

## East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm

on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs D Jopling (Chairman), P Darlow, I Stephens, S Manson; the Clerk; CClr J Ogle; S Ellis.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs R Bond, R Small and A Stanley. Dcllrs Isard and Stanniland
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2023** – approved and signed.
- 3. To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
  1. Cottam Power Station Group – Mr N Stanley reported that the next stage was village surveys. These would be on-line through the PC website, with an option of a printed copy on request. Details to be distributed to all residents when available.
  2. CPR and Defibrillator training on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, given by Retford Lions using BHF material. 25 residents attended. The PC donated a training set of 10 mannequins and associated materials to the Lions. The Clerk had received an email thanking the PC.
  3. There were no further matters arising.
- 4. Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** None.
- 5. Planning –**

Application 23/00296/FUL – The Paddock, Long Lane - to be discussed at a “Zoom” planning meeting next week when all the councillors would be available. Deadline to BDC 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- 6. Correspondence** – by email.
- 7. Urgent Business –**
  - a. Policing – The Chairman referred to the email correspondence he had with Inspector Crawford and shared with the councillors. Note - plain clothes patrols were operating in the local villages and PC Mitchell would attend local events (eg. coffee mornings) for informal surgeries. The Clerk had passed this to the VH

committee. Cllr Manson to attend a “Zoom” meeting with the Crime Commissioner on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

b. PC election – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Clerk confirmed that the information distributed by BDC regarding the nomination process and timeline had been posted on the village website, noticeboard, the 2 village Facebook pages and included in the EDPC Update (Feb. 2023) delivered to each household.

## **8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion – See below**

## **9. Finance**

a. Income : £150 BDC grant from Dcillr Stanniland towards the purchase of a new battery for the defibrillator.

b. Accounts for payment

- Clerk's quarterly salary (30 hours plus 15 NP hours) £403.65 APPROVED
- HMRC £100.80 APPROVED
- Clerk's quarterly expenses £27.81 APPROVED
- VH hire , NP, £70 APPROVED
- Consultant fee (NP) to be confirmed
- Coronation commemorative coins for village children £20 APPROVED

c. Balance of accounts, as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 - £13,104.04 (includes £9220 grant for NP)

d. 2022/23 budget to be finalised 31/03/23 and 23/24 budget to be prepared for the next meeting.

e. BDC precept 2023/24 confirmed as £3,579. This equated to a 31% increase despite the request to BDC that the increase be restricted to 20%. BDC base their calculations on the previous years audited expenditure ie. 2021/22, which was 31% higher than the previous financial year due to limited activities that year during Covid restrictions. The actual cost of the precept per Council Tax payer over the last 3 years has been £37.33 (21/22), £22.70 (22/23) and now £29.81 (23/24)

## **10. General Business**

- Neighbourhood Plan – The Clerk reported from Cllr Bond that the Business Survey response had been poor – only 2 out of 40 returned. To

be followed up. The WFH survey received a statistically viable 25% response. The “Vision Statement and Objectives” was agreed by the PC.

- Village BBQ 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – arrangements on-going. Invitations to be delivered the first week in April.
- Coronation Commemorative 50p coins to be given to the children of the village.
- Pensions Regulator – the Clerk confirmed the “re-declaration of compliance” had been submitted.
- Cllr Ogle noted there was a new Highways Officer. The Clerk to photograph and measure the potholes at the crossroads and on Church Lane, send the information to JO who would liaise directly with NCC. ACTION – Clerk
- Cllr Jopling noted that the illuminated “Give Way” sign at the crossroads, Low Street was out of action . ACTION – Clerk to report issue to Highways.
- The Clerk confirmed the EDPC February Update had been distributed to households during the second week of the month. It included the CPR training session; information from BDC regarding nomination procedures for the PC election on 4<sup>th</sup> May; “Save the Date” for the BBQ on 7<sup>th</sup> May and the latest progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- No other matters arising.

**11. Date of next meeting – MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023 at 7:00pm, followed by the APCM at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. TBC**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:40pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr D Jopling, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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