

# **DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 10 June 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr A Mole - Chairman  
Cllr J Garnett  
Cllr R Neale  
Cllr A Turner  
Mrs J Markham – Clerk

In attendance:

Cllr R Heseltine, Ward Representative NYCC  
Cllr D Pighills, Ward Representative CDC

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### **1. Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllr Billing; reasons for 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. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 June 2019**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- (i) SCAD Dial-a-Ride The Clerk reported that proposals for funding support had yet to be received from SCAD.
- (ii) Dog Fouling It was reported that the District Council were not currently considering the installation of new dog waste bins. This would be followed up, to check if a new bin could be added to the emptying schedule, if installed by the Parish Council on the Roman road.

- (iii) Bus services consultation – an email from a village resident, providing further details on the X84 service, was noted.

## 5. Memorial Garden

It was noted that a small site had now been cleared in readiness for development of the garden. Cllr Turner reported that a quotation had been received for a stone seat, and the Clerk confirmed that an alternative local contractor had been invited to quote but had declined to do so. Comparable seats available to order online ranged in price from £300-£900.

It was resolved: “THAT an order for a stone seat be placed with local supplier P. Dolphin, subject to confirmation of a quotation for costs in the region of £700.”

It was noted that the seat could be installed during August. In the meantime, Cllr Turner confirmed that arrangements would be made for the laying of flagstones on the cleared area.

## 6. Planning

The following planning applications were discussed and agreed as follows:

- (i) Housing development at top of the village (Ref 2018/18883/FUL) – no further developments.
- (ii) Land at Draughton Heights (Ref 2019/20400/FUL) – it was reported that further information on the queries raised with planning officers, , incorporating new technical advice, had now been received, and this was noted. It was agreed to follow up with a formal consultation response, recommending that, in the event that the planning authority should be minded to approve the application, a planning condition relating to the priority status of the flow of spring water into the beck system should be included in the consent. The Clerk was authorised to draft and send the formal response accordingly.
- (iii) 1/2 The Croft (Ref 2019/20601/HH) – the retrospective application for development of a new wall at the premises was discussed in the light of comments submitted to the planning officer online, comments made by local residents present at the meeting, and the conclusions of members reached following visits to the site during the preceding weeks.

It was resolved: “THAT an objection to the (retrospective) application for development of a wall and gate posts at 1/2 The

Croft be submitted to the planning authority on the grounds that the visual impact of the structures, in terms of their design, scale and appearance, was considered inconsistent with that of neighbouring properties, and incompatible with planning policies for the local conservation area, and otherwise to the detriment of residential amenity in the vicinity.”

- (iv) The Folly, Spring Rise (2019/20658/HH) – no comments to be made.

#### 7. Draughton Vergers

Cllr Neale presented proposals for a revised policy for cutting the verges in order to encourage wildflower growth. The policy was approved, and it was agreed to make arrangements for the wide verges at the top of the village to be cut on an annual basis by a specialist contractor to control nettles and thistles growth; quotations for this would be reported to the next meeting.

Cllr Neale also noted that additional volunteers were being invited to join the vergers’ team.

#### 8. Financial Matters

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

#### 9. Accessibility Regulations

The Clerk gave an overview of the new requirements for website accessibility, guidance on which had been circulated to members for information. It was noted that the website designer had been invited to provide a quotation for carrying out an audit of the website and for upgrading it as necessary. This would be reported to the next meeting.

#### 10. Consultations, Correspondence and Members’ Discussion Forum

Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted, including notice of the YLCA Joint Annual Meeting on 13 July.

#### 11. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 9 September 2019 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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Chairman