

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18 July 2016

Apologies: Cllr Caroline Hulse

Present: Chairman Cllr Ken Rudman
Vice Chairman Cllr Mark Flavell
Cllrs Sue Fulford, Barbara Marshall, Nigel Powlson and Arthur Renshaw
Parish Clerk Mrs Rita Hill
County Cllr Philip Atkins OBE
Borough Cllr Stephen Smith, Crown Ward
No Members of the Public

Meeting with County Cllr Philip Atkins

HGVs on Stubby Lane – Ongoing and A50 diversions

Discussion took place regarding reducing the speed limit to 30mph along the B5017 between Hilsea Crescent to Yew Tree Lane junction with Stubby Lane. Cllr Philip Atkins said in principle SCC would be responsive to this but costs of advertising, consultation and erection of signs would need to be considered. Cllr Philip Atkins to look into this and advise the Parish Council of the cost and if there would be any funding available towards it (which ever financial year) and provide information on the consultation process. **Action – Cllr Philip Atkins.** All Cllrs supportive of the principle. The Parish Council may be able to make a contribution but would have to plan for it as funds were currently low.

Vice Chairman advised Cllr Philip Atkins that the Parish Council had recently met with representatives from Balfour Beatty and A50 Connect Ltd and discussed a temporary speed limit of 30mph along Stubby Lane when the A50 was closed and traffic diverted along Stubby Lane. Vice Chairman asked for Cllr Philip Atkins support when this request comes in to SCC. Cllr Philip Atkins responded yes, that he would be supportive of the request and that he would keep his eye out for the request. **Action – Cllr Philip Atkins.**

Marchington Industrial Estate

Cllr Sue Fulford enquired about Marchington Industrial Estate and how the Parish Council could influence the development of the estate as the effects from it affect Draycott in the Clay more so than Marchington. Cllr Philip Atkins responded saying that Marchington Parish Council has a duty to cooperate. Cllr Stephen Smith commented that Marchington's Neighbourhood Development Plan was currently going through the process of being approved.

With regard to Neighbourhood Development Plan Cllr Philip Atkins offered to speak to Mr Mark Parkinson (Strategic Planning). Chairman said he would like to meet with Mr Mark Parkinson. **Action – Cllr Philip Atkins.**

Weight Restriction on A515

Cllr Philip Atkins advised that Kings Bromley and Yoxall Parish Councils were trying to organise a meeting. Vice Chairman asked if Cllr Philip Atkins became aware of the date to pass it on to the Parish Council. **Action – Cllr Philip Atkins.** Cllr Philip Atkins commented that the Fire Service supported the report but the Police did not because of the issue surrounding enforcing it. Vice Chairman pointed out that during the enquiry hearings last October the Police view was that the weight limit would be enforceable. Vice Chairman raised that while the Parish Council supports a full ban, if this did not happen, the Parish council would like to see a night time ban. It was discussed that Cllr Atkins seemed open to consider this when it was discussed with him previously and Vice Chairman stated that he hoped that this would continue to be the case.

Speed Limits

Vice Chairman commented that in Cllr Philip Atkins' letter of 1 July 2016 Highways Officers recommended the speed limit on the A515 stayed at 40mph. Vice Chairman went onto say that he disagreed with some of the points that followed in the letter. Specifically, the letter states that 'there are very limited accesses direct out on to this road' and that 'forward visibility is good'. In reality 90 houses exit via Hollow Lane, where visibility is not good. In addition, the Swan car park has very poor visibility. Chairman pointed out that issues related to the Swan car park will get worse if the proposed agricultural development on the site proceeds and farm vehicles then enter/exit via the car park. It was raised that there had been a recent fatal accident near to The Swan. Cllrs disagreed with the Officer's comments and questioned how these Officers come to their decisions. Cllr Sue Fulford requested a copy of the report that the assessment was made on. Cllrs enquired with Cllr Philip Atkins as to who does the Parish Council need to meet with. Cllr Philip Atkins responded saying Mr Richard Rayson. Cllr Philip Atkins to organise a meeting with Mr Richard Rayson, Mr Graham Hunt and the Parish Council. **Action – Cllr Philip Atkins.** Cllr Philip Atkins went onto say that he has always been supportive of a protected right turning onto Hollow Lane estate. However, Cllrs questioned the practicality of this.

Vice Chairman raised that, in the view of the Parish Council, the A515 met the DfT criteria for a 30mph speed limit and that the parish Council felt that SCC and its Officers continued to neglect the impact on people of its highways policies and decisions.

The discussion then went onto cover long HCV trailers entering / exiting Stubby Lane from the A515 end and travelling along Stubby Lane. Vice Chairman enquired if it would help if photographs were taken on these incidents. Cllr Philip Atkins responded yes.

Cllr Stephen Smith spoke about the relief road on to Moreton Lane and that this would take a large part of the problem away. Cllr Stephen Smith enquired if the scope process could be started. Vice Chairman said that while the Parish Council would be supportive of a relief road, progress on this, if any, would, in all likelihood, be many years in the future. Therefore, the focus should stay on reducing speed limits on the A515 and B5017.

In this context Vice Chairman reiterated the Parish Council's support for a reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph along the stretch of the A515 north of the Moreton Lane roundabout to Aston Bridge.

He added that the village would benefit from a significant improvement if we can get
1. A 30mph speed limit on Stubby Lane

2. A 30mph speed limit on the A515 through the village (along the stretch currently designated 40mph)
3. A 40mph speed limit on the A515 from Aston Bridge to Moreton Lane
4. A night time HGV ban on the A515

Vice Chairman commented that it would appear sensible to treat the 3 speed limit issues together, thus reducing from 3 to 1 the number of consultation processes required, adding that he would like to see from SCC a response to this proposal.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

Vice Chairman wished to thank Cllr Philip Atkins for making the point to the Officer.

The Green Pipehay

Cllr Philip Atkins was advised of the decision made at the July Parish Council meeting.

Any Other Business

With regard to Cllr Philip Atkins response about SCC / Police Liaison Cllr Arthur Renshaw commented that the point he previously made had not been correctly interpreted – it was the issue relating to a highway sign that had been knocked down as a result of an vehicular accident and that the Police had not advised SCC of this. It was only with Cllr Arthur Renshaw pursuing this several times that the sign was eventually put back up. The cost of re-erection could have been secured via the person that had knocked it down in the first place. **Action – Cllr Philip Atkins said he would follow this comment up.**

Cllr Philip Atkins raised about local growth fund bid.

Cllr Stephen Smith enquired with Cllr Philip Atkins about the latest on combined authorities in Staffordshire and that ESBC was leaning more towards West Midlands.

As no other business arose the open meeting closed 8.20p.m.

Date of the next monthly meeting: Thursday 8 September 2016, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

Signed *Signature removed* **Date** 8 September 2016

Vice Chairman

2016 – Dates of Parish Council meetings:

13 October

10 November

8 December

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