

**DRY DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2011 AT 8 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs: N Irish (Chairman), I Alexander, P Fane, F Northrop, R Stamford and T Stephenson.

In attendance: Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk)

Comments and observations from members of the public and reports from County & District Cllrs

None present.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Wyatt (out of parish), and also County Cllr Reynolds and District Cllrs Hall and Waters.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were unanimously approved ^(Prop IA, 2nd TS) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters arising from that or a previous meeting

3.1 Recreation at Bar Hill

Nothing further had been received.

3.2 School Playing Field

The Chair of Governors had reiterated that the school field was available for recreational use by the village. The Headteacher is exploring the idea of an all weather area. The Parish Council indicated its willingness to support and progress this if all parties are in agreement.

3.3 Speeding on Scotland Road

The reply from Richard Preston of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) indicated that speed reductions without calming measures would not be successful and had outlined a change in policy whereby the Parish Council could fund speed alterations but would need to also take on the liabilities. The Parish Council expressed concerns that this was an unrealistic suggestion. It was agreed that the Chairman would reply suggesting a site meeting to look at the options, including alterations to the signage at the entrance to the village and the delimitation signage. Speedwatch will also be invited to attend.

3.4 Lorry Policy

Cllrs Irish and Alexander had attended and reported on the meeting.

3.5 Reply from Jean Hunter

The letter from Steve Hampson, South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) Executive Director was noted.

3.6 Litter picking sticks

It was agreed to purchase 4 litter picking sticks^(Prop TS, 2nd RS). Cllr Irish is to take delivery.

4. Finance and procedure

4.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

Reimbursement of expenses for £13.57 to Cllr Stephenson ^(Prop NI, 2nd RS) was agreed.

4.2 Annual Audit

It was noted that Mrs Volans had balanced the accounts to the financial year end and that

the audit date was 6 June. Before that date the internal audit had to be undertaken. It was agreed^(Prop IA, 2nd RS) to appoint Howard Russell as Internal Auditor again. Approval of the accounts will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Cllr Irish will put the notice advertising the audit on the notice board.

4.3 Streetlighting

Consideration was given to the letter from CCC and the different options available for energy and maintenance. It was agreed^(Prop RP, 2nd IA) to accept the energy option via the CCC and maintenance option 2 from Balfour Beatty. SCDC is to be asked to clarify the lights' ownership and upgrading responsibilities.

4.4 Grass cutting

Mr Round's letter seeking an extension on his contract and detailing his terms was considered. It was agreed to seek clarification from him on the fuel surcharge implications and whether the contract would be on the same terms as previously discussed. Cllr Alexander's kind offer to continue, after his retirement, as the contractor's main point of contact was gratefully accepted.

The agency services grant is to be claimed from CCC.

5. To consider planning and tree works applications received since the last meeting

5.1 Planning applications - None.

5.2 SCDC Decision notices to note

5.2.1 S/0206011, 27 High Street, Erection of detached dwelling – Permission granted by SCDC.

6. To consider correspondence/communications received including

6.1 CCC Passenger Transport – it was noted that there was no impact on the village.

6.2 CCC Publication of CCC expenditure - noted.

6.3 SCDC Notes on Localism Bill and Parish Planning Forum – noted.

6.4 Countryside Watch membership renewal – it was agreed no to affiliate this year.

6.5 CCC Integrated Plan for 2011-12 – noted.

6.5 Scottie Hawkes, Village and School Association (V&SA) request for a street party for the Royal Wedding and proposed closure of roads - The Parish Council had no objections. Cllr Irish will put a laminated notice advertising the closure on the notice board.

7. Closure of Meeting

7.1 Water leak outside Oak Crescent – Cllr Stephenson will report to the water company.

7.2 Localism Bill and assets of community value – To be considered at a future meeting.

7.3 Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership meeting – Cllr Fane reported on the meeting and that guidance is being prepared on panels for the Village Hall which will be brought to a future meeting.

7.4 As there had been insufficient candidates to necessitate an election and those who had stood had been returned uncontested there will be two vacancies. It was agreed to invite applications for co-option via the newsletter and website.

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)