

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 2015

Apologies: Vice Chairman Cllr Mark Flavell and Cllr Nicholas Preston

Present: Chairman Cllr Kenneth Rudman
Cllrs Sue Fulford, Robert Hardwick, Barbara Marshall and Arthur Renshaw
Parish Clerk Mrs Rita Hill
Mr Andrew Griffiths MP (part)
Mr Ian Shaw, CSW Coordinator, Safer Road Partnership (part)
PC Josie Shepherd
8 Members of the Public (2 part)

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to Mr Ian Shaw to give details of the Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme. Mr Ian Shaw went through the training involved; the co-ordinator's role; showed and demonstrated the speed device used. He explained, what happened with the results obtained from the CSW; about the process for persistent speeding drivers and if necessary, the next step would be for a Police Officer to come in and carry out a speed watch. Volunteers, once trained, receive a tabard, CSW signs and a speed device. Usually three people go out at a time, as many times as they like. The completed log sheets go back to Mr Ian Shaw and it is him that sends out the letters to the offenders.

Mr Ian Shaw went onto explain that four sites in the village had already been assessed and approved. More sites could be considered for risk assessment. The only constraints were that the volunteers cannot operate in the dark and in poor visibility, such as rain or fog.

Cllr Barbara Marshall enquired by what method new sites could be considered. Mr Ian Shaw replied saying, can either contact him or the person who is the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) or the local PC / PCSO with the details. The site(s) would be looked at by the SPOC and a risk assessment carried out, then the volunteers would be advised of the outcome.

A Member of the Public enquired if the area round the school could be considered. Mr Ian Shaw replied saying preferably not at dropping off / picking up times because the scheme was not about parking only speed.

Cllr Arthur Renshaw enquired as to how close the CSW signs would be to the group. The response was at least 50yds away each side of the approved site.

Cllr Robert Hardwick wished to know about the calibration of the equipment. Mr Ian Shaw demonstrated with a tuning fork and explained that the device had to record 33mph in order to check that it was calibrated.

Mr Andrew Griffiths MP asked what happened when the results show an increase in the number of drivers speeding. Mr Ian Shaw replied saying if a large number of drivers were identified the Parish Council can get access to that information to use as a tool to get things done. The co-ordinator or Mr Ian Shaw can create a spreadsheet to record all the speeds obtained (not the offenders' details due to data protection). The results would assist the Parish Council in demonstrating and gathering of evidence.

Mr Ian Shaw explained that the purpose of the CSW was to try and affect behaviour more e.g. by seeing community speed watch signs in the area. If the Parish Council wanted permanent signs erected on the boundaries of the village, the locations would need to be assessed, the signs erected by Highways and the cost borne by the Parish Council (£280.00 for 2 signs).

Member of the Public asked in the long term was the outcome scheme a reduction in speeding. Mr Ian Shaw replied yes, especially with the issuing of the first letter as it states the data is held on Police records. He added that he hardly sends out second letters.

Member of the Public enquired could the scheme work against the village, e.g. if a low number of drivers were caught would the static cameras be removed. Mr Ian Shaw said no.

Mr Ian Shaw explained that companies were written to if drivers of their company vehicles were caught speeding and they have they find out who the driver was. Unfortunately nothing can be done against drivers of foreign vehicles caught speeding.

Cllr Arthur Renshaw commented that Ticknall were asked to return their CSW equipment as they were catching a lot of drivers over the speed limit. Least they proved there was a speed issue.

Mr Ian Shaw emphasised that for the last four months there has been a camera in one of the GATSOs in the village. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP asked was it possible to get the information from these. Mr Ian Shaw said yes and that he would pass the request onto the relevant body (Melaine Langdale and Pete Johnson). Mr Andrew Griffiths MP responded saying it would be helpful to quantify. Mr Ian Shaw commented that it helps if the village has a CSW setup as part of the Safer Road Partnership and if so, the information would be given for free. **Action – Parish Clerk to confirm this request with Mr Ian Shaw.**

Mr Ian Shaw commented that the best indicators of speed were SIDs, as GATSOs do not pick up how much traffic comes through compared to those drivers caught speeding. He added that the CSW speed device equipment works on vehicles approaching and departing. However, training would always be carried out on approaching vehicles. A question was raised, can the equipment pick-up motor bikes? Mr Ian Shaw replied yes, but depended on what was behind the motor bike.

Member of the Public asked was there a minimum or maximum time volunteers can go out with the device. Mr Ian Shaw replied no. He added with regard to the

perception of speed that volunteers would be surprised at how little traffic was speeding

Mr Ian Shaw summed up by saying that if anyone wished to progress further the CSW scheme to fill in a form and either hand it to him or the Parish Council. He confirmed that the training would take place in the Village Hall.

Chairman thanked Mr Ian Shaw and Members of the Public for attending. Mr Ian Shaw and two Members of the Public left the meeting room.

Chairman asked if any Member of the Public had any other issues to raise:

1. Fly tipping in Yew Tree Lane and in Banktop Road. **Action – Parish Clerk to raise with ESBC.**
2. Increase in dog fouling in Yew Tree Lane. PC Josie Shepherd explained that PCSO's can now issue tickets. **Action – Parish Clerk to raise with ESBC warden.**

Minutes of the last Parish Council were agreed as read. Proposed by Cllr Sue Fulford. Seconded by Cllr Arthur Renshaw. All in favour.

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Mr Andrew Griffiths MP

The following matters were discussed with Mr Andrew Griffiths MP:

Erection of signage relating to alleviating HGVs in the Burton area – Mr Andrew Griffiths MP advised that this would take place during the early part of 2015.

Future plans for the A50 – Mr Andrew Griffiths MP commented that there was a meeting at the end of January with Highways. He commented that we do not want HGVs to get to Draycott in the Clay quicker by making the A50 even more efficient. SCC seems to be resistant as the A515 is marked down as one of their strategic routes. Traffic would be sent down the A515 if the A50 was closed for any reason. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP said he was continuing to make a case regarding not using the A515.

Speed of traffic – Cllr Robert Hardwick commented that the data coming back was saying drivers were adhering to the speed limit; however, it was more HGVs that were of concern. PC Josie Shepherd raised that the Police were in consultation with Yoxall parish about issues of speeding.

A519 and A515 average speed scheme – Mr Andrew Griffiths MP advised that the same conversations he was having elsewhere about not extending the scheme to Draycott in the Clay seem to be related to the cost. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP commented of the need to continue pushing for the scheme to be extended.

The Green, Pipehay Lane - Chairman explained the background to the correspondence / discussions / site meeting already held. Cllr Robert Hardwick said it needs a highway solution and funding in order to do this. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP said he recognised that funding was tight for ESBC and SCC. He suggested the need to build a case as to why it was important to have change at this location. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP offered to contact the fire brigade and ambulance service to seek their views. Then, if necessary, contact County Cllr Philip Atkins to make a case. He added that Trent & Dove Housing needed to take on a little joint responsibility. **Action - Mr Andrew Griffiths MP.** PC Josie Shepherd commented that the green in Gardner Place, Uttoxeter had been reduced. Member of the Public raised that lorries keep hitting the bollards making them loose. PC Josie Shepherd suggested reducing the cost by using the Community Pay Back scheme. **Action – Parish Clerk to find out more details from PC Josie Shepherd.**

Uttoxeter Pyramid of Schools – Mr Andrew Griffiths MP said that there was overwhelming support to keep the present system and that he was in favour of keeping it as well. As people are aware SCC has agreed to keep the present system. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP went onto confirm that an extra £20million has been allocated and that a growing population needed to be accommodated. Cllr Robert Hardwick raised that Cllr Ben Adams was reported saying he guaranteed five schools, including Marchington, but that Draycott in the Clay school was not included in the five named. Cllr Robert Hardwick said he would be interested to know what it was Cllr Ben Adams had promised. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP offered to write to Cllr Ben Adams and ask for his response. **Action - Mr Andrew Griffiths MP.**

Cllr Robert Hardwick enquired as to what had happened with the lack of gritting lorries on December 26; as the junction of the B5017 with the A515 was very dangerous. Further discussion took place about why Highways were not contacted at the time, the gritting budget and the location was a strategic point in the highway network. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP offered to ask SCC for further details. **Action - Mr Andrew Griffiths MP.** Cllr Robert Hardwick raised about self-help piles of grit up Draycott bank and grit boxes. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP asked that the location of grit boxes be identified.

Community Council of Staffordshire - Mr Andrew Griffiths MP asked for the Parish Council's view. Chairman explained the services provided by the Community Council of Staffordshire and what the Parish Council had received from them. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP offered to write and find out exactly what was happening. **Action - Mr Andrew Griffiths MP.**

Mr Andrew Griffiths MP said that he was more than willing to attend a future meeting.

Cllr Sue Fulford, as a volunteer with local CAB, raised the issue of local and national government services going online. Whilst various agencies have received funding to help / train people to get online many people cannot afford kit and landline / broadband costs. Example given of people having to make bids for local social housing in the area only online.

Mr Andrew Griffiths MP left the meeting room.

Kuehne & Nagel Site

Chairman advised Cllrs that an email had been received from a Parishioner saying that they had not been advised of the exhibition that had been held and that they had concerns about the proposed development. Parish Clerk had spoken to the Parishioner who advised that they did not want the Parish Council to take any action but just to be aware. The Parishioner had already made representation to Parkwood Consultancy.

Cllrs agreed that an extract from the approved December 2014 minutes be sent to Mr Robinson and Mr Cooke as a record of the discussions held. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Policies, Procedures and other related documents

Carried over from November meeting:

Vice Chairman asked the Parish Clerk to email to him all of the documents for him to review. **Action – Parish Clerk and Vice Chairman.**

Matters Arising

Bridlepath from the Riddings to Coton in the Clay. SCC Rights of Way has been advised about the gate catches on the other two gates.

Christmas trees for the Village Hall. Cllrs arranged a date to take down the tree.

Land North of Woodlands Rise, Draycott in the Clay (previous ESBC application ref P/2014/00697). Cllrs agreed that an extract from the approved December 2014 minutes be sent to Ms Janet Hodson and Mr Tom Bevan of JVH Town Planning Consultants Ltd as a record of the discussions held. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Accounts for Payment

BT Payment Services Ltd, Parish telephone line	£ 74.38
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The above account was paid by Direct Debit on 30 December 2014. Payment proposed by Cllr Barbara Marshall and seconded Cllr Sue Fulford. All in favour.

Mrs R Hill, Parish Clerk salary January 2015 and expenses	£370.77
Staffordshire Pension Fund, Employer's (£90.42) and Employee's (£26.18) Contribution Rate re Mrs R Hill's pension (January payment)	£116.60
Draycott in the Clay Village Hall, Donation towards Senior Citizens Christmas party	£250.00

Cllr Arthur Renshaw declared an interest in relation to the donation to Draycott in the Clay Village Hall.

All of the above accounts were proposed for payment by Cllr Robert Hardwick and seconded by Cllr Sue Fulford. All in favour. **Action - Parish Clerk to action the payments.**

The Parish Clerk has sent a query to Bloomin' Gardens and Landscapes Ltd in respect of invoice no. 637279 received for £222.30 dated 28 December 2014. Response waited from the company.

Chairman distributed the current receipts / payments accounts for 2014 / 2015.

General Correspondence

SCC re Pension – Discretionary Policies. Carried over from October meeting:
Parish Clerk to contact SCC Pension for further information. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Community Council of Staffordshire re Staffordshire Diary of Events, Village show. Form to be sent to the Village Hall Committee, Klondyke and the Village Show Committee. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

SPCA re Elections 2015. Noted.

SPCA re Transparency Code. Noted.

ESBC re Consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy. Noted.

Community Council of Staffordshire re Best Kept Village Competition 2015. Noted.

Community Council of Staffordshire re funding may be cut to the ACRE Network. Item discussed earlier on in the meeting with Mr Andrew Griffiths MP.

Planning Applications and Related Matters

Chairman advised the meeting of the planning decision received since the last meeting.

ESBC Local Plan re Sustainability Appraisal Consultation. Noted.

TGCRenewables re Invitation to a Public Engagement Event for a Proposed Solar PV Farm on land at Marchington. Chairman confirmed that he attended the event. He went onto explain that the site neighbours our Parish. The company's policy was to give any money to the Parish the solar farm would be in; so as our Parish borders the site it was up to us to discuss this matter with Marchington Parish Council. There would be some impact to our residents. There were two options for an access road, either opposite Ashacres Industrial Park or off Moreton Lane near to HMP Dovegate. Chairman added that there would be an opportunity for the local community within a mile radius to invest in it. The company offered to put further details in the next Parish Council Newsletter. Cllr Robert Hardwick said he had a

problem with this investment; in that such schemes were funded by everyone's electricity bills, so this scheme does not help the poorest.

ESBC re Draft Cycling Strategy. Noted.

Circulars Received

ESBC re Register of Electors – Notice of Alteration. Noted.

East Staffordshire CCG re Invitation to Improving Lives Event 15 January 2015. Noted. Poster to be displayed. **Action – Mrs Jenny Murphy and Cllr Arthur Renshaw.**

Highway / Traffic Matters

Flooding, Stubby Lane. Cllrs agreed to put this issue on monitor and raise as and when.

Road Safety Partnership. Waiting details from the latest trailer mounted SID.

Reinstatement of green footpath in Stubby Lane. SCC has advised that the works would be carried out week commencing 19 January 2015.

The Green, Pipehay Lane Estate. Some emails have been received from Michael Hovers culminating in the final response that the problem was with the width of the Highway, which was under the control of SCC.

Neighbourhood Highway Team (NHT). Issues to be logged for the next visit. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

A519 and A515 average speed designs. Chairman read out the response received from Mr Graham Hunt. Cllrs agreed to a reply asking will the camera stay in one of the GATSOs. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Joint County / Parish meeting. Mr Graham Hunt enquired if the Parish Council would be willing to host the next meeting scheduled for March. **Action – Parish Clerk to find out further details.**

Pothole near to Aston bridge on A515. Some tarmac has been laid but it is not lasting – Highways to be advised. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Manhole cover opposite Granary Court, Stubby Lane. The cover was still banging and the white paint had worn away - Highways to be advised. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Email via Borough Cllr Robert Hardwick from Mr Andy Mason, Senior Project Manager re A50 Improvements. Cllr Robert Hardwick explained to those present the background to this request and that Mr Andy Mason had responded stated that the B5017 would not be used during construction.

Staffordshire County Council working with Amey Infrastructure +. Noted.

Accident. Cllr Barbara Marshall advised that during the evening of the 26 and 27 December a vehicle had come off the road and knocked down the Deepcut Road sign. Details to be added to the list. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Advertising signs on Moreton Lane traffic island. Carried over from December meeting:

Waiting further information prior to a letter being sent. Cllr Robert Hardwick outlined a possible alternative proposal and said he would find out timescales.

Action – Cllr Robert Hardwick.

Village Facilities, Maintenance and Landscaping

Weekly inspection reports. Inspection report received.

Carried over from November meeting:

Cllr Nicholas Preston offered to design a small sign for approval at the next meeting. **Action – Cllr Nicholas Preston.**

Site signage. Cllr Arthur Renshaw went through his suggested wording for the proposed site sign. Cllrs agreed to have 4 signs, one at each entrance. **Action – Parish Clerk to type up on A3 size paper and send to Cllrs for comments.**

Bloomin' Gardens – site meeting. Details waited regarding the top of the slide embankment and the area between the quicks and the wire fencing. **Action – Parish Clerk to chase up.**

Annual Inspection of Play Area. An itemised quote for various repairs has been received from MAC Groundwork (totalling £3,369.96 inc. VAT). Chairman suggested as the Parish Council could not afford to do all items that Cllrs gave consideration to the plywood platform; complete replacement of the cableway and tyre; swing connectors and spinner bolts. Parish Clerk to contact Cllr Nicholas Preston in the first instance to see if he had done any of the repairs suggested. **Action – Parish Clerk.** Chairman offered to contact MAC Groundwork. **Action – Chairman.** Proposed by Cllr Sue Fulford. Seconded by Cllr Barbara Marshall. All in favour. An alternative quote waited from another supplier for the playbark.

Kissing gate. Waiting a reply from Mr Barnes, SCC Rights of Way. **Action – Parish Clerk to chase up.**

Village Hall Update

Possible future works. Village Hall Committee member put forward the kitchen ceiling, which they could possibly self-fund these works. Chairman suggested asking Timbuild to survey the kitchen. Committee member asked about making the Hall up to standard in one go. Chairman responded saying the Parish Council had spent a lot on the Hall over the last few years. Cllr Robert Hardwick said any works needed to be properly funded. It was agreed that more details would be required from the Village Hall Committee. Chairman read out correspondence received from the Treasurer of the Committee. Parish Clerk responded to the comments raised.

Cllrs agreed for an email to be sent to the Treasurer explaining the Parish Council's position. **Action – Cllr Barbara Marshall.**

Member of the Public enquired about the Constitution of the Hall. Cllr Robert Hardwick advised that the Constitution was with the Treasurer of the Committee.

An invitation had already been sent out to all Parishioners to attend the Committee's meeting on Monday 12 January.

Committee member asked if the contractor had applied woodworm treatment to the upstairs roof. Cllrs thought not.

Flat roofs. Application for funding has been submitted by the Village Hall Committee.

Flooding of Village Hall. Member of the Public advised a Highways Engineer had been out to the site again and had spoken to them, saying that they would speak again to Highways about the issue being experienced. Discussion took place regarding the order placed with Timbuild. Cllr Arthur Renshaw said that Cllr Nicholas Preston had a very good alternative idea to the drains project. As Cllr Nicholas Preston was not present to put forward his idea Cllr Arthur Renshaw presented the idea, which was to replace the 4 inch guttering with 6 inch and redirect the water flow to the far end by the bay window. Cllrs thought this to be a suitable alternative proposal to put to Timbuild and agreed them to hold off on the previous order until further notice. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Any Other Business

Diary note from 9 October 2014:

Flooding, issue of problematic drains. There were no issues. Cllrs agreed to keep on monitor and raise as and when.

Playing field lease. Discussion took place regarding the next review to RPI in February 2015. If no details were received before the February 2015 Parish Council Cllrs agreed to send a cheque based on the last payment. Proposed by Cllr Sue Fulford. Seconded by Cllr Arthur Renshaw. All in favour.

Burglary. Just to be mindful that there have been burglaries recently within the Parish. PC Josie Shepherd gave some advice on how to protect properties.

Cllr Robert Hardwick asked PC Josie Shepherd if the proposed average speed cameras captured all vehicles going through and would this help the Police with future enquiries. Response was yes. Cllr Robert Hardwick enquired if the Parish Council / Village Hall Committee could put up a camera on the Village Hall. PC Josie Shepherd replied saying she would need to look into this further. **Action – PC Josie Shepherd.**

Cllr Arthur Renshaw advised PC Josie Shepherd that the Police has access to a key for the Village Hall. She replied saying she would look into this.

PC Josie Shepherd advised that PCSO Lesley Hardware and PCSO Zoe Evans both covered Draycott in the Clay.

Member of the Public suggested that a crime prevention meeting was held at the Village Hall as to way to get people to come into the Hall and at the same time see the facilities on offer.

Chairman gave his apologies for the February Parish Council meeting. Vice Chairman to be asked if he could Chair the meeting. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

As no other business arose the open meeting closed 10.25 p.m.

Date of the next monthly meeting: Thursday 12 February 2015, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

Signed

Date

Chairman

2015 – Dates of Parish Council meetings:

	12 March	9 April	14 May	
11 June	9 July	10 September		8 October
	12 November	10 December		

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