

# **DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16 January 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr M Billing – Chairman  
Cllr A Mole  
Cllr R Neale  
Cllr A Turner

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

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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. Casual Vacancy

The Clerk was asked to advertise the vacancy with a view to an appointment being made at the next meeting.

### 4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 December 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

### 5. Matters Arising

- (i) Dog Fouling Signs It was reported that additional signs had been provided by the District Council and were being displayed around the village.
- (ii) Memorial Garden It was reported that an informal meeting had been held at the proposed site for the Memorial Garden, and draft

plans for the layout of flags, benches and shrub planting were tabled and discussed. The Clerk reported that an offer of grant of £500 had been received from the District Council towards the costs of laying the garden (excluding the costs of new dog waste bins), and acceptance of this offer was approved. After discussion, and with the aim of raising additional funds for the project, it was agreed to publicise the plans further within the village and invite contributions towards the costs of providing memorial benches and materials. The Clerk was asked to approach a local organisation known to offer support for groundworks required for community projects.

It was RESOLVED:

“THAT expenditure of up to £250 be approved for the replacement of two dog waste bins, and that the Clerk be authorised to place an order accordingly.”

Cost and design options for the new benches would be considered further at the next meeting.

- (iii) Draughton Vergers The Clerk reported that the project completion form, accounting for grant expenditure on the Draughton Vergers project in 2018, had been sent to the District Council.
- (iv) Tree Maintenance on Village Green Contractors had been requested to carry out the works.

## 6. Planning

It was noted that an appeal had been submitted as regards the refusal of the application to lift the live/work restriction on the Water Mill at Draughton Bottom (Ref (Ref 2018/19479/VAR).

The following planning matters were noted:

- (i) Housing development at top of the village (Ref 2018/18883/FUL) – no further developments reported.
- (ii) Westways – tree works (2018/20027/TCA) – no comments made.

## 7. Financial Matters

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

## 8. Consultations, Correspondence and Members' Discussion Forum

Newsletters and emails circulated for information, including notice of a consultation on use of voter ID at the forthcoming local elections in May, were noted. It was reported that the timing of the next District Council

Liaison meeting, to be held on 28 January, had been changed to start at 2.30pm. The Clerk offered to attend on behalf of the Council.

9. Date of next Meeting

Date of the next meeting – 13 February 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

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Chairman