

# **DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13 September 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr M Billing – Vice Chairman in the Chair  
Cllr A Mole  
Cllr R Neale  
Cllr A Turner

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

In attendance:

Cllr D Pighills, Craven District Council  
PCSO Brittain  
PCSO Thornton

Public: 8

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Received from the Chairman; 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

PCSO Brittain reported on crime incidents in the Draughton area from January 2015 to date and noted that crime statistics could be accessed on an ongoing basis on the Police.uk website. In response to queries from members of the public, the PCSOs advised on issues with speeding and road safety, and offered to call through the village, when possible, to monitor traffic and deter speeding. This was welcomed, as a means of influencing driver behaviour, alongside the new signage and other speeding messages.

#### 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 August 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 August 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

#### 5. Matters Arising

- (i) Road Safety Signs The Clerk reported that the District Council had expressed some concerns with the siting of the sign on the village green. It was also reported that the owner of the field at the A59 village entrance had not been prepared to give permission for a sign to be placed on his land. After discussion, District Cllr Pighills offered to speak to planning officers to clarify their advice, and subject to the outcome of this, it was agreed to look into the option of rotating the positions of both signs for display on a temporary basis.
- (ii) Verge Cutting Cllr Neale presented proposals for further expenditure on items of equipment for the Draughton Vergers. RESOLVED: "THAT expenditure of £417 be approved for the purchase of grit bins and additional equipment for the grant-funded community resilience project, and that, subject to confirmation of costs for new plants in the bus stop area, the Clerk be authorised to agree a detailed list of costings with Cllr Neale and to organise the purchase of agreed items as appropriate."
- (iii) Tree Maintenance The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received for trimming back the tree overhanging the bus stop at the top of the village green. This was approved in principle, and the Clerk was authorised to apply for planning permission to have the tree works carried out.

#### 6. Winter Gritting

Cllr Neale reported on the results of the recent survey of village opinion on the provision of gritting services. It was noted that a majority of villagers were in favour of the option of increasing the provision of grit bins for use by volunteers. A written report would be finalised outside the meeting by Cllr Neale and the Clerk and published on the website and via the village email contact list. Taking account of survey respondents' comments and suggestions made at

the meeting, Cllr Neale offered to carry out further investigations and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Neale was thanked for all his work to date on winter gritting options for the village.

## 7. Planning

The following planning matters were discussed:

- (i) Housing development at top of the village (Ref 2018/18883/FUL) – no further developments reported.
- (ii) Yellow Cottage – tree works (Ref 2018/19697/TCA) – no comments to be made.

## 8. Financial Matters

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

B The Clerk reported that the village green maintenance contractor had confirmed his cost (£40/£45 per cut, depending on the growth of trees on the green) for the cutting of the village green for the 2019 season.

RESOLVED: "THAT the contract for the cutting of the village green in 2019 be let to E&M Services for a cost, as quoted, of a maximum of £45 per cut."

## 9. Standing Orders

The Clerk reported that NALC had recommended a number of minor changes to the 2018 model Standing Orders, adopted by the Council on 14 June 2018 (Minute 6 refers), to correct references to data protection requirements.

RESOLVED: "THAT Standing Orders dated 14 June 2018 be updated to incorporate the revised wording to clauses 15, 17, 18 and 21, as set out in the list of amendments attached to these Minutes as an annexe."

## 10. Consultations and Correspondence

Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted. The dates of the next Parishes Liaison meeting (19 September), and of the next Craven Branch meeting (3 October) were noted. It was also noted that the District Council's consultation on the 2019/20 Budget was now open until 14 October.

At the suggestion of the Ward Councillors, a concern raised by a resident on Low Lane as regards rats in the village was discussed. This would be debated further as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr Turner proposed items for discussion in the Members' Discussion Forum, as listed on the agenda, and action was agreed as follows:

- (i) Repairs to dog bin – it had been suggested that the 2 metal bins needed to be repaired, but after discussion, the Clerk was asked to bring a quotation to the next meeting for 2 replacement plastic bins.
- (ii) Barriers on A65 – following recent incidents of vehicle damage to the dry-stone walls bounding the fields near Chelker Reservoir, the Clerk was asked to consult Highways as regards the provision of crash barriers or reflective warning signs along this stretch of the A65.

#### 11. Date of next Council Meeting

Date of the next meeting - to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Chairman