

EAST DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 15th November 2021 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D Jopling (Chair), S Manson, R Bond, P Darlow, R Small, A Stanley; DCllr L Stanniland and CCllr J Ogle; the Clerk and Mr S Ellis .

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr I Stephens; Dcllr S Isard.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2021** – approved and signed .
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 - Gulley cleaning - some was done in the village last month. Update requested from Dawn Smith, but no response. Monitored by Cllr Jopling.
 - Highways – the Clerk has been in contact with Matt Duckworth regarding the **drainage** issue on Church Lane. A site meeting is planned but no date set . The Clerk has been in contact with Joanne Horton regarding the **potholes** in the village. A lengthy explanation of priorities and types of repair was received. Patches were marked out on 18th October, the requested update has not yet received a response. Regarding the **reflective posts** (Darlton Road) which were “mown down” by the NCC verge cutter on 13th October – this was reported immediately and the following day 41 posts were marked for replacement within 2-3 weeks . This has not been achieved. Despite repeated contact with NCC the Clerk has not been given a new date – just repeated case numbers. The Clerk will persist in contacting NCC about all three issues . Cllr Ogle noted that funds were tight for these repairs but Cllr Jopling expressed his frustration at the lack of response as well as lack of action by NCC (specially when promised). CCllr Ogle recommended that individuals as well as the PC made complaints to NCC regarding the safety issues caused by the potholes – Cllr Jopling was particularly concerned about potential serious accidents to cyclists. The Clerk thanked the Councillors for providing photographs in support of the complaints.
 - BDC Planning Officers have agreed to attend the resumption of the NP Steering Group meetings. Date in January 2022 to be confirmed.
 - Mr Ellis confirmed the church floodlighting was in place and would remain until the end of March 2022. Mr Ellis was thanked for setting this up.
 - There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.**
NONE

5. Planning –

- 21/00717/FUL – Land behind the Blue Bell Inn. To date the BDC planning portal shows “awaiting decision”. Revised plans for the site (6 houses) were submitted on 12th October, with a closing date for consultations set at 26th October.
- 21/01450/FUL - “change of use of existing outbuilding to dwelling” at The Paddock, Long Lane. There were no objections to this but the Parish Council requested clarification on the number of mobile dwellings allowed on the site (3).

6. **Correspondence** – see attached sheet. All correspondence (including COVID-19 administrative and legal documents) distributed by email. Additional correspondence for this meeting included the remittance notice from BDC for the 2nd part of the precept and a “thank you” letter and receipt for the donation to North Notts Community First Responders.

7. Urgent Business –

- The Clerk reported that a complaint had been received from a Retford resident about the blocked public footpath at Kirke's Plantation (between Askham and East Drayton). The Clerk was able to inform them that this land is not in ED parish, and referred them to NCC as per gov.uk instructions, which state that, although keeping public footpaths clear is the responsibility of the landowner, problems should be reported to the local County Council.
- DCllr Lewis Stanniland is to hold a surgery in East Drayton Village Hall on Thursday 25th November from 6-7 pm. All residents welcome to attend. Clerk to display poster on the noticeboard and the information shared through the website and village social media.
- **“LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS”** - light up East Drayton again - from 1st December. A prize will be given for the best display as judged by YOU the villagers. Closing date 17th December. Post the name of your chosen property into the letter box at “Ashlands Farm”, North Green, between Monday 13th and Friday 17th December.
- Cllr Darlow confirmed the next village newsletter would be out at the end of November and would contain a notice about “Light Up For Christmas” as well as a reminder about dog fouling, which has become a significant health issue in the village. The use of proper use of footpaths and bridleways to be included (see below).

8. **Meeting adjourned for public discussion** – It was requested that a reminder be issued that residents with horses should use bridleways, not public footpaths..

9. Finance

- a. Income : £200 from DCllr Isard (for the Parish Clock Fund) and the second part of the BDC precept £2179.50.

b. Accounts for payment

- Clerk's quarterly salary - £241.00 - APPROVED
- HMRC income tax - £60.20 – APPROVED
- TEEC website fee (via Mr Ellis) - £157.56 – APPROVED
- ED Village Hall £60 for hire of VH on 4 occasions in 2021 – AGREED
- Parish Clock Fund £250 donation to cover annual maintenance of the village clock - AGREED

c. Balance of accounts, as at 10/10/21 TSB - £6,312.05

d. Signatories - on hold until current restrictions are eased. Clerk to investigate validity of current forms with the TSB.

e. Budget updated .

10. General Business

- DCllr Stanniland would be making a donation from his BDC budget to EDPC for use in the community. He was thanked for this kind offer.
- EDPC agreed to sign the “Armed Forces Covenant” - Clerk to facilitate.
- It was decided not to light a beacon in East Drayton on the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022 (being climate aware) but to recognise the historic event in another way – for future discussion.
- It was agreed to purchase new lamppost poppies and wreath for 2022 – Clerk
- It was agreed to purchase new “30mph” signs for the wheelie bins. - Cllr Jopling

11. Date of next meeting – MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2022 at 7:00pm, in the Village Hall.

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

Signed.....

Cllr D Jopling, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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