

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 8 February 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

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

Mrs J Markham – Clerk

In attendance: Cty Cllr R Heseltine
District Cllr D Pighills

Public: 34

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. Planning

The following matters were discussed:

- (i) Land at the top of the village (opposite the Old Post Office) (Ref. 2018/18883/FUL) – the full planning application was considered, and comments were taken from the floor.

After full discussion, it was RESOLVED: “THAT the Parish Council object to the planning application for housing development on land at the top of the village (Ref 2018/18883/FUL) principally on the grounds that the proposed development would have a significant adverse impact on the

landscape setting of the local conservation area whilst not being justified in a location regarded as unsustainable in the Craven District Local Plan, and that the Clerk be authorised to submit a letter of detailed comments accordingly.”

Ward Representative, Cllr Pighills, was invited to write to the planning authority to request consideration of the planning application by the Planning Committee, and Cllr Neale offered to speak at the Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

- (ii) Matchless House (Ref: 2017/18752/COU) – at the invitation of the Chairman, the applicants reported that they had commissioned an expert report to look into the impact of the proposed development on the historic features of the building and that this report would be made available to the Parish Council. It was confirmed by the local residents who had raised the initial objection that this, and the reassurances provided by the applicants, had helped to allay their concerns. It was accordingly proposed that the Council consider withdrawing their objection, subject to consideration of the new information in the expert report, when available. An extraordinary meeting of the Council would be convened for this purpose, if required. It was noted that the application was to be considered by the Planning Committee in March.

The following matter was noted:

- (iii) Planning decision:
Old Post Office (Ref: 2017/18459/HH) – planning consent had been granted, but the householder had been advised to contact the Council as regards relocating the telephone kiosk.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 January 2018 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

- (i) Village Green Grass Cutting - 2018 Season The Clerk reported that a satisfactory insurance certificate had now been received from a local contractor and it was

RESOLVED: “THAT E&M Services be appointed to carry out works to cut and trim the village green over the 2018 season, at a cost of £40 per visit, as quoted.”

The Clerk was asked to request an additional quotation from the contractor for the costs of cutting the village verges.

- (ii) Traffic Concerns A letter from a village resident, commenting on proposals to site a mirror on his property at the Low Lane junction, was noted. Alternative proposals, involving applying for the installation of double yellow lines at the junction, and installing signage on the walling along the stretch of road opposite the junction, were considered. After discussion, and taking into account the views of residents present at the meeting, the Clerk was asked to research the costs of signs, and to report back to the next meeting.
- (iii) Rat Problem It was noted that steps were being taken by the Village Hall Trustees to remove the rats and their nesting site. Craven District Council had agreed to mend the plugs in the communal bins.
- (iv) Data Protection The Clerk reported that further advice continued to be received from sector bodies, and this was being monitored closely.

6. Winter Gritting

At the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr Neale reported on possible proposals to introduce a more systematic approach to gritting Low Lane during periods of wintry weather. The proposals would be developed, and a full report made to the next meeting.

In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to request replenishment of the grit bins.

7. Financial Matters

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

8. Craven District Publication Draft Local Plan 2017

The publication Draft Plan was noted.

9. Consultations and Correspondence

Newsletters and emails circulated for information, including a letter from CAB thanking the Council for the donation of £50 provided in December

2017, leaflets publicising Settle Stories, and notice of the next Parishes Liaison Meeting on 21 March, were noted. An announcement from SELRAP that the Government was to fund a feasibility study into re-opening the Colne-Skipton line was also noted.

The following matters were discussed:

- (i) Cutting of hedges on lane by church – the Clerk reported that 4 complaints had been received from residents, raising concerns with the extent of the recent hedge-cutting, and in addition 2 emails thanking the householder who had taken responsibility for maintaining the lane had subsequently been received. At the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr Billing read out a report, summarising the views of the farmer who owned most of the hedges along the lane. A full discussion of the matter then took place. Drawing this to a close, the Chairman requested that more timely notice of hedge-cutting be provided to the Council in future, and that instructions be provided to the contractor to ensure sympathetic pruning of the stretches of the lane where it was required.
- (ii) Newspaper deliveries to kiosk – complaints from residents concerning missing newspapers had been received.
- (iii) Littering in field behind layby – it was noted that incidences of littering in the field behind the layby had been reported to the District Council and to the landowner concerned.
- (iv) Flooding onto Main St at Low Lane junction – the Clerk reported that Highways had been advised of the flooding at the top of the village.
- (v) Visit by Skipton and Craven History Society – it was noted that the Society had requested a possible visit in June 2018 to learn more about the village. Cllr Billing offered to organise this.

10. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on 15 March at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman