

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 12th May 2025 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs S Manson (Chair), P Darlow, A Stanley, R Bond, S Purnell, G Small. I Stephens. Dcllr E Griffin; the Clerk and S Ellis. Members of the public - 1

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** none
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2025** - agreed and signed
- 3. Election of Chairman.** The Clerk took the Chair. Cllr Manson proposed by Cllr Stephens, seconded by Cllr Bond. Elected unanimously.
- 4. Election of Vice-Chair.** Cllr Stanley proposed by Cllr Darlow, seconded by Cllr Bond. Elected unanimously
- 5. To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. BDC Precept confirmed as £3842 for 2025/26. Paid in 2 instalments.
 2. APM to follow at 7:45pm.
 3. Highways - Cllr Small confirmed that Byway 22 (Back Lane) was unobstructed.
 4. National Grid Power Lines - the Clerk confirmed that the PC's objections to the planned route across Retford Rd had been submitted to BDC Planning and the NG Consultaion, along with the preferred route to the west of Field Farm.
 5. VH curtains - Cllr Darlow confirmed he had passed his findings to the VH committee, that the current curtains could be fire-proofed using a spray-on product.
 6. Cllr Stanley confirmed the Footpath Officer had visited the village and that the footbridge at the top of Riddings Lane will be repaired in the near future.
 7. There were no further matters arising.
- 6. Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** Cllrs Manson and Darlow noted their interest in the planning

application (a) below and would not participate in any discussion on that, nor vote.

7. Planning -

a. 25/00342/HSE - no objections from the 5 eligible councillors to the proposed extension at Carisbrooke, Top St. - Clerk to submit response by due date.

b. 25/00162/COU - no objection to the planned change of use of agricultural land at Field Farm, Retford Rd. Clerk to submit response by due date.

c. Clerk noted that she had made a complaint again to BDC Planning dept that both the above applications had not been notified to the PC but she had seen them on the portal. Dcllr Griffin to follow this up.

8. Correspondence - emails. Other - relating to Precept and Audit. Thank you letters from Retford Lions and ED Sports Club for the donations received.

9. Urgent Business -

- Internal audit approved by Mr M Goodman on 25th April 2025
- CPR and Defibrillator course (2nd June 2025) - 5 applicants. A minimum of 10 is required. Clerk to advertise this again on the village Facebook pages.

10. Meeting adjourned for public discussion

a. Dcllr Griffin announced that the £200 Discretionary Grant was now available. She also stated that the £3000 grant fund from the new Ccllr Limber would be available in due course.

b. Dcllr Griffin also stated that BDC had a £214,230 grant fund to be used for community or small business projects. It was suggested that Ms Purnell (as VH chairperson) liaise with Dcllr Griffin regarding funding for VH improvements.

11. Finance

a. Income : BDC Precept - 1st instalment - £1921

Npower Wayleave payment £3.45

b. Accounts for payment

- Zurich Insurance -£245.95 -APPROVED
- Clerk expenses (auditor)- £24.48 - APPROVED

- Npower electricity for phone box - £58.76 - APPROVED
- Clerk quarterly salary - including increase and backpay and HMRC payment (evidence provided) £466.78 - APPROVED
- ICO subscription £52 - APPROVED
- S Ellis - website £28.80 - APPROVED

c. Balance of accounts, as at 12th May 2025 - £5059.89

d. Annual Governance Statement 24/25 section 1 - approved and signed

e. Accounting Statements 24/25 section 2 - approved and signed.

f. Certificate of Exemption - approved and signed.

g. Budget 25/26 - circulated.

12. **Neighbourhood Plan** - Consultation on draft NP 2nd May - 19th June 2025, public meeting 29th May. Also see APM report - Cllr Manson.

13. **General Business**

- Date for the Publication of the Notice of Public Rights (Audit) 1st June 2025, with the period of access 3rd June to 14th July 2025. Documents with Cllr Manson.
- S137 expenditure 2025/26 £11.10 per elector.
- Cllr Manson confirmed he was in discussion with Ed Knox (Clerk to Laneham PC, and others) regarding the possibility of his son, Ben, becoming the new Clerk. TBC
- Village Cricket Match - Sunday 6th July at 2pm. Details from Cllr Small.

14. **Date of next meeting - MONDAY 21st July 2025 at 7:00pm. TBC**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:45pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

Dated.....