

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 12 October 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr R Clayton – Chairman
Cllr M Billing
Cllr R Neale
Cllr S Plunkett
Cllr Turner

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

In attendance: District Cllr D Pighills
Cty Cllr R Heseltine

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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 Meeting held on 14 September 2017

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 September 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

- (i) Grass-cutting Cllr Neale gave an update on verges maintenance during the last month of the season and reported on possible volunteer arrangements for 2018. At the invitation of the

Chairman, a resident reported that he was making arrangements to have the verges and hedges cut back on Donkey Neddy and on the lane to Bolton Abbey.

- (ii) Bank Account It was noted that a new bank account had now been set up at Barclays, and funds were being transferred to it, with a view to closing the existing account as soon as all outstanding payments had cleared.
- (iii) Council Computer The Clerk reported that the replacement computer was now operational.
- (iv) Fire & Rescue Service Cllr Billing reported that, as a result of consultation comments received on the governance proposals “Working Better Together”, the Fire Service was to be funded for an increase in manpower for fire engine crews.

5. Village Green – Ashes Scattering and Bulb Planting Ceremony

The Clerk reported that permission had been requested from the family of Meriel Curtis to use the Village Green for a ceremony to scatter her ashes and plant bulbs at the location. Permission was granted, and the Clerk was asked to pass on the Council’s best wishes to the family for the ceremony.

6. Planning

- (i) Old Post Office (proposed new porch and parking space) – no objections to be made, but recommendations to be submitted as regards further consultation with Highways for use of their land. The Clerk was asked to contact the owners of the property to discuss the practicalities of moving the kiosk, including provision of the power supply, insurance cover for the move, and the possible requirement for a licence for the land to be used for the kiosk’s new site.
- (ii) Land at the top of the village (opposite the Old Post Office) – it was noted that the landowner’s agent had been invited to engage with the community in pre-application consultation. A response was awaited.

7. Action Plan 2018/19

The Clerk presented a discussion draft of planned activities for next year as a first stage in drawing up preliminary proposals for the budget and precept 2018/19. The draft action plan was agreed, with matters

including proposed budgetary provision for machinery repairs and road signs discussed and noted.

8. Financial Matters

- (i) The month's accounts were approved for payment, including payments authorised at the meeting, and cheques were signed as required.
- (ii) The Monitoring Statement to end September 2017 was received and noted.

9. Consultations and Correspondence

Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted, and action agreed as follows:

- (i) Correspondence concerning the GDPR – requirements would be monitored, and further reports made to Council as necessary.
- (ii) Community Speed Watch – villagers' concerns with vehicle speeds in the village would be proposed as an item for debate at the next Parish Meeting.

10. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Thursday** 16 November 2017 at **7.00pm** in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman