

EAST DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting (held via Zoom) at 7pm on 19th January 2021

Present: Cllrs D Jopling (acting Chairman), A Stanley, P Darlow, S Manson, R Bond; Dcllr S Isard . The Clerk and Mr S Ellis.

Cllr I Stephens and CClr J Ogle attempted to access the meeting but experienced technical difficulties.

1. Apologies for absence : CllrR Small.

There were no requests received from members of the public to access this meeting.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2020 - approved and to be signed by the acting Chairman when practical.

3. To consider matters arising from the above minutes:

i. NP - SG informed of PC's agreement to put the Plan "on hold" until March 2021 or when face-to-face meetings can be held and allow proper debate.

ii. Village planters - Cllr Manson requested budget of £100 to refresh planters. Agreed

iii. "Light Up For Christmas" Cllr Jopling thanked Dcllr Isard for judging the competition and reported that Ashlea Farm were delighted to receive the bottle of champagne as winners. All agreed the village looked wonderful and that many residents had really pushed the boat out to brighten the darkness of a Covid Christmas. Special mention was made of the silhouette nativity scene at Chapel View.

iv. Highways issues - the street light at Church Lane Farm was fixed: some potholes had been repaired but the Clerk to contact NCC regarding the rest (specially Stokeham Rd and Long Lane) as well as the signposts etc. on Riddings Lane.

v. The Clerk to post a reminder of sandbags in the storage unit at the Blue Bell Inn for resident's use during flooding risks, on East Drayton Voice.

vi. There were no other matters arising.

4. Declaration by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item. NONE

5. Planning

- Kushti Tan - the Clerk reported that BDC's deadline to remove the caravan by Christmas 2020 had passed and that the planning officer was meeting with the enforcement officer tomorrow, the 20th January. To quote the planning officer (19/01/21) "I will ensure that formal enforcement action is progressed and the Notice drafted". The Clerk to pass this information to interested parties.

- Application 20/01544/FUL - the PC has NO objection to the proposed gate and wall to the entrance of Harrowside. (BDC informed)

6. Correspondence - see attached sheet. No circulation file due to COVID-19. All correspondence (including COVID-19 administrative and legal documents) distributed by email.

7. Urgent Business -

- BDC precept documents received. Calculations based on last year's expenditure would indicate an increase of 37% to council taxpayers. Given the current climate it was decided to request an increase of 15% this would mean a charge of approximately £30.98 for 2021/22 (£26.94 for 20/21). Agreed

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion - none

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9. Finance - as at 29.12.20

- a. Income - nil
- b. Accounts for payment - Cllr Jopling £29.99 (for light up the village prize) AGREED
- c. Balance TSB £4051.75
- d. New signatories - TSB advise putting this "on hold" as customers are not encouraged to visit the branch and this would be necessary.

10. General Business

- a. COVID-19 Volunteer Team - the Clerk reported that the team continued to function as before. It was acknowledged that the vulnerable residents of the village appreciated the help offered.
- b. The Clerk reported that the Village Hall committee were waiving any hiring charges for 2020.
- c. Feedback from Bassetlaw Plan virtual meeting (13.01.21) attended by Cllrs Jopling and Manson. The key issue was that, along with other small villages in the district, East Drayton was not deemed to have sufficient infrastructure to support a 20% increase in housing. This requirement has been adjusted to 5% ie, 5 new homes to be built by 2030. This was welcomed by all present. The Clerk to inform the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group of this change. The Steering Group will meet for a debate on the way forward once Covid meeting restrictions are eased.
- d. Cllr Darlow announced that he intended to produce the Village Newsletter on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and December). Cllr Jopling requested that the next issue contained an explanation of the regulations on tree felling and a request to plant more trees where practicable.
- e. "Donate 2 Educate" - villagers are asked to consider donating their unwanted laptops, tablets etc to local schools for the benefit of pupils without access to this technology and who are at a disadvantage in their learning during school closures. Please contact the schools directly for more information. Consider approaching Tuxford Academy, Tuxford Primary and Dunham Primary schools.

11. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 16^h March 2021 at 7pm by "Zoom", details to follow.

There being no further business, Cllr Jopling closed the meeting at 8:05pm and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Signed

Cllr D Jopling, Acting Chairman, EDPC

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