

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 16th January 2023 in the village hall.

Present: Cllrs D Jopling (Chair), R Small, S Manson, P Darlow, A Stanley, I Stephens, R Bond. The Clerk. Dcllr Isard, Ccllr Ogle and Mr S Ellis.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Dcllr L Stanniland
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2022** - approved and signed
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 - Highways issues awaiting response.
 - Streetlighting issues on Top St had been addressed but the Clerk has now been advised that light number 6 on Top Street was permanently on. ACTION - Clerk
 - Church floodlighting - original sponsorship money for this season had been used but a "top up" had been offered and accepted. SE
 - Cottam Power Station Group - Mr N Stanley has volunteered to represent the village and the inaugural meeting was currently taking place.
 - BDC response to bonfire nuisance - no action to be taken this time but if the situation arises again, Environmental Health would send an officer to investigate.
 - Mr Strawson has agreed in principle for a tree to commemorate the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth to be planted, on behalf of the village, on one of the lawns on Darlton Road. Further details awaited from BDC about their community tree planting project.
 - There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** NONE
5. **Planning** - NONE
6. **Correspondence** - circulated by email, plus poster from BDC regarding photo ID for the elections in May and a "thank you" from the VH committee for the donation to the children's Xmas party.

7. Urgent Business

- Clerk to contact Retford Lions Club to arrange a CPR training session.

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion - None

9. Finance (at 01/11/22)

- a. Income : £9,220 "Locality" grant for the NP. To be budgeted separately.
- b. Accounts for payment
 - Liam Goddard - hedge cutting - £50 APPROVED
 - Parish Clock maintenance- £250 APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 02/01/23 TSB - £13,696.64 (£9,220 NP plus £4,476.64 PC)
- d. Budget - £1040 available after approved payments.
- e. Precept 2023/24 - Calculations indicate a 30% increase over last year, however, last year's precept from BDC was 30% lower than the year before so council tax payers paid a reduced contribution. Bearing this in mind it was decided to apply for a 20% increase on the 22/23 figure

10. General Business

- Neighbourhood Plan - the notes from the Inception meeting (6th Dec.) and the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January had previously been circulated to the PC. To summarise - a consultant has been appointed; the Locality grant (from the government's levelling up department) has been received and 2 technical support packages approved - "Design Code" and "Housing Needs Assessment".
- Discussion about a suitable Coronation commemorative item for the village children - ideas please in the next 2 weeks to the Clerk for circulation, ACTION - ALL

11. Any other business -

- A "Coronation BBQ" was suggested - to be held on Sunday 7th May (arrangements as for last year's Jubilee BBQ). Clerk to liaise with the VH committee.
- The matter of the poor lighting at the crossroads was again discussed. This has been pointed out to highways a number of times over recent

years without action. Highways would be contacted once again to see if additional lighting could be installed. ACTION - Clerk

- Cllr Ogle explained that PC Gareth Mitchell was now "Rural Officer" and there is now no named officer in Tuxford. He suggested that, along with other Parish Council Chairs, Cllr Jopling write to the Police Commissioner and Chief Constable about the lack of policing in rural communities. Hayley Crawford is the local Inspector. BDC has a policing page which can be accessed through their website for further information. ACTION - Cllr Jopling

12. Date of next meeting - MONDAY 20th MARCH 2023 at 7:00pm, in the Village Hall.

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

Signed.....

Cllr D Jopling, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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