

East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 6:45pm

on Tuesday 17th September 2019 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs N Stanley (Chairman), A Stanley, R Small, P Darlow, S Manson; the Clerk; CClr J Ogle; S Ellis

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs D Jopling and I Stephens
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2019** – approved and signed.
3. **To consider matters arising from the above minutes:**
 1. Policing meeting on 18th July, the Chairman stated that he had expressed the view that rural communities were being ignored. Mr Tipping responded that resources were stretched and cyber crime and related issues were taking an increasing share of the budget. In response to the question as to who was the policeman for East Drayton, there was no answer. Mr Tipping is looking into the problems of rural policing and that more officers were to be employed. (Cllr Small noted, at this point in this meeting, that a large tanker had been stolen from a field two weeks ago and the first visit by a police officer was yesterday.)
 2. Village BBQ – Cllr Manson declared the event a roaring success, with a large turnout including many newcomers to the village. He hoped that further events would be organised to build on this momentum.
 3. There were no further matters arising.
4. **Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s) in any agenda item.** None.
5. **Planning** – Applications 19/00749/HSE and 19/00879/FUL (both for Harrowside) were rejected by BDC. At this point (17.09.19) there is no evidence of further planning applications for this property on the BDC Planning Portal.
6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Clerk reported that Stage 1 – the establishment of a neighbourhood area to be known as the “East Drayton Neighbourhood Plan” had been submitted to BDC on 23rd July. Ratification of this would be at the next meeting of the full BDC on 26th September. Stage 2 – the preparation of the plan and the development of the evidence base would begin in October with a meeting of the Steering Group (date to be confirmed). The Clerk will meet with Will Wilson, of the planning department, prior to this.
7. **Correspondence** – see attached sheet. Plus 3 items in General Business – see below.
8. **Urgent Business** – The village clock, on the church tower, has stopped. The clock was installed as a result of donations from the villagers in 1898 and cost £1200. Serious repairs are required which will involve scaffolding and require a Faculty from the Diocese. The trustees of the Clock Fund are requesting quotes from repairers. Further information will follow.
9. **Meeting adjourned for public discussion** –
 - CClr Ogle had met with the Roads Safety Officer and PC Jason Fellows and it had been agreed to establish a 30mph zone at the Dunham crossroads and school.

- Cllr N Stanley reported that a meeting had taken place on site between him and Jo Horton to discuss ongoing drainage problems in the village, especially on Top Street.

10. Finance

- a. Income : nil
- b. Accounts for payment
 - Cllr Manson – BBQ food and soft drinks- £275.14 – APPROVED
 - M Rhodes – verge and hedge cutting - £288 – APPROVED
 - J Morton – BBQ salads - £15.40 – APPROVED
 - Clerk – expenses (submitted) - £38.69 – APPROVED
 - Clerk – quarterly salary (30 hours) plus additional 14.5 hrs NP - £347.77 – APPROVED
 - HMRC quarterly tax - £87 – APPROVED
 - S Bennett – laptop for Parish Council - £110 - APPROVED
- c. Balance of accounts, as at 31/08/19
 - TSB - £1858.69
 - NBS - £1870.61
 - Total = £3729.30
- d. Transfer of funds – nil

11. General Business

- VIAEM – Winter Service 2019-20. Clerk to order 5 x 20kg bags of road salt (no cost).
- BDC – Autumn Sweep – request for litter-picking etc. Cllr N Stanley noted that Mr G Grimes had voluntarily picked litter along Darlton Road recently and filled 4 black bags.
- The Clerk drew the attention of the Cllrs to the information in the Circulation Folder regarding advice from the ICO on councillors’ email addresses and devices.

12. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 7:00pm in the meeting room of the Village Hall.

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

Signed.....

Cllr N Stanley, Chairman, East Drayton Parish Council

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