

# **DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 23 February 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr R Clayton – Vice-Chairman  
Cllr W Bell  
Cllr M Billing  
Cllr R Neale  
Cllr S Plunkett

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

In attendance: Cty Cllr R Heseltine  
District Cllr D Pighills

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

### 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 26 January 2017

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26 January 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

### 4. Matters Arising

- (i) Chairman's Memorial Plaque The plaque had now been prepared and was to be passed to the Village Hall Trustees for display on the wall.

- (ii) Waste bins and recycling Cllr Pighills provided an update on recycling plans for the collection of commingled waste.  
*The remaining matter arising, as noted on the agenda, was considered separately for decision (Minute 5 below).*

5. Defibrillator

It was noted that the awareness training session, held on 29 January, had been well-received. It was confirmed, after discussion, that the initial responsibilities set up for key contact and code information should continue to be held by the parish clerk.

6. Housing Development off Main St

The Clerk reported that the planning authority was due to consider the application at the next meeting on 13 March 2017. Subject to confirmation of diary commitments, Cllr Neale (failing whom, the Clerk) would speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. A draft of the speech had been circulated and was discussed.

It was RESOLVED:

“THAT the Parish Council address the planning committee of Craven District Council to object to the application for a housing development off Main St, and that the content of the address be approved broadly in the terms as set out in the draft attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.”

7. Parking at top of village

The Vice Chairman reported that complaints had been received concerning damage caused to the Village Green by delivery lorries unable to access the front of the care home because of inconsiderate parking, thought mainly to be the responsibility of workers at the home. The Clerk was asked to write to the Dales Care Home to raise this matter.

8. Financial Matters

- (1) The month's accounts were approved for payment, and cheques signed as required.
- (2) A reimbursement of £45 to the Clerk, in respect of a payment urgently required (for the repair of the Council computer) pursuant to Financial Regulation 4.5, was approved.
- (3) A proposal to apply to the Transparency Fund for grant funding for the continuing costs of compliance with the Transparency Code was

approved, and it was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to submit the application form accordingly.

- (4) Quotations received for the grass-cutting contract 2017 were received and discussed. Noting the increase in quoted costs for the cutting of the village and junction verges, and also the differing views of villagers on the need for a verge-cutting service, it was RESOLVED:
1. "THAT the contract for grass cutting for the 2017 season be awarded to ISS Facilities on the basis of 2 cuts per month to the village green only at a cost of £684+VAT."
  2. "THAT the Council-owned mower and strimmer be prepared and made safe for possible use by volunteers, and that the Clerk make immediate arrangements for the machines to be serviced accordingly."

The Council's decision would be publicised on the website and village noticeboards and feedback during the season monitored closely.

#### 9. Consultations and Correspondence

- (i) Correspondence Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted. A letter from Julian Smith MP, advising that Farming Minister George Eustice MP was to visit Skipton on 16 March, was noted.
- (ii) Public Rights of Way Network An online consultation on the public rights of way network was noted. This would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

#### 10. Date of next Council Meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Thursday** 16 March 2017 at **7.00pm** in the village hall. (*Please note start time.*)

Possible agenda items –

Footpath consultation

Electronic banking

Insurances renewal 2017

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Chairman