

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Drayton Parish Council held on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 7pm in The Pavilion, King George Fifth Playing Field (KGV) Drayton High Rd, Drayton

PRESENT

Mr G Everett – Chairman
Mr J Anderson Mr C Binns Mr C Brown
Mr K Morgan Mr Ray-Mortlock Mr K Smith Mr L Wilkinson
Mr J Hall – Parish Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE

4 members of the general public
Cllr Adams – Norfolk County Councillor Drayton & Horsford

Cllr Everett opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He advised that Cllr William Morgan had resigned and as a result the meeting would require a formal resolution to remove Cllr W Morgan as a bank signatory. **RESOLVED** to remove William Morgan from the bank mandate with Unity Trust Bank. A new mandate will be issued in due course advising of a replacement councillor.

118. Absence and Apologies for Absence

1. Cllrs Blaxter, Crotch, Mack, & Wilson. – apologies received and accepted.

119. Declarations of Interest

2. Agenda item 9.3 Cllr Anderson will not vote on this agenda item as he is a trustee of Thorpe Marriott Village Hall.

120. Minutes of Meetings held 7th September 2017

3. The minutes having been previously circulated were signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.

121. Public Participation

4. Representations were received in respect of :-
 - Carter Road. Speeding and run running were increasing concerns with the relevant authorities having little resource to enforce. No s106 monies would be forthcoming until the future time table concerning the Manor Park Development becomes clearer. Suggestions were made that residents could try and enforce laws by helping with photographing offending vehicles. The clerk was asked to contact the Police to see if this had any merit.

- BT inspection chamber covers required attention on School Road.
- Manor Farm Close. Vehicles parking inconsiderably on the pavement were creating problems for pedestrians having to walk into the road to pass. This road is on private land but the Clerk advised he would write to the land owner to advise them of the issue.

122. Reports

5. County Councillor (Drayton & Horsford)

Cllr Tony Adams gave a verbal report and advised:

- Acknowledgement had been received from Keith Simpson MP regarding a meeting with Anglian Water.
- A resident at the end of Bellomonte Crescent was in ongoing discussions with the Highways Engineer concerning surface water flooding on to their property. Highways wish to carry out a scheme, that will cost approximately £6,000 to resolve the issue, when funding allows.
- Pavement improvements had recently been carried out in School Road following concerns from residents.

District Councillor (Drayton South)

Cllr Foulger had given his apologies but had provided a written report circulated to members prior to the meeting. (copy attached to the end of these minutes).

It was also noted that the application for Former David Rice Hospital site had now received planning permission subject to a number of conditions.

District Councillor (Drayton North)

Cllr Ray-Mortlock gave a verbal report and advised:

- Planning officers had no concerns regarding the planning application for 1 Badgers Brook Road.

Police

PC Hudson gave his apologies. The community newsletter from PC Mason had been circulated prior to the meeting. Crime figures noted. Policing resources in the parish are currently stretched due to long term absences.

123. Report from the Clerk

6. The Clerk had prior to the meeting circulated a written report and also provided an update:

- The Beech tree at King George Fifth Playing Fields identified as suffering from *Kretzschmaria deusta* will be felled next week by contractors Norwich Norse Environmental who provided the most competitive quote.
- The sink holes along Carter Road were due to be repaired at the time when the traffic calming measures were being installed along Hall Lane earlier this year. This clash meant the works have been put back, although no new date has yet been provided.

124. Planning

7.1 **RESOLVED:** No objections to the following applications:-

20171581 – 29 Delane Road. Single Storey Rear Extension (Revised Proposal) (Part Retrospective)

20171615 – 23 Freshwater Way. Single Storey Front Extension.

20171669 – 1 Badgers Brook Road. Extension to Side of Garage

125. Finance

8.1 Bank Reconciliations. The Chairman confirmed the bank reconciliations to 12 September 2017.

8.2 Verification of Voucher Process & Approval of Accounts. Signatories confirmed the check and verification. Voucher receipts 36 to 38 and voucher payments 183 to 225.

RESOLVED to accept income of £613.26 and expenditure of £12,016.40

126. General Matters

9.1 Uncirculated Correspondence. The list was noted.

9.2 External Christmas Decorations. This item was deferred from last month.

Unfortunately, no opportunities for sponsorship have been forthcoming and it was decided to abandon plans for decorations this year. Consideration would be given to this item in 2018.

9.3 Grant application. This item was deferred from last month. Unfortunately, no opportunities for sponsorship have been forthcoming. **RESOLVED** to award grant of £1967 to Thorpe Marriott Village Hall for the provision of a defibrillator, cabinet and training. Clerk to liaise with village hall administrator to arrange purchase.

127. Governance

10.1 Staffing Sub Committee meeting held 14 September 2017. The meeting was noted. The minutes were unable to be signed as there was not a quorate of committee members present. Item to be deferred to November meeting.

128. Exchange of Information

11. Members advised:

- This year's remembrance ceremony at 11.00am on Saturday 11th November 2017 would be the last undertaken by the Drayton sub branch of Royal British Legion. All were encouraged to attend and also to the following day's Remembrance Day service at St Margaret's Church on 12th November 2017.
- Replacement of the safety surface by the roundabout at Florence Carter Memorial Park should be a budget consideration for 2018/19.
- The front hedge at Longdale Park requires cutting. It was agreed that it should be reduced to its original height of 1.8m.
- The oak tree stem at Longdale will be left for the time being as a wildlife habitat. It could be reduced further to the ground, however this would have to be a budget consideration for 2018/19.
- Cllr Wilkinson advised that he would attend the Airport Consultative Committee on 10th October 2017.
- A number of Highway issues were reported to the clerk including, uneven paving slabs on the green opposite the Red Lion Public House and low canopies of trees along Drayton High Rd. The issue of the tree branches obscuring bus drivers vision at the bus stop at the bottom of School Road was to be referred to the Highways Engineer by the County Councillor.

130. Date of Next Meeting

12. The next scheduled full Parish Council meeting is due on **Thursday 2nd November 2017** at 7pm at KGV Pavilion.

Meeting closed 9.29pm

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL 05 OCTOBER 2017

1. As reported at the September meeting of the Parish Council the meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel held on 20 September was chaired by P.C. Andy Hudson in my absence on holiday and he has circulated the minutes.
2. As a result of Government intentions to reduce the overall costs of local government Broadland District Council will undertake a feasibility study to cooperate with South Norfolk Council which would involve the sharing of services and staff. This is in no way a merger of the two Councils both of which would retain their identities.
3. Since the September meeting I have met Jacinta Webb Head of Planning at Saffron Housing and advised her of BDC affordable housing policy. She will in future liaise with me as the Housing Portfolio Holder on this subject and then consult with parishes as may be necessary. Saffron has some small sites which they could develop of 6 to 8 units including a limited number in Drayton.
4. At the September meeting of the Parish Council I undertook to write to the Managing Director at Norwich Airport requesting him to ensure that Drayton PC is provided with all papers in future regarding implementation of the Airport master plan and attach a copy of my letter for your information.

Roger Foulger
Broadland District Councillor Drayton South
02 October 2017