

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 11 January 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr R Clayton – Chairman
Cllr M Billing
Cllr R Neale
Cllr S Plunkett
Cllr A Turner

Mrs J Markham – Clerk
In attendance: District Cllr D Pighills
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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 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.

Relevant Interests disclosed: None.

Additional Interests disclosed: None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2017

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 December 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- (i) Village Green Grass Cutting - 2018 Season The Clerk reported on quotations received to date. It was agreed that one additional contact would be followed up, and, subject to receipt of satisfactory insurance certificates, a decision would then be made at the next meeting.

- (ii) Traffic Concerns Advice from Highways as regards parking restrictions at the junction at the top of Low Lane, and the provision of a mirror to assist drivers turning out of the junction, was noted. The Clerk was asked to investigate further the costs and possible siting for a mirror, and report back to the next meeting.
- (iii) Wireless Broadband It was noted that Craven District Council currently had no further information from local wireless broadband providers, Boundless.
- (iv) Memorials Register It was noted that information on the Draughton Pals had been submitted for inclusion on the Register. A link to the Register would be provided on the village website.

5. Planning

- (i) Land at the top of the village (opposite the Old Post Office) – the revised application had yet to be received.
- (ii) Matchless House barn conversion (Ref: 2017/18752/COU)
RESOLVED: “THAT, whilst not objecting, in principle, to the development of the barn at Matchless House, the Parish Council object to the current planning application on the grounds that the proposed development appears to be insufficiently sympathetic to the historic features of the building, therefore potentially having an adverse impact on the character of the local conservation area.”
Ward Representative, Cllr Pighills, was invited to write to the planning authority to request consideration of the planning application by the Planning Committee.

6. General Data Protection Regulation

Advice notes (LO8-17, LO9-17, LO10-17) on the GDPR, due for implementation in May 2018, together with a letter from Craven District Council offering the services of a Data Protection Officer to parish councils for an annual fee, were received and noted. It was agreed to continue monitoring developments, and further reports would be made to future meetings, as necessary.

7. Financial Matters

The month's accounts were approved for payment, and cheques were signed as required.

8. Consultations and Correspondence

Newsletters and emails circulated for information, including consultation material on the Local Plan, were noted, and the following matter was discussed:

Rat Problem – at the invitation of the Chairman, a local resident reported on evidence of rat activity near the communal bins on the lane by the church, and the District Council Ward Representative commented on advice received from Craven District Council. The Clerk was asked to check with environmental health officers their responsibilities for pest control near a children's playground, and to write to the Village Hall Trustees to request removal of the bramble growth in which the rats appeared to be living. A notice would be placed in the newsletter, due to go out shortly, advising residents to take sensible precautions so as not to attract rats with ready food sources from accessible bins and scattered bird food.

9. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 8 February at 7pm in the village hall.

Possible agenda items:

Craven Local Plan

Gritting

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman