

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 11 November 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

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

In attendance:

Cllr D Pighills, Ward Representative CDC
Ms D Johnson, Manager, Dales Care Home

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1. 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.

2. Order of Meeting

It was RESOLVED: "THAT the order of the meeting be varied to take agenda item 10(i) forthwith."

3. Dales Care Home

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Manager of the Dales Care Home reported on plans to improve parking arrangements near the Home. It was planned to develop an area of the field at the end of the Spinney as a small parking area for staff, so that visitors could use the existing gravelled car park behind the Home. It was noted that the proposals had been put together not only for the purpose of improving staff and visitor facilities but also to alleviate parking problems on Main St. The views of nearby residents in the Dales cottages had been taken into account.

A letter of support was requested from the Council.

It was RESOLVED: “THAT, in principle and subject to sight of detailed plans when available, a letter be provided to the Dales Care Home in support of proposals for the development of a new parking area near the Home.”

4. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 7 and 14 October 2019

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 7 and 14 October 2019 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record in each case, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

- (i) Yorkshire Village of the Year Award 2019 It was noted that Hudswell village had received the award this year.
- (ii) Accessibility Regulations A quotation for the cost of developing the website was considered.
It was RESOLVED: “THAT funds of £355 be allocated for the purpose of updating the village website to secure compliance with the Accessibility Regulations 2019, and that the Clerk be authorised to place the order and make arrangements for the work to be carried out accordingly.”
- (iii) Draughton Vergers – Cllr Neale reported on the vergers’ work to end of the season 2019 and thanked all the volunteers who had taken part. Proposals for wildflower seed sowing next season, and for weed strimming and disposal of waste, would be considered at a future meeting.

6. Memorial Garden

It was reported that the contractor was currently on site and works were in progress.

7. Planning

The following planning applications were discussed 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) – no further developments.

8. Financial Matters

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

B Quotations for the costs of replacing the light fitting in the telephone kiosk were considered.

It was RESOLVED: “THAT a quotation of £72 for the replacement of the light fitting by TAC Electrical Ltd be approved, and that the Clerk be authorised to make arrangements for the works to be carried out accordingly.”

9. Budget and Precept 2020/21

The draft Budget 2020/21, as amended after discussion at the last meeting, was received and proposals for the Precept were considered and discussed.

The Clerk reported that billing information had not yet been received from the District Council to enable the proposals to be finalised for the purpose of precepting the billing authority, and a decision on the Budget was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

10. Parish Plan

The Clerk outlined procedures for updating the Parish Plan, if thought appropriate.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Plan’s actions, as identified in 2010, would be reviewed in detail at the next meeting to check on progress and developments since publication. It was suggested that initial consultation with the community could then proceed on the basis of a short survey, circulated in the next newsletter, followed by discussion at the village meeting in May.

11. Consultations, Correspondence and Members’ Discussion Forum

Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted, including note of a consultation from NYCC on the Budget 2020/21 and notice of publication of the Inspector’s Report on the district council’s Local Plan. It was noted that VE Day celebrations were to be held on 8 May 2020, and it was hoped that the church bell would have been repaired by this time.

At the invitation of the Chairman, a local resident reported on an exchange of correspondence with First Group as regards initial problems with the re-timetabling of the x84 bus service. The complaint had not been resolved satisfactorily, but a correct timetable was now being published in the noticeboard by the bus stop.

Members then discussed provision of a Christmas tree this year, and Cllr Garnett offered to organise this. It was RESOLVED: “THAT payment of

£50 be authorised towards the costs of a Christmas tree and that arrangements be made to install it in the churchyard on 30 November 2019.”

12.Date of next Meeting

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

A schedule of meeting dates for 2020 would be prepared and circulated for approval at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chairman