

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 15 March 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr R Clayton – Chairman
Cllr M Billing
Cllr R Neale
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 Meetings held on 8 February and 1 March 2018

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 8 February and 1 March 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record in each case, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- (i) Traffic Signage The Clerk reported that the householders opposite the junction at Low Lane were not comfortable with having signs placed on their dry stone walling, which could be vulnerable to damage. After discussion and taking into account the views of residents present at the meeting, the Clerk was asked to research

the possibility of using the telegraph pole to support signage or a mirror, and to report back to the next meeting. It was also agreed to send another letter to the Dales Care Home to ask for their support in discouraging staff parking near the junction, and the parking of delivery vehicles opposite the bus stop.

- (ii) Village Green Grass Cutting - 2018 Season The Clerk reported on the contractor's quotation received for including the verge cutting in the maintenance contract agreed for the season and, after discussion, it was agreed to continue with cutting the verges by volunteers. In this regard, Cllr Neale noted that a new strimmer would be required during the season, and he agreed to look into the costs of a suitable model.
- (iii) Co-option to Casual Vacancy It was noted that a poll had not been demanded and that, accordingly, the procedures for appointing to the vacancy by co-option could be instigated. The Clerk was asked to advertise the vacancy with a view to an appointment being made at the next meeting.
- (iv) Gritting The interim report of Cllr Neale was noted, and further investigations as regards the costs of new grit bins and also a small gritter attachment for towing by a 4-wheel drive vehicle would be carried out for detailed consideration at a future meeting. With advice from District Cllr Pighills, the possibility of using grant funding available from the Ward Member Grant scheme was discussed, and it was
RESOLVED: "THAT an application be made to the Craven District Ward Member Grant scheme for financial support towards the cost of gritting devices and a new strimmer, and that, if successful, and subject to the approval of costed proposals to acquire suitable equipment, matched funding of up to £500 be made available from the Council's resources."
The Clerk was also asked to write to the newsagents on Gargrave Rd to thank them for maintaining deliveries of newspapers to the kiosk in the village during the recent winter weather.

5. Planning

Land at the top of the village (Ref. 2018/18883/FUL)

It was noted that the planning application had yet to be considered by the planning authority and therefore the consultation had remained open. A further detailed submission had been added to the public record by the

developer's agent; a draft response was read out and discussed, and comments were taken from the floor.

It was RESOLVED: "THAT the Parish Council file additional comments objecting to the planning application for housing development on land at the top of the village (Ref 2018/18883/FUL) in response to a letter submitted by Rural Solutions, and that the Clerk be authorised to submit a letter of detailed comments accordingly."

It was confirmed that Cllr Neale would speak at the Planning Committee meeting, to be held on 9 April, on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman also noted that individual comments could still be submitted to the planning authority, and, in response to a question from the floor, it was confirmed that the presence at the Planning Committee of as many residents as possible from the village would be helpful. It was accordingly

RESOLVED: "THAT expenditure be authorised for the costs of printing a flyer for distribution to all households in the core village area, publicising the date and time of the Planning Committee meeting at which the planning application for housing at the top of the village (Ref: 2018/18883/FUL) would be determined."

6. Data Protection

The Clerk introduced a report on the steps needing to be taken to comply with data protection regulations under the new regime to be implemented in May, and a draft data audit schedule and action plan was noted. It was reported that further guidance was awaited as regards the requirements for appointing a Data Protection Officer by smaller public authorities.

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 a reminder of the next Parishes Liaison Meeting on 21 March, were noted. It was reported that Craven District Council had confirmed the increase in the Council's membership from 5 to 7 members with effect from the elections to be held in 2020.

A discussion was held on the recent problems with electricity supply into the village, thought to be caused by faults arising in the Chelker exchange.

The following matters were discussed:

- Craven District Brownfield Register – a request had been filed to receive notice of any entries added to the Register in respect of land in Draughton parish.
- X84 bus timetable – comments from a local resident as regards the new timetable and linkage of the service with ongoing bus services available in Ilkley were noted, and the Clerk was asked to draw this issue to the attention of First Group. District Cllr Pighills undertook to discuss the lack of timetabling information provided by North Yorkshire County Council with Cllr Heseltine. In the meantime, it was agreed to display links to the bus timetable on the village website.

9. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 19 April at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman