

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment & Highways** Committee held on Thursday 21 July 2016 at 6.30pm in The Pavilion, King George Fifth Playing Field Drayton High Rd, Drayton

PRESENT

Mr K Morgan– Chairman

Mr J Anderson Mr C Binns Mr G Everett Mr D Mack Mr K Morgan Mr P Stanger

Mr J Hall – Parish Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE

One member of the general public

59. Absence and Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

60. Declarations of Interest

Nothing further was declared beyond those interests already included on the register of member's interests

62. Public Participation

Representations were received in respect of the tree survey currently being undertaken. The full report would be received in due course at which point the council could consider the recommendations from the survey in respect of any tree maintenance work required.

63. Terms of Reference

A draft copy of the terms of reference had been circulated prior to the meeting. The new terms were required following the merger of two committees (Highways and Environment and Amenities) at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May. It was felt that an addition to the terms should be added to reflect the committee's desire to hold a Drayton resident's property competition.

Recommendation to full council to resolve to accept the new terms of reference with the addition.

Mr J Morgan
04-08-2016

64. Lack of Parking in Centre of Drayton

This item had been referred from the Full Council. The committee acknowledged that as most of the land in the centre of Drayton was privately owned, it would be difficult to achieve any additional car parking. However, it was thought that maybe restricting parking on Highway land may be beneficial. It was agreed that the Clerk would discuss with the Highways engineer the possibility of restrictions and report back to the committee.

65. NCC Parish Partnership Scheme

The Clerk advised that there was no budget consideration for a project within the scheme for the current financial year 2016/17. It was also thought that some projects the council would wish to consider maybe included in the section 106 agreements for the development off Hall Lane. It was agreed this item could be considered within the 2017/18 budget proposals.

66. Best Kept Front Garden Competition

The committee felt it was too late for a competition this year and that maybe other ideas could be considered to cover a different time of year.

RESOLVED to hold a “winter wonderland” competition during December 2016. Front gardens could reflect the seasonal nature and could feature illumination, such as Christmas lights. Clerk to approach local companies with a view to gaining sponsorship for competition.

67. Exchange of Information

Members advised:

- The speedwatch team was up and running and had been seen operating in the Parish on both Longdale and Drayton High Road.
- Consideration could be given to reintroducing policy regarding over grown trees and hedges which obstruct highway users. Clerk to clarify position with Highways department concerning enforcement.

68. Date of next meeting

To be advised.

Meeting closed at 7.24pm

K J Mayne
06-08-2016