now been publicised.
- (v) E-Correspondence Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted.
- (vi) Other correspondence The Clerk reported on other correspondence received, and it was noted that Beamsley parish planned to go ahead with the beacon-lighting event on 21 April. Draughton residents were invited to walk over to join in.

7. Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was to be convened by the Chairman to be held on 11 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the village hall. At the suggestion of County Cllr Heseltine, the possible inclusion of an item on the impact on local schools of proposed changes to the education system was discussed.

8. Date of next Council Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 11 May 2016, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman