

## **East Drayton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in the Village Hall.

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

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Mr Ellis

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024** - approved and signed.

**3. To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**

a. Discretionary Grants - the Clerk confirmed that a grant of £200 from Dcllr Griffin (for the ED Festival) had been received. Dcllr Griffin was thanked for this. Dcllr Griffin would also investigate the grant application sent to Dcllr Stanniland (defibrillator supplies).

b. Flooding Response Group - Cllr Manson reported on the recent meeting and noted that all the local villages are experiencing the same problems. Cllr Manson would co-ordinate flood response with practical help from Cllr Small. The villages would work together under the instruction of Dcllr Griffin. Regarding the lack of regular gulley cleaning, Ccllr Ogle requested photographs of the "highway chambers" which regularly flood. Action - Cllrs Manson and Small.

c. Defibrillator - Cllr Purnell noted that the equipment had been used on 3 occasions in recent months and that each time it was necessary to replace the pads, hence the request for the above discretionary grant. Her mobile number is displayed on the cabinet so that any issues, or usage, can be reported directly to her.

d. Riddings Lane footbridge - Cllr Small to give direct contact details to Cllr Stanley, who will send a report and photographs to the appropriate contact.

e. Cllr Purnell again noted that speeding was an issue in the village.

f. Cllr Manson was still pursuing the issues of badly repaired potholes in the village. Ccllr Ogle to give Cllr Manson direct contact details in the hopes the issue could be taken seriously by the highways department.

g. There were no other matters arising.

**4. Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** None.

**5. Planning** - None

**6. Correspondence** - emails and letters from North Notts CFR regarding a donation and VIAEM re Winter Supplies.

## **7. Urgent Business -**

- BDC - Boundary review. Cllr Ogle explained that the review, drafted by the Boundary Commission, but commissioned by BDC would lead to rural voters being under-represented leading to further rural deprivation and lack of services. The current Tuxford and Trent ward (with 2 district councillors) would be split into 2 wards with 1 councillor each, each ward incorporating additional areas. More residents would be represented by each councillor. East Drayton would be in the Trentside ward. If adopted the changes would come into force in 2.5 years time. EDPC have already objected. Villagers can object as individuals. See the link on the EDPC or BDC websites.
- Church Lane drainage - despite repeated promises that this would be addressed by NCC in July, nothing has been done. Action - Cllr Small.

## **8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion**

- a. Mr Stanley re-iterated the problem of the lack of gulley cleaning (see above).
- b. Mr Stanley suggested farmers could block the roads into the village at times of flooding to prevent vehicles entering the village and exacerbating the problems. This would need to be clarified regarding insurance. Action - the Clerk.
- c. Mr Stanley - the parish mower, purchased in 2014, is no longer functional. Mr Stanley has purchased a second-hand mower which can be borrowed for use in the village for verge cutting. Cllr Manson thanked him for this generous offer.

## **9. Finance**

- a. Income : £200 discretionary grant from Dcllr Griffin.
- b. Accounts for payment
  - Cllr Manson - fuel for village grass cutting - £62.60 - APPROVED
  - Cllr Purnell - defibrillator pads - £71.94 - APPROVED
  - The Clerk - quarterly salary - £366.30 (including tax) - APPROVED
- c. Balance - at 16/09/24 - £4412.35
- d. Budget 24/25 - £1593 available

- 10. Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Manson reported that funding for the AECOM "Call for Sites" technical package had been granted. Cllr Bond has been instrumental in securing this.. There were 8 applications received and these will be independently considered by AECOM based on their criteria of suitability. Neither the PC nor the NP Steering Group have any involvement in this independent assessment. The report should be received in about 12 weeks.

The Clerk noted that a further grant application to Locality would be required for the completion of the draft Plan by the Consultant.

#### 11. General Business

- The PC approved a donation £100 to the North Notts CFR. Action - the Clerk
- The Clerk to apply for the free Winter Supplies of road salt from VIAEM, to be delivered to and stored at Church Lane Farm. Action - Clerk.
- ED fact-sheet to be updated, printed and distributed. Action - The Clerk and Cllr Darlow.
- Cllr Ogle reported that despite the new Mayor having promised funding for rural roads (video evidence) she has now refused this funding. He was pursuing the matter.
- No other matters arising.

#### 12. Date of next meeting - **MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024** at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr S Manson, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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