

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 16th May 2022 in the village hall

Present: Cllrs D Jopling (Chairman), P Darlow, S. Manson, R Bond; the Clerk. Mr S Ellis

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs I Stephens, A Stanley and R Small; DCllrs S Isard and L Stanniland
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022** - approved and signed
3. **Election of Chairman** - Cllr D Jopling was proposed by Cllr Manson and seconded by Cllr Small. Cllr Jopling was elected unanimously
4. **Election of Vice Chairman** - Cllr S Manson was nominated by Cllr Jopling and seconded by Cllr Small. Cllr Manson was elected unanimously.
5. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 - The Clerk confirmed the Precept from BDC for 2022/23 had been confirmed as £2718, paid in two instalments (April and September). This is lower than last year due to the fact that the precept is based on the expenditure in the previous financial year and this was reduced due to the Covid pandemic restrictions. The cost to the council tax payer (to the precept) was reduced by 32%
 - Potholes - the Clerk confirmed the potholes on Church Lane at the crossroads had been filled. She had contacted VIAEM regarding the poor condition of Long Lane; Low Street from Lowe Farm eastwards; Church Lane and Retford Road to Upton. This is the route of the Tour of Britain cycle race in September. Confirmation was received today that this information had been passed to the Highways Inspector for investigation.
 - Village newsletter - new editor Susan Purnell.
 - Village Gateways - cheapest small "5 bar type" gateways £800. Four would be required to complement the existing gateway signs. Permission would be required from Highways to install them. Other options were considered. ACTION - Clerk
 - Children's Art project for the Queen's Jubilee BBQ event. The PC agreed to donate 5 book vouchers as prizes - one for each age group.
 - Book Exchange - up and running again after a spate of thefts earlier this year. CCTV is in use and signed. Thanks to those villagers supporting this community asset.
 - There were no further matters arising.

6. Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item. NONE

7. Planning -

- 21/00717/FUL - 6 houses to be built on the land behind the Blue Bell Inn - granted by BDC on 7th April 2022 - with conditions and the change of house 6 to a dormer bungalow which would not overlook Bay Tree Barn.
- 22/00419/FUL - Vine Farm - change of use of outbuildings to Class 3. No objections.

8. Correspondence - see attached sheet.

9. Urgent Business -

- The Clerk stated that the Internal Audit had been completed on 27/04/21

10. Meeting adjourned for public discussion -

- Apart from Mr Ellis (Website co-ordinator) there were no members of the public present.

11. Finance

a. Income : Western Power (annual Wayleave payment) £3.45; BDC Precept (first instalment) £1359

b. Accounts for payment

- ICO fees £40 - APPROVED
- Clerk's expenses £33.66 - APPROVED
- Zurich Insurance (annual premium) approximately £220, to be confirmed and circulated when invoice received - APPROVED in principle.
- Website planning tracker £28.80 - APPROVED
- Jubilee bunting etc for village BBQ £33.57 - APPROVED
- 5 x £20 book tokens for Children's Art Project (Jubilee BBQ) £100 - APPROVED
- Clerk's quarterly salary (June) approx. £306 (inc. income tax) APPROVED in principle - actual figure to be circulated in June.

- c. Balance of accounts, as at 04/05/22 TSB - £5961.45
- d. Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (section 1 Annual Return) - AGREED and signed.
- e. Accounting Statements 2021/22 (section 2 Annual Return) - AGREED and signed.
- f. Approval of Certificate of Exemption - APPROVED and signed.

12. General Business

- It was agreed to set the dates for "The period for exercise of public rights " - the inspection of the accounts , as 27th June - 5th August 2022, this covers the first 10 working days of July as required in law. Notice to be published 17th June.
- Neighbourhood Plan - the analysis of the village consultation survey to be presented at the SG meeting on 30th May. The comments relating directly to the PC have been passed to the PC for their response.
- The PC thanked those regular "litter-pickers" - adults and children who continue to help keep the village tidy. Thanks were also extended to those who look after the planters and verges at the village boundaries.
- Jubilee BBQ 5th June - almost fully booked. Catering arrangements etc. discussed.

13. Any other business

- Cllr Manson explained his planting regime for the village planters this year. A budget of £200 was agreed.
- Lengthsman - Clerk to register the interest of the PC.
- The Chairman informed the meeting that the BDC Enforcement Officer regarded the property "Kushti Tan" not to be a priority. It was noted that the property was kept tidy and that the drainage ditch on the road side had been cleared.

14. Date of next meeting - MONDAY 18th JULY 2022 at 7:00pm, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:35pm and thanked everyone for attending.

The APM followed at 7:40pm.

Signed.....

Cllr D Jopling, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

Dated.....