

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm

on Monday 18th September 2023 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs S Manson (Chair), P Darlow, I Stephens, A Stanley, G Small, S Purnell; the Clerk; S Ellis.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Bond; Cllr J Ogle; Dcllr E Griffin; Dcllr L. Stanniland.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2023** – approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. Village Gateway - Cllrs Manson and Small were thanked for re-instating the sign on Darlton Road and Cllr Manson for the repair and of the oak village sign at the crossroads. Both enhance the village environment.
 2. Highways – the Clerk was pleased to report that the demolished lamp post and “Give Way “sign on Church Lane at the crossroads, was re-instated this afternoon, having been reported that morning. The PC expressed their thanks to NCC and VIAEM for their prompt response.
 3. “Leading By Example” - the Clerk had received this from Cllrs Manson, Stanley and Purnell. Would the remaining councillors please forward their list asap. Cllr Stanley asked that the information be shared with the village so that residents realise what the PC actually does for the village as well as holding bimonthly meetings. ACTION - ALL
 4. The future of the Village Hall – Cllr Purnell stated that if expenditure continued to exceed income at the current rate, the VH would be bankrupt by 2028. Discussion followed as to events etc and how to engage the residents in these.
 5. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** Cllr Small – planning application , see below.
5. **Planning –**

Application 23/01023/COU – a further request for 2 additional pitches at The Paddock, Long Lane. After discussion - OBJECTION (deadline to BDC 20/09/23)

Application 23/01043/VOC – change of access to proposed properties on land at Church Lane. Cllr Small left the meeting at this point. After discussion - majority APPROVE (BDC deadline 22/09/23)
6. **Correspondence** – by email, plus mandate request from TSB – see below.

7. Urgent Business –

a. Neighbourhood Plan – update. Cllr Manson noted that the Groundwork UK Grant applications for 2023/24 finally opened in August. The Clerk immediately secured a £10,000 grant for ED's NP. The Consultant can resume her work. Both the Design Code and Housing Needs Assessment reports have been finalised and will be shared on the website. Another Public Meeting will be held in the near future to share progress.

b. BDC Local Plan – latest information emailed to councillors.

c. National Grid – North Humber to High Marnham – no further information received.

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion

a. Mr Ellis asked if planning permission had been given for the barn-like building on Retford Road near Upton. This is in the Headon/Upton Parish and not East Drayton. Any information pertaining to that would be found on the BDC Planning Portal.

b. Mr Ellis raised the topic of this year's floodlighting of St Peter's Church. With the increase in energy prices he estimated a cost of approximately £85. Mr Ellis to meet with Cllrs Stevens and Small for further discussion.

9. Finance

a. Income : £10,000 from Groundwork UK – NP grant.

b. Accounts for payment

- Clerk's quarterly salary, 35 hours - £313.95 APPROVED
- HMRC - £78.40 – APPROVED
- Cllr Manson – petrol for mowing village verges and car park charges for visit to TSB Lincoln regarding signatory ID. £43.90 - APPROVED

c. Balance of accounts, as at 1st September 2023 - £13,677.85, including the NP grant, therefore PC balance £3,677.85

d. Budget update – after above expenses and £45 NALC new councillor training course fee for Cllr Purnell, £792 remains available.

e. Signatories – Cllrs Manson, Darlow and Stanley, along with the Clerk completed the required paperwork at TSB Lincoln. The Clerk then received a mandate to be completed at this meeting. Cllr Manson signed the mandate, Mr Ellis witnessed it. The Clerk to send this to TSB tomorrow (19/09/23) ACTION - Clerk

10. General Business

- Winter Road Supplies – Clerk to order free supplies to be delivered to Cllr Manson. ACTION - Clerk

- East Drayton Festival 2024 – Cllr Stanley has contacted a number of villagers with a view to them taking the lead on aspects of this. Cllr Small had spoken to Mr Bingham who was delighted to offer the cricket field as a venue for various activities. More details to follow. ACTION – Cllr Stanley
- Cottam Power Station Group – Mr Stanley attending the meeting this evening. Cllr Ogle, and representatives of BDC and EDF are also attending.
- 80th Anniversary of D Day, 6th June 2024. The Clerk had circulated a document about this and it was agreed to have a commemoration, “ The International Tribute”, at 9:15pm that evening. It was suggested to Cllr Purnell that perhaps the VH could host a Fish and Chip Supper (National Fish and Chip Day). ACTION – Cllr Purnell
- “How ED Works” to be renamed “Your Village, Your Guide” (SM). Clerk to forward to Cllr Darlow for printing. Distribution of this year's edition to be organised ACTION – Clerk, PD
- Lamp post Poppies. It was agreed to order 20 more for this year (£100) ACTION – Clerk
- Cllr Purnell reported that the New Councillor Training had been very useful and she provided the PC with “fact packs” - for which she was thanked.
- No other matters arising.

11. Date of next meeting – MONDAY 20th November 2023 at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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