

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 2 August 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:

Cllr R Heseltine, NYCC
Cllr D Pighills, Craven District Council

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1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr Mole; 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 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. Police Report

The Clerk noted that PSCO Brittain was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, but was to produce a written report on recent crime incidents in the local area which would be circulated outside the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 June 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 June 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

- (i) Traffic Safety The Clerk reported that large warning signs had been delivered, and that Cllr Mole had offered to install them at the top of Low Lane and at the bottom of Donkey Neddy. The location for each sign was discussed and agreed, and permission to site the bottom sign would be requested from the landowner. Wheelie-bin stickers had been offered to all residents on Low Lane, and the remaining stickers would be handed out to households prepared to display them.
A report was expected from NYCC on the availability of VAS signs for parishes, and in the meantime, Cllr Mole was looking further into setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme in the village. The Clerk also reported that permission had not been granted for a mirror to be sited on private property opposite the Low Lane junction.
- (ii) Verge Cutting Cllr Neale listed additional items required for the Vergers' grant-funded community resilience project. A detailed proposal would be submitted to the next meeting.
- (iii) Gritting Cllr Neale tabled a draft questionnaire designed to seek villagers' feedback on two possible options for the provision of gritting services by the Parish Council. Subject to amendment to pick up comments made at the meeting, the form was approved for distribution to householders, and expenditure on printing costs was authorised.
- (iv) Training courses The Clerk reported that the new councillor skills session in July had been fully booked, and the next programme of dates for this course would be awaited. YLCA was about to run a new course for experienced clerks, and the provisional booking of a place for the Clerk to attend the second one in October was approved.

6. Planning

The following planning matters were discussed:

- (i) Housing development at top of the village (Ref 2018/18883/FUL)
– Cllr Heseltine reported that the developer had submitted a variation to the proposal to mitigate its environmental impact. This was being assessed by the planning authority's consultants,

and it was, as yet, unclear whether this would lead to a further consultation period.

- (ii) Water Mill – proposed removal of the live/work condition (Ref 2018/19479/VAR – Cllr Billing noted that this planning condition had been a material factor, in line with local planning policies, when permission had been granted for conversion of the property in 2010, and it was resolved to object to the proposal for reasons of its conflict with the Local Plan as regards the value of live/work units within a rural economy.

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 were noted. The draft Neighbourhood Plan for Gargrave, circulated for consultation, was noted. The remaining items of correspondence, as listed on the agenda, were then discussed and action agreed as follows:

- (i) Planting at bus stop – a resident proposed the renewal of planting around the bus stop area, and also suggested that the tree overhanging the bus stop needed to be trimmed. Approval was given, in principle, for the laying of new planting, and costs for this would be confirmed outside the meeting. The Clerk was asked to look into the costs of tree works and a further report would be made to the next meeting.
- (ii) Dales Care Centre – the Clerk reported on a meeting with the new manager of the home, attended by the Chairman and Clerk, and it was noted that future opportunities for sharing information and working together had been explored. The manager had offered to attend the next Council meeting to update Members further.

9. Date of next Council Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 12 September at **7.00pm** in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Chairman