

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13 February 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr M Billing – Chairman
Cllr A Mole
Cllr R Neale
Cllr A Turner
Cllr J Garnett (from Minute 3)

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

In attendance: Cllr D Pighills, Ward Representative CDC

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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

It was RESOLVED (Proposed: the Chairman; seconded: Cllr Mole):

“THAT Mr Garnett be and he is hereby co-opted to the casual vacancy on the Council with immediate effect.”

Cllr Garnett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form in the presence of the Clerk to the Council and was provided with a form for the notification of interests for completion and return to the District Council.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 January 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

- (i) Tree maintenance It was reported that works to trim back the tree near the bus stop had now been completed.
- (ii) Dog waste bins It was reported that 2 bins had been ordered on the basis of a pro-forma invoice for £207.65. Cllrs Mole and Turner offered to install them.
- (iii) Draughton Vergers Cllr Neale gave an update on winter gritting carried out to date.
- (iv) YLCA Branch Meeting The Clerk reported on discussions held at the Branch Meeting held on 28 January. It was noted that the body's 75th anniversary celebration was to take place on 19 October in Ripon. A Government report on speeding in rural villages had been mentioned. This would be followed up for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Memorial Garden

The Clerk gave an update, reporting that discussions had been held with the owner of the neighbouring property, and revised plans, together with designs for suitable benches, were tabled. It was noted that an approach had been made for additional grant funding from Tarmac, and a response was awaited.

In response to queries submitted in writing by a local resident, the Clerk provided details of the original proposals, as budgeted, and confirmed that the minor developments as currently envisaged were unlikely to be regarded as unlawful as they were to be carried out for the better enjoyment of the village green and would improve the facilities that were already available (ie the seating and tree planting).

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with interested volunteers drawn from the village during the two email consultation exercises carried out to date with a view to firming up proposals and preparing detailed designs and costings.

7. Planning

The following planning matter was discussed:

- (i) Housing development at top of the village (Ref 2018/18883/FUL) – no further developments reported. Cllr Pighills agreed to follow this up with planning officers.

8. Financial Matters

A The month's accounts were approved for payment, including the payment made (as authorised) to Glasdon UK for the dog waste bins, and reimbursement of £12 to the Clerk for printing ink, and cheques were signed as required.

9. Clerk's Salary Award 2019/20

As initially received at the meeting held on 13 December (Minute 7 refers), details of the recommended NALC Salary Award for Local Council Clerks 2019/20 were considered.

It was RESOLVED:

“THAT the NALC Salary Award for Local Council Clerks 2019/20 be implemented, and that the Clerk's salary from 1 April 2019 be paid with reference to the recommended hourly rate of £9.96 (at new spinal point SCP6), for 19 hours per month.”

10. Consultations, Correspondence and Members' Discussion Forum

Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted, including an offer of a meeting from the District Council as regards a new initiative on clean neighbourhoods. The Clerk was asked to follow this up, and thanks would be passed to the local litter picker for her hard work in the village. It was also reported that SCAD were seeking donations towards the costs of a new Dial-a-Ride minibus for use in the Skipton area. After discussion, it was agreed to invite representatives of the charity to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to explain their services to the village. The Government's report on a review of Local Government Ethical Standards was noted.

11. Meeting Schedule 2019/20

The schedule of meeting dates 2019/20 was confirmed.

12. Date of Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to call the Annual Parish Meeting immediately prior to the Annual Council Meeting on 15 May 2019.

13. Date of next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Chairman