

# **DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 16 March 2020 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**

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

In attendance:

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### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Received from Cllr Garnett; 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: Cllr Turner – agenda item 5(1)(iii) High Barn Cottage tree works (connected person's interest)

Additional Interests disclosed: None.

### **3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2020**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2020 were taken as read, approved as a true and correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- (i) Chelker – repair works It was reported that the residents had not raised any further concerns.

The Clerk also noted that concerns with speed restrictions on the A65, reported to Highways, were to be investigated.

- (ii) Local Elections It was noted that the elections had been postponed until May 2021 in the light of the recent spread of the coronavirus pandemic, and the current council would therefore serve for a 5-year term. The Clerk reported on YLCA guidance to the effect that, in the event of further disruption to business in the coming

months, local councils should put a scheme of delegation in place to enable the continuation of necessary business.

RESOLVED: “THAT a Scheme of Delegation, in the form as attached to these Minutes as an Annexe, be approved on a short term basis to enable the transaction of business, as necessary, during any period of business disruption arising in connection with the coronavirus pandemic.”

- (iii) VE Day Arrangements were to be reviewed as the implications of the coronavirus pandemic became clearer.
- (iv) YLCA Spring Conference It was noted that the event had been postponed.

## 5. Planning

- (1) It was reported that the following planning application had been withdrawn:

The Folly, Spring Rise (Ref.2020/21325/CND) -discharge of planning conditions.

The following planning matters were discussed:

- (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.

*Having disclosed an interest in the next item on the agenda, Cllr Turner withdrew from the discussion*

- (iii) High Barn – tree works (Ref 2020/21470/TCA) – no comments to be made

*Cllr Turner rejoined the discussion*

- (2) The Clerk reported that Stirton Parish Council had written to all Craven parishes to request support for a meeting with senior officers at the District Council to discuss planning issues. Noting that Draughton had not experienced particular issues with planning decisions in recent years, Members agreed on the importance of ensuring good relations between local councils and the planning authority, and the Clerk was asked to reply to Stirton’s Clerk accordingly.

## 6. Highways

Government guidance, as circulated to members for review, would be discussed at a future meeting.

#### 7. Draughton Vergers

The Clerk reported on a quotation provided by the village green contractor to strim the verges once a month, and the costs (£35.20 per load) of disposing of green waste at the Skibeden tip were noted.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to check on the costs of having an annual one-off weed clearance carried out, with a view to initiating such works during late winter 2020/21.

#### 8. Financial Matters

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

#### 9. Consultations, Correspondence and Members' Discussion Forum

Newsletters and emails circulated for information were noted, including NYCC's summary of changes to rural bus services in North Yorkshire. The Clerk reported that the District Council's Parishes Liaison Meeting on 25 March at 6.30pm was to hear a presentation on civil emergency planning and the role of parish and town councils.

#### 10. Dates of next Meetings

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held if possible on Monday 13 April 2020 at 7.00pm in the village hall and the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Council Meeting would be held on 18 May, the convening of all future meetings being subject to further and ongoing guidance from the Government and the principal authority on public meetings during the pandemic crisis.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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Chairman