

# **DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday**

**1 March 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr R Clayton – Chairman

Cllr R Neale

Cllr A Turner

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

Absent: Cllr Billing

Public: 7

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllr Billing; absence approved.

### **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. Casual Vacancy**

Following the resignation of Cllr Plunkett, the publication of the Notice of Casual Vacancy, with effect from 12 February, was noted.  
It was RESOLVED:

“THAT if, by the due date, fewer than 10 responses to the notice of casual vacancy have been received by the Returning Officer from local electors, the post be filled by co-option in accordance with the procedures set out in the Co-option Policy.”

### **4. Planning Applications**

(i) Matchless House (Ref 2017/18752/COU)

Expert advisory reports on the heritage aspects and architectural features of the property had been circulated,

and the owner of the property, present at the meeting, gave full details of proposals to develop it in sympathy with its history.

RESOLVED: THAT, in the light of new information presented to the Council in the form of expert reports and analysis, the objection previously registered with the planning authority to the proposed development at Matchless House (Ref 2017/18752/COU) be withdrawn, and that the Ward Representative be invited to withdraw his request that the application be considered at the Planning Committee.”

- (ii) Westways (Ref 2018/19002/TCA)  
No comments to be made.
- (iii) Land off old A65 (Ref 2018/18883/FUL)  
It was reported that the application for the housing development on land off the old A65 was to be considered by the Planning Committee on 12 March, and that the Council would be invited to present an address to the Committee. A draft was read out by Cllr Neale.  
RESOLVED: “THAT a presentation be made to the District Council’s Planning Committee confirming the Council’s objections to the proposed housing development on land off the old A65 (Ref 2018/18883/FUL), and that the content of the address, to be delivered by Cllr Neale, be approved in the form presented to the meeting.”  
It was noted that local residents would also have the opportunity to present their objections to the Planning Committee, and this was discussed.

## 5. Gritting

Cllr Neale gave an update on his investigations into providing a gritting service through the village down Low Lane. The report was noted.

## 6. Date of next Council Meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Thursday** 15 March 2018 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

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Chairman