

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies** – to receive apologies and consider reasons for absence.
2. **Disclosure of interests** – to receive any declarations of interests not already recorded in the Members' Register of Interests, to note any interests relevant to the business of the meeting (whether previously registered or not), and, if so required, to receive and consider applications (if any) for dispensation pursuant to the Council's Code of Conduct for members with an interest to take part in the discussion and vote on the business in question.
3. **Casual Vacancy** – to co-opt a member to the casual vacancy on the Council and decide any other matters as necessary.
4. **Minutes** – to confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 December 2023 as a true and correct record (*attached*)
5. **Matters arising from Council Meeting** – to receive the Clerk's report for information on matters arising from the meeting held on 4 December and to note the Clerk's report on matters arising for information (*attached*)
6. **Clerk's Report** – to consider the Clerk's Report on ongoing and outstanding items of business (*listed in report attached at item 5*), and to decide any action as necessary on matters as listed.
7. **Scheme of Delegation** – to ratify decisions taken since the date of the last meeting by the Clerk on behalf of the Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme of Delegation dated 7 June 2021, and to confirm the Scheme's continuing application subject to review at each future meeting.
8. **Draughton Action to Zero** – to receive an interim update from the Chairman of the DAZ Working Group, consider any recommendations for decision, [including further proposals for a special climate-themed edition of the village newsletter], and decide any matters as necessary.
9. **Planning** – to note recent planning decisions, consider any consultations for comment, and consider the Clerk's update (*all as listed in report attached at item 5*) and to note or decide any matters as necessary.
 - Enforcement of planning decision at Railway Bottom, Draughton
Planning enforcement has visited the site and issued a written demand for the removal of building materials within two months.
Note: Any additional planning applications received after publication of the agenda but at least 3 clear days before the meeting will be circulated to Members and may be considered at the meeting
10. **Draughton Vergers** – to receive a report from Cllr Neale with proposals for the 2024 season.

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11. **Biodiversity Policy** – to consider a draft Biodiversity Policy (*attached*), as required under the Environment Act 2021 (Biodiversity Duty 2024).
12. **Consultations and Correspondence**– to note e-newsletters circulated for information, to consider correspondence received, and decide action where necessary on the following matters:
 - (i) YLCA – to note:
 - D-Day 80 letter and information
 - (ii) NALC – to note:
 - How local councils can benefit from the levelling up agenda.
 - (iii) NYC – to note:
 - Information about the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG)
 - Presentation slides and a link to the recording of the virtual local plan launch event held in December.
 - Link to the recording of the webinar on North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)
 - (iv) RSN – to note:
 - invitation to participate in a survey on the impact on funding cuts on rural services.
13. **Date of Next Meeting** – to confirm the date of the next diarised meeting: 18 March 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

*Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the meeting. The Press and Public are invited to attend, but the Public are reminded that they are permitted to take part in any discussions only at the discretion of the Chairman of the Meeting.
Councillors and Local Electors wishing to have any issues raised at the meeting are asked to notify the Clerk (preferably in writing) one week before the meeting. At the discretion of the Chairman of the Meeting, any such issues will be included on the Agenda.*



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