

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11 August 2015

Apologies: Borough Cllr Stephen Smith

Present: Chairman Cllr Ken Rudman
Vice Chairman Cllr Mark Flavell
Cllrs Sue Fulford, Caroline Hulse, Barbara Marshall, Nigel Powlson
and Arthur Renshaw
Parish Clerk Mrs Rita Hill
1 Member of the Public

Accounts for Payment

MAC Groundwork Contractors Ltd re Maintenance works to play equipment	£2,454.60
Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd re Grass mowing invoice no. 638467	£ 222.30

All of the above accounts were proposed for payment by Cllr Barbara Marshall and seconded by Vice Chairman. All in favour. **Action - Parish Clerk to action the payments.**

Village Facilities, Maintenance and Landscaping

Embankment slide. Chairman enquired if the quote had been received from MAC Groundwork Contractors Ltd regarding the embankment slide. Parish Clerk replied yes. To be discussed further at September's meeting. Cllr Barbara Marshall asked as an alternative solution if a ladder could be installed at the rear of the embankment instead of the steps. Chairman replied saying a requirement of the project funding was 'scrambling up was part of the fun / part of play activity'; plus the concrete base at the top was deemed to not be big enough. The issue of the grass strimming does not seem to be an issue now as the contractor has been carrying this out.

Footpath 8(a). With regard to the removal of the kissing gate and the erection of a gate on footpath 8(a) by SCC Rights of Way the Parish Council has received two complaints one from a parishioner and another from a member of the public. Cllr Caroline Hulse asked for background information relating to the issue. Some suggestions were put forward during the discussions. It was emphasised that the gate was to access the public right of way not to the playing field or The Swan public house. Cllr Arthur Renshaw pointed out that there were alternative public footpath routes (no. 7 and 6) which could be used instead, which were alongside The Swan public house then along the bottom of the field near to the brook and into the playing field.

Cllrs stated that as Borough Cllr Stephen Smith had made County Cllr Philip Atkins and Mr Graham Hunt, SCC aware of the complaints, that the matter was now in the hands of SCC. The Parish Council has been advised that Mr Richard Rayson, SCC has since been requested to visit the site and assess how best to resolve the problem. Parish Clerk had asked Mr Graham Hunt for an update prior to the extraordinary meeting; however this was not available at the time of the meeting.

Vice Chairman commented that as it was a matter for SCC; that any legal issues were with SCC and not the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Parish Council needed a definitive plan from SCC prior to September's Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Caroline Hulse sought further background information with regard to the matter. The details were explained to the Cllr. Following this Cllr Caroline Hulse expressed her concerns. It was reiterated that it was a right of way not a footpath / pavement.

A vote took place to leave the matter with SCC and for a report from SCC to be made available for September's Parish Council meeting. All Cllrs voted in favour. **Action – Parish Clerk to contact SCC.**

Other issues. Cllr Arthur Renshaw commented that parents / carers need to be aware that they are responsible for the children in their care whilst using the play area and wondered if a notice was appropriate. **Action - Parish Clerk to contact SPCA for advice.**

Member of Public raised about a gate at the Swan Road end of the playing field. Cllr Arthur Renshaw commented that a cost had been previously sought; but at the time the Parish Council did not have enough funds.

Any Other Business

Cllr Sue Fulford advised that a hedge was overhanging a footpath along Stubby Lane. Cllr Arthur Renshaw to find out who the landowner was for the September Parish Council meeting. **Action – Cllr Arthur Renshaw.**

Cllr Nigel Powlson advised that Mrs Jude Taylor, SCC had responded regarding the Ironman event saying that she would arrange for someone from the event to come out and speak to the Parish Council. The event will be in Staffordshire for at least the next 2 years. **Action – Cllr Nigel Powlson to contact Mrs Jude Taylor asking her to correspond with the Parish Clerk with regards to setting up a date in early 2016.**

Member of the Public advised that a lorry had hit one of the bollards on The Green in Pipehay Lane knocking it partially over. **Action – Parish Clerk to advise ESBC.**

As no other business arose the open meeting closed 7.45 p.m.

Date of the next monthly meeting: Thursday 10 September 2015, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

Signed



Date 10 September 2015

Chairman

2015 – Dates of Parish Council meetings:

8 October 12 November 10 December

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