

## EAST DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting (held via Zoom) at 7pm on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

Cllr R Small and Cllr J Ogle accessed the meeting but experienced technical difficulties.

**1. Apologies for absence :** CllrR Bond.

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

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020** - approved and to be signed by the acting Chairman when practical.

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

i. Drainage - the Chairman confirmed a recent email from VIAEM that drainage work was scheduled for the village but that no date was available as yet.

ii. The Clerk confirmed that the Steering Group had responded to the statement from the PC regarding the future of the Neighbourhood Plan as follows - 8 to continue and resume once face to face meetings were possible; 1 abandon; 3 nonresponders (total 12). The PC agreed to continue with the NP when practicable.

iii. 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 and The Paddock - The Clerk confirmed that as well as herself, at least 3 other residents had been in touch with BDC regarding this property. BDC confirmed that an enforcement officer had been trying to deliver a notice to the resident and that they were in the process of attempting to contact the owner of the property. No further information from BDC regarding The Paddock.
- Application 20/01009/FUL - the PC has NO objection to the proposed gate and wall to the entrance of Harrowside. (BDC informed)
- Application 20/01203/CAT - the PC has NO objection to the planned removal of leylandii around the electricity substation on Top St. (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. In addition -

- notice of election of DCllr for the Tuxford and Trent ward
- cheque from NBS for the balance of the account, £1873.42.

**7. Urgent Business** -

- Website compliance - to comply with current government regulations WCAG2.1, Mr Ellis has worked with TEEC to update our website to ensure full access to all. The new website should be live by the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. SE noted that TEEC would continue to ensure all future compliancy would be built in to the site. The total cost for hosting etc would be approximately £120 pa plus VAT. The PC expressed their thanks to SE for his work on this and his continued commitment to running the website.
- Regarding the consultation on new speed restrictions on the A57 between Darlton and Dunham, the PC agreed with the proposals from VIAEM. Cllr Stanley asked if any consideration had been made to restrictions on the A57 through East Markham. The Clerk to contact VIAEM and East Markham PC.

**8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion** - none

**9. Finance**

a. Income - second precept payment from BDC £1566.00

b. Accounts for payment

TEEC website fees £151.19 APPROVED

Parish Clock Fund £400 APPROVED (as grant to EDPC from BDC)

Clerk - salary £241.00- APPROVED

HMRC - £60.20- APPROVED

c. Balance of accounts as of 30.10.20

TSB £4407.34

d. Transfer of funds - £1873.42 from NBS to TSB. NBS account closed by them as they no longer run this type of account due to government regulations.

e. New signatories - awaiting confirmation.

**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. A brief commemoration was held at the soldier at 11am on Remembrance Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, with the names of the fallen from East Drayton read out, 2 minutes silence and the laying of a wreath by Cllr Jopling. Government and NCC guidance was followed.

c. Book exchange - the book exchange is closed until further notice due to the current pandemic. Villagers are asked not to deposit books or DVDs in the telephone kiosk.

d. "Light Up for Christmas" Cllr Darlow confirmed that the judging would take place during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December. DCllr Isard agreed to judge the best illuminated house, with a bottle of champagne going to the winner. Cllr Darlow asked the residents to make a special effort this year! Clerk to publicise this again in the first week of December via EDV, the website and the notice board.

d. Mr Ellis confirmed that a resident had sponsored this year's floodlighting of the church until clock change at the end of March 2021.

e. Cllr Manson will be refreshing the village planters after the first frost.

f. Cllr Stanley noted that the public footpath signs and the bridge handrail at the fork of Ridings Lane were down. The Clerk to contact NCC highways.

g. Cllr Stanley raised the issue of the poor road quality on Low Street and Darlton Road. The edges of the Darlton road leading to the A57 have given way and there is real danger of vehicles ending up in the ditch. The surface on Low Street has deteriorated to such an extent that the potholes are a danger to all road users especially cyclists. The Clerk to contact CCllr Ogle (last year JO reported a special budget for rural roads) and NCC Highways.

11. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm by "Zoom", details to follow.

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

Signed .....

Cllr D Jopling, Acting Chairman, EDPC

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