

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm

on Monday 17th July 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs S Manson (Chair), P Darlow, I Stephens, A Stanley, R Bond, G Small, S Purnell; the Clerk; Cllr Ogle and Dcllr Griffin; S Ellis and B Mitchell.

Prior to the Meeting a minute's silence was held to honour the memory of Michael Goddard who died suddenly at the weekend. Michael was a respected farmer, villager and former Parish Councillor. On behalf of the PC, Cllr Manson extended condolences to his family.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dcllr Stanniland. Cllr Manson welcomed the new Dcllr, Emma Griffin, to the meeting, and the new Parish Councillor Sue Purnell.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2023** – approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. PC elections and necessary documentation - Following the resignation of Cllr Jopling, Cllr Manson expressed his thanks to Mr Jopling for his work on the PC. The Clerk noted that the procedures required by BDC for filling a "Casual Vacancy" had been followed and BDC had not received any requests for an election to fill the vacant post. EDPC were instructed to co-opt a councillor. Sue Purnell had expressed an interest in the role and as no other expressions of interest were received, she was duly co-opted onto EDPC. Cllr Purnell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.
 2. Election of Vice-Chair – Cllr Manson proposed Cllr Stanley as V-C of the PC, seconded by Cllr Bond, and unanimously agreed by the councillors.
 3. Highways – the Clerk was pleased to report that most of the potholes (reported to NCC) on all 4 streets had been filled. Thanks were given to Cllr Ogle for his support with this matter. The remaining ones, along with those on Long Lane would be reported again. ACTION – the Clerk.
 4. Former Cllr Ray Small wished his thanks for the kind words and gift on his retirement from EDPC to be noted.
 5. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** None.
5. **Planning –**

Application 23/00637/CAT – work to trees at Carisbrooke, Top St – the PC had no objection to this work – BDC notified

Application 23-216-PLA-PB – diversion of footpath 18 behind Top Street – no objection – BDC notified.
6. **Correspondence** – by email, including a request for a donation from North Notts 1st Responders – see below.

7. Urgent Business –

a. Neighbourhood Plan – update. Cllr Manson noted that both the Housing Needs Assessment and Design Code policies were completed; that work with the consultant had been going very well but was currently paused whilst awaiting funding. The Locality Grants from the government department for levelling up, for the 23/24 financial year have not yet been released (should be any time). The Clerk explained that the next stage would be to hold another public meeting to share the policies and progress so far – date TBC.

b. National Grid – North Humber to High Marnham – Cllr Manson and the Clerk had researched how this would affect East Drayton. Concern had been expressed by some village landowners that pylons could be placed on their land. Cllr Small had attended a consultation meeting and could confirm that the proposed “corridor” had its edge through the western side of the village (through the willows) but shouldn't impact directly on homes. Discussion of options followed. Mrs Mitchell asked that residents be encouraged to respond to the consultation process. The PC had done so. The Clerk reminded the meeting of the information that the NG had delivered to each property in the village. To view the interactive map (section 10) and fill in the consultation questionnaire go to nationalgrid.com/nh-hm. The poster relating to this has been on the village noticeboard since early June. The deadline for responses is 27th July 2023. The Clerk to post a reminder, encouraging villagers to respond, on the East Drayton Voice Facebook page. ACTION – the Clerk

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion

a. Mr Ellis requested an update on the village gateway from Darlton Road. It is in safekeeping and will be reinstalled by Cllrs Manson and Small when practicable. Regarding the handcrafted oak sign at the crossroads, this is beyond repair and Cllr Manson suggested it be removed and archived, possibly in the VH.

b. Cllr Purnell expressed the concern of the VH committee at the lack of enthusiasm shown by villagers for VH events. Of the 106 homes which received the last update, with a questionnaire about proposed events and asking for ideas for new projects, only 5 responses have been received. Discussion followed relating to support, events and projects undertaken by other communities. Given the lack of support and the expenses exceeding income, SP stated that the future of the VH is in doubt. Dcllr Griffin to contact Cllr Purnell regarding possible ways forward.

9. Finance

a. Income : NIL

b. Accounts for payment

- VH hire for the half year (including SG meetings, £50 of which was available from the Locality grant prior to 31st March 2023) £120 – APPROVED
- Donation to North Notts CPR - £100 - AGREED

c. Balance of accounts, as at 2nd July 2023 - £3,962.88

d. Budget update.

e. Signatories – due to recent resignations new signatories for the TSB account are required. Cllrs Manson, Darlow and Stanley to complete the paperwork and return to the Clerk by Friday 21st July.

10. General Business

- East Drayton Festival 2024 – Cllr Stanley circulated her proposal for a weekend event to be held next summer. To be discussed at the September meeting.
- Publication of “Period for Exercise of Public Rights” 5th June - 14th July 2023 ended. No requests received to view accounts. The Clerk had received notification from the external auditors (PKF Littlejohn) that the accounts for 2022/23 had been approved .
- “Leading By Example” - Cllr Manson introduced a discussion about the things the councillors do in the village to improve the environment etc. He requested that the councillors submit individual lists to the Clerk. ACTION - ALL
- Cottam Power Station Group – Mr Stanley reported that there had been a pleasing response to the questionnaire, however the lack of response from the 18-65 age range had been disappointing. He is to attend the next meeting of the group on 24th July.
- Cllr Ogle informed the PC that Notts County Council are to move to new premises at Top Wighay. The new building, which will be eco-friendly, will cost approx. £20m. To upgrade County Hall to the required environmental standard would cost about £50m. It is envisaged that the old building would be sold for development.
- No other matters arising.

11. Date of next meeting – MONDAY 18th September 2023 at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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