

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 10 November 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
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 13 October 2016

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13 October 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

- (i) Newsletter The Clerk reported that newsletters had been distributed to every household in the parish.

- (ii) Superfast Broadband It was noted that problems reported by a couple of households had been followed up with Superfast North Yorkshire.
- (iii) Bus stop The bus stop had been repainted by a village volunteer.
- (iv) Green and verge cutting The last cut of the season had now been carried out.
- (v) Welcome Pack The leaflet had now been completed and could be handed out to new households joining the village. A copy would be placed in the telephone kiosk, and a message would be sent to all contacts on the village email list, inviting them to request a copy from the clerk to give to any new neighbours moving in. The Village Hall Trustees would also be requested to help distribute copies, as required.

The remaining matters arising, as noted on the agenda, were considered separately for decision (Minutes 4-5 below).

4. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that 8 responses had been received to the invitation in the newsletter, offering awareness training on the use of the defibrillator. It was agreed, therefore, to proceed with plans to organise a further session with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. Subject to the availability of the YAS officer, the session would be held on a Sunday afternoon.

5. Traffic Safety

The Clerk reported that a speed concern form had been completed, requesting investigation of vehicle speeds in the village, as a first step in organising a Community SpeedWatch monitoring project. It was noted, however, that there had been little interest from residents offering to take part. A minimum of 6 volunteers would be required for a 6 week period.

6. Waste bin on green

Cllr Pighills reported that he had repaired the bin, but the Clerk had not yet heard back from the District Council officers with regard to adding it to their emptying schedule. This would be followed up by Cllr Pighills. The Council thanked Cllr Pighills for his help in resolving this issue.

7. Financial Matters

- (1) The month's accounts were approved for payment as follows:
 - (i) Reimbursement to Clerk (printing and stationery) - £85.55

(2) The draft Budget and Action Plan 2017/18 was received and discussed. The final Budget, with recommendations for the precept 2017/18 would be presented to the next meeting.

8. Woodland Maintenance

The Clerk noted that routine maintenance works to trim back the trees on the green were advised, and noted that annual provision had been included in the Budget 2016/17 for this purpose with a view to building a contingency fund.

RESOLVED (Proposed: the Vice-Chairman; seconded: Cllr Bell):

“THAT expenditure of £360 be approved for maintenance of the woodland area by the village green, and that the Clerk be authorised to apply for permission for works to trees and to make arrangements with the arborist accordingly.”

9. Christmas Tree

The Chairman reported that a tree had been offered to the village free of charge this year. This was welcomed, and it was suggested that the funds not now required for a tree be put towards an upgrade of the lights. The requirements of the Village Hall Trustees would be clarified and a report made to the next meeting.

10. Consultations and Correspondence

- (i) CDC Bring Sites It was noted that the “bring site” recycling bins on the lane were to be removed.
- (ii) Commingled Recycling Cllr Pighills reported that the new system for collection of commingled recycling items could be introduced from summer 2017.
- (iii) Correspondence Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted.

11. Date of next Council Meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Thursday** 8 December 2016 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman