

## East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm

on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs D Jopling , P Darlow, I Stephens, S Manson;, A Stanley, R Bond, G Small;; the Clerk; retired councillor R Small; S Purnell (VH) and N Stanley (Cottam Power Station group)

Prior to the Meeting Cllr Jopling presented retired Cllr Ray Small with a gift and card and thanked him for his 48 years invaluable service to EDPC and the community.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** S Ellis; Dcllrs Griffin and Stanniland. At this point the new Parish Councillors signed the “Declaration of Acceptance of Office”, witnessed by the Clerk.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023** – approved and signed.
3. **Election of Chairman** – Cllr Manson (proposed by Cllr Stanley, seconded Cllr Darlow) and Cllr Jopling (proposed by Cllr Bond and seconded by Cllr Small). After a ballot Cllr Manson was elected Chairman.
4. Election of Vice-Chairman – Cllr Jopling, proposed by Cllr Stephens, seconded by Cllr Manson. Cllr Jopling elected unanimously. Cllr Manson thanked Cllr Jopling for his work as Chairman.
5. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
  1. The Precept – confirmed by the Clerk as £3579 for the 23/24 financial year.
  2. APM to follow at 7:45pm
  3. PC election 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – BDC received 7 nominations for the 7 vacancies and declared the nominees elected in an uncontested election. The Chairman asked it be minuted that despite the election information from BDC being posted on the website; the village notice-board ; both ED Facebook pages and in the update distributed to every house in the village, there were no additional nominations received by BDC. This was a missed opportunity for those residents responding on last year's surveys that *“the PC is un-elected and undemocratic”; “I want to be on the PC and have my voice heard”*. The Chairman also remarked that any resident has the right to attend a PC meeting and speak during the item “Open for Public Discussion” and he encouraged villagers to attend.
  4. Highways – the Clerk had reported the potholes on all 4 streets and sent photographs to Cllr Ogle. It was noted that yellowrings had been painted around some of the potholes. There are more to report between the village gateway and the Gainsborough road. The “Give Way” sign light on Low Street has been repaired.

5. Coronation BBQ – great success and many messages of thanks received. The Clerk noted an approximate cost of £4 per head.
  6. Coronation Coins – 35 mint King Charles III 50 pence coins (in commemorative bags made by Cllr Stanley) were distributed to the children in the village. Thank you messages had been received from 3 families.
  7. There were no further matters arising.
- 6. Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.**  
None.

**7. Planning –**

Application 23/00296/FUL – The Paddock, Long Lane – in response to the queries from EDPC, the planning Officer confirmed that foul waste on the property was removed via a septic tank. Regarding occupancy levels the BDC policy team are yet to reply.

**8. Correspondence –** by email.

**9. Urgent Business –**

a. The Internal Audit was approved on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The Cllrs had received copies of the financial documents approved by Mr Goodman.

**10. Meeting adjourned for public discussion –** S Purnell – VH committee- raised 2 issues -

a. Speed guns – the Clerk confirmed enquiries had been made regarding these but they would have to be purchased along with training at a cost prohibitive to the PC.

**b. GREEN INITIATIVE FOR EAST DRAYTON VILLAGE**

Proposed by Sue Purnell at the ED Parish Council meeting

in conjunction with the Village Hall. This initiative is two fold:-

Recycle certain items of waste from the village as a proactive way of making ED residents more conscious of the recycling waste to help contribute to making ED a greener village..

With the funds received from this project it would go to help support the Village Hall raise funds to help with the ever increasing running costs so we can continue to provide facility. With the success of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration BBQ funded by the PC and also the same for the Kings Coronation it was suggested that an annual BBQ could be run each year and with that in mind some of the recycling raised funds could be put towards these annual events.

For the success of the plan the following would need to be completed/considered:-

A communication to all villagers informing them of the scheme, via ED community social pages and verbally as and when committee members interact with villagers.

Initially a trial period. This communication would explain what we are trying to achieve and how – a draft of this is attached.

I have found out the cost of an additional blue bin supplied by BDC is £43.00

We had initially thought of the children doing the collections, however, as good as it is driving home the green message to children, this would also have several implications concerning safety of children, accidents roads/cutting themselves on said items so have dismissed this aspect of the initiative.

## **11. Finance**

- a. Income : £1789.50 – first BDC Precept payment.
- b. Accounts for payment
  - ICO annual fee £40. APPROVED
  - Zurich Insurance £230.47. APPROVED
  - Clerk's quarterly expenses £64.72 (including £19.20 for defib kit and £16.88 salads for the BBQ) APPROVED
  - Website fees £28.80. APPROVED
  - Planters (S Manson) £146.00
  - BBQ food and soft drinks £316.76 (SM) and Bread (AS) £32.16. APPROVED
  - Npower – phone box £66.42 APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 - £5,174.91
- d. Annual Governance Statement 22/23 AGAR Section 1 - approved and signed.
- e. Accounting Statement 22/23 AGAR Section 2 - approved and signed.
- f. Certificate of Exemption – approved and signed.
- g. Confirmation that the TSB forms for new signatories had been received.
- h. Budget 23/24 circulated by email.

## **12. General Business**

- Date for the Publication of “Period for Exercise of Public Rights” 5<sup>th</sup> June - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (notice to be posted 2<sup>nd</sup> June).
- Cottam Power Station Group – Mr Stanley reported that the Residents Forum Survey would be available online this week and publicised on the website, the noticeboard, the ED Facebook pages and to the contacts on the PC mailing list. Mr Stanley would provide copies of the paper version on request.

- No other matters arising.

**13. Date of next meeting – MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023 at 7:00pm.**

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

Signed.....

CLlr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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