

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 15th January 2024 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Manson (Chair), P Darlow, A Stanley, R Bond, G Small, S Purnell, I Stephens. Cllr J Ogle; Dcllr L Stanniland; the Clerk; Members of the public - none

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dcllr E Griffin; Mr N Stanley
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023** - Cllr Purnell pointed out that Lorna Garfoot had been appointed Secretary to the VH committee, see item 11. This was corrected and the minutes approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. The Limes - flood advice. Cllr Manson reported the ditches around the property had been cleared and this should alleviate the problem.
 2. Blue Bell Inn - update. It was noted that renovation work had started on Sunday, 14th January.
 3. Discretionary Grant - Dcllr Griffin - the Clerk had applied for this but had not received any further communication. Dcllr Stanniland offered to follow this up.
 4. NG power lines. Dcllr Stanniland confirmed there had been no further information received by BDC and that this would be a long process. Cllr Small confirmed that he and other landowners in the parish had received documents requesting access to allow searches to be conducted.
 5. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** None
5. **Planning** - It was noted that the application from The Paddock, Long Lane was now listed as "approved" on the BDC Planning Portal.
6. **Correspondence** - by email, including information received regarding funding of churches by Parish Councils - a law was passed in December 2023 to approve this change. See "*The provision that clarifies that Parish Councils can fund works at Parish Churches* ([section 82](#)) came into force on 26 December 2023. You can read more about the issue itself in the Heritage Alliance's briefing

here”

<https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/16.02.23-The-Heritage-Alliance-LURB-Lords-Briefing.pdf>

7. Urgent Business -

a. Byway 22 Back Lane (off Church Lane) - Cllrs Small and Stephens have been investigating the possibility of closing this byway annually from November to March - due to off-road vehicles damaging the terrain and causing danger to other users.

b. Bridleway 11 Riddings Lane - Cllr Small had reported the same issues as above. In both cases Cllr Small has been in communication with Jane Barnes of NCC. There are legal issues to be addressed. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Small as to the next steps - ACTION - Cllr Small and the Clerk.

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion

NONE

9. Finance

a. Income : NIL

b. Accounts for payment

- Half yearly hire of VH (PC) £45 - APPROVED
- SG (NP) VH hire £20 - APPROVED
- L Goddard - hedge cutting £50 - APPROVED
- Donation to VH for Children's Christmas Party £200 - APPROVED
- Donation of £250 for the annual maintenance of the Village Clock (already budgeted for in annual expenses). APPROVED

c. Balance of accounts, as at 3rd December 2023 - £14,717.90 including the NP grant (£10,000), therefore PC balance £4,717.90. As the December statement had not yet been received this figure does not allow for the cleared cheques issued at the last meeting (£487.35). The actual balance, before the above cheques, at 31st December 2023 is £4230.55.

d. Budget update - after above £200 donation, £467 remains available.

- e. Signatories - Cllrs Manson, Darlow and Stanley, approved in principle (not yet confirmed in writing), with the Clerk having access for day-to-day running of the account.
 - f. BDC PRECEPT - the Clerk explained the calculation for the Precept 2024/25. The impact per Council Taxpayer is estimated at £35.32. The PC approved this and the Clerk will submit this to BDC. Dcllr Stanniland noted that BDC were restricting the overall rise in Council Tax for 24/25 to 2.99%
10. **Neighbourhood Plan** - Following the successful "Community Drop-In" on Monday 27th November, Helen Metcalfe (Consutant "Planning With People") has prepared the Draft NP. This has been shared with the SG and PC. It will be considered by the SG at their meeting on Monday 22nd January and will then pass to the PC for ratification. This meeting will take place by "ZOOM" at a date after the 22nd Jan., to be confirmed. The next stages will be explained at that point.
11. **General Business**
- East Drayton Festival 2024 - Cllr Stanley confirmed the date as the weekend of 22nd and 23rd June. She thanked Cllr Small for his help in organising the use of the Cricket Field for a cricket match and BBQ on the Sunday afternoon. Gary Garfoot would organise an Afternoon Tea at the VH on the Saturday. Cllr Stanley will meet with her "team" next month.
 - Cottam Power Station Group - Mr Stanley will attend the next meeting on Monday 22nd January. The group will report on their work so far and this will be circulated. At that point there will be a pause until further information is received regarding the plans for the site.
 - Clerk - The Clerk informed the meeting of the change to the law regarding PC funding of churches. See above.
 - Cllr Purnell thanked villagers for their support of the Blue Bin Recycling Scheme. Metal objects large and small had been collected and sent for specialist recycling. £68 had been raised for the VH. Thanks to Stephen Bennett for his work on this. Cllr Purnell to liaise with Dcllr Stanniland regarding a BDC discretionary grant to fund the purchase of additional blue bins . ACTION - Cllr Purnell.
 - Ckllr Manson noted that Winter Road supplies had been delivered to The Old Harrow. Bags of grit/salt available just inside the gate.

- Cllr Ogle arrived at the meeting. The ongoing issue of dangerous potholes was discussed, along with the lack of response to the reports made by the PC to NCC. Cllr Ogle asked for the information to be forwarded to him. ACTION - SM, SP, GSm.
- Cllr Ogle also explained the forthcoming Mayoral Election, to take place in May, as part of the government's devolution plans for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.
- Cllr Ogle gave out sponsorsheets for a parachute jump to be held in aid of his NCC Chairman's Charity, the NSPCC.
- He also distributed posters relating to the "Nottingham Roosevelt Memorial Travelling Scholarship" for young people in Notts aged 21-35. This
- would be placed on the noticeboard - Cllr Manson and the 2 ED Facebook pages - the Clerk.
- No other matters.

12. **Date of next meeting - MONDAY 18th March 2024 at 7:00pm.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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