

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 21st November 2022 in the village hall.

Present: Cllrs D Jopling (Chair), S Manson, P Darlow, A Stanley, I Stephens, R Bond. The Clerk. Dcllr Stanniland, Ccllr Ogle and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Small, Dcllr S Isard
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2022** - approved and signed
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 - Darlton Road and Gamston Wood - some carriageway repairs made, but inadequate. Clerk to contact NCC again.
 - Streetlighting issues on Top St had been addressed but the Clerk has been advised that the 2 lights are not working again. Action - Clerk
 - Church floodlighting - no update available
 - There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** NONE
5. **Planning** - 22/01336/CAT - work to a sycamore tree on the western boundary of St Peter's churchyard - no objections.

22/01359/CAT - removal of conifers at Joiner's Cottage, Low St. - no objections.
6. **Correspondence** - circulated by email, plus poster and leaflets from BDC "Cost of Living". Poster on noticeboard, booklets in book exchange. Letter from Chair to Environmental Health department, BDC.
7. **Urgent Business**
 - NALC notification of payscale for 2022/23. Clerk's salary to increase by £1 per hour to £11.21, backdated to 1st April 2022.
 - BDC - budget and precept guidance circulated to PC, for action in January meeting when precept application is set.
 - NALC - pre-planning for May 2023 PC elections, requested information provided.

8. Meeting adjourned for public discussion - streetlighting problems on Top Street, 2 lights out again (see above). VH committee seeking volunteers to help upgrade VH - see newsletter recently distributed.

9. Finance (at 01/11/22)

a. Income : BDC second precept share £1359; EON refund £2.14 (phone box)

b. Accounts for payment

- The Clerk - quarterly salary £336.30 (includes tax to be paid on 6th December) APPROVED
- Clerk - backpay (60 hours x £1, taxable) £60 - APPROVED
- Clerk - additional hours for NP, 15 hours at £11.21 = £168.15 (taxable) APPROVED
- Clerk's expenses £14.12 -APPROVED
- RBL - poppy wreath £23.98 APPROVED
- TEEC invoice (website) £157.56 APPROVED
- VH hire £210 (£165 + £45 for additional meetings) APPROVED
- Donation to EDVH for Children's Christmas Party £100 (re-issue of 1 cheque)- APPROVED

c. Balance of accounts, as at 01/11/22 TSB - £5577.77

d. Budget - £1140 available after approved payments.

10. General Business

- Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Manson reported that the group had appointed Helen Metcalfe (Planning With People) as consultant. The next meeting is scheduled for 6th December and will involve a "walkabout". The Locality grant has been applied for and is being processed. The consultant's costs will be covered by the grant.
- Village presentation - Cllr Stanley expressed disappointment at the lack of pride in the village as evidenced by the state of gutters and pavements especially at this time when fallenleaves become a safety hazard for pedestrians. There are great volunteer litter pickers and the PC frequently ask for care to be taken of the village, as well as acting on highway issues as they arise. Residents have a duty to maintain the village as a conservation and heritage village. A suggestion was made that donations of annual plants

could be called for in the spring to enhance the village planters. Thanks were given to Cllrs Manson and Darlow for maintaining these and to the nearby residents who water the planters.

- Cottam Power Station Group - a request for the village to send a representative to a meeting of this new group to be confirmed in January .
Action - Clerk
- Boundary Commission - the Clerk detailed the changes to the Newark constituency. A link to this to be found on the website (eastdrayton.org)
- BDC have established a cross-party group to look at ways of commemorating the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Dcllr Stanniland confirmed that the planting of a tree in small communities was the best option and would be part funded by BDC. Clerk to investigate possible site with local landowners.
- Ccllr Ogle reminded the meeting of the link to the Devolution document, to be found on the agenda of the NCC meeting. See NCC website. He also expressed concern at the lack of engagement in the wider district in the Policing Quarterly Meetings. EDPC were not informed of these meetings and did not receive agendas/minutes or any notifications. Requested that this be remedied in the future.
- The PC send their best wishes to Cllr Ray Small, undergoing surgery tomorrow.

13. Any other business - Cllr Stephens asked if the PC had been informed of the traffic counter installed outside Church Lane Farm. To be investigated. Cllr Stephens

14. Date of next meeting - **MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023** at 7:00pm, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:50pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....

Cllr D Jopling, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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