

# **DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14 April 2016**

Apologies: Mr Andrew Griffiths MP and County Cllr Philip Atkins

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  
Borough Cllr Stephen Smith, Crown Ward (part)  
PCSO Julia Wells (part)  
PCSO Louise Bradley (part)  
2 Members of the Public

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

### **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Caroline Hulse declared that she wished to make Cllrs aware that she was currently working for clients on Marchington Industrial Estate through the company she works for and added that she could not provide any further information due to confidentiality. Cllrs acknowledged this.

Cllr Arthur Renshaw declared an interest with regard to a planning application.

### **Police issues**

PCSO Julia Wells introduced herself and her colleague PCSO Louise Bradley. PCSO Wells advised Cllrs that they would be taking over from PC Josie Shepherd with regard to attending Parish Council meetings.

Issues raised with the Police were:

Vice Chairman advised that Sudbury Filling Station has notices up saying that they do not swap notes for change. The owners have had to do this because they have received a lot of verbal abuse. PCSO's to call in.

Cllr Nigel Powlson enquired about Neighbourhood Policing. PCSO's confirmed that they would be handling this now. Cllr Nigel Powlson added that he wondered if they would be resurrecting the Police Surgeries that were previously held at The Stores. PCSO's did not see why not and would look into this.

With regard to cars being parked outside the school the Chairman asked if the PCSO's could visit the area as he would appreciate Police presence now and then. PCSO's to action.

Cllr Arthur Renshaw raised about ball games being played on a grassed area in Hollow Lane and that it was causing a nuisance to Parishioners living in the area.

Chairman read out an email from Mr Mark Tomordy, ESBC Community & Civil Enforcement Officer.

Cllr Arthur Renshaw advised the PCSO's that PC Richard Boulter has a key for the Village Hall so that when the PCSO's were in the village they could make use of the facilities (subject to the agreement of the new Village Hall Committee). **Action – Parish Clerk to advise the Committee.**

Parishioner requested an up-to-date Police contact poster for the noticeboards within the village. PCSO's to action. Details to go on the Parish Council website and in the next Parish Council Newsletter. **Action – Vice Chairman and Parish Clerk.**

PCSO Julia Wells and PCSO Louise Bradley left the meeting room.

### **Matters Arising**

**RBS Bank Mandate.** Carried over from January meeting:

**Action – Cllr Caroline Hulse to submit her form to RBS.**

**Mr Andrew Griffiths MP - The Green, Pipehay Lane.** Chairman advised that Mr Andrew Griffiths MP had been invited to this meeting but unfortunately he was unable to attend. His PA has advised that she hoped to come back within the next week with regard to the draft letter. Cllrs agreed to invite Mr Andrew Griffiths MP to either the May / June Parish Council meeting. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Overgrown crab apple tree outside 44 to 46 Stubby Lane.** Work has been carried out. (Note - Land belongs to SCC not Trent & Dove Housing.)

Borough Cllr Stephen Smith entered the meeting room.

### **Accounts for Payment**

BT Payment Services Ltd, Parish telephone line	£ 82.71
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The above account was paid by Direct Debit on 29 March 2016. Payment proposed by Cllr Sue Fulford and seconded Cllr Barbara Marshall. All in favour.

Mrs R Hill, Parish Clerk salary April 2016 and expenses	£395.76
Staffordshire Pension Fund, re pension (April payment)	£126.12
Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association, Renewal of annual subscription 2016 / 2017	£261.00
NALC, LCR Magazine annual renewal	£ 17.00
Draycott in the Clay Village Hall, Donation towards electricity used for the Christmas tree lights (Sec. 133)	£ 40.00
Draycott in the Clay Village Hall, Donation towards the Senior Citizens Christmas party (Sec. 137)	£ 87.80
Timbuild Building Services Ltd, Installation of 2 x concrete pads and 4 x posts at playing field	£654.00

Chairman reminded Cllrs that the employer pension contribution had increased by 1% to 21% from 1 April 2016.

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

Chairman distributed the current receipts / payments accounts for 2015 / 2016.

### **General Correspondence**

**WASP Funding.** Order has been placed. Works hopefully to be carried out this month. Chairman thanked Cllr Smith for the funding.

**ESBC re PCC Election – Notice of Election 2016 and Notice of Election Addresses.** Noted.

### **Planning Applications and Related Matters**

**The Swan PH.** Mr David Ward, ESBC Enforcement has advised that an application to retain the building has been received, P/2016/00482 refers, which is awaiting allocation.

**Pipehay Farm.** Outcome of investigations waited from ESBC Enforcement. An update has been requested.

**P/2016/00068: Erection of a single storey rear extension. 38 Hollow Lane, Draycott in the Clay.** Due to ESBC response timescales Cllrs were invited to comment on the planning application prior to the meeting. The response was: 'Having received no representations from parishioners, it was agreed that the Parish Council has no comment to make on this application.'

**P/2016/00208: Partial demolition and alterations of existing single storey building to accommodate the relocation of the HGV pump island, installation of 2 underground diesel storage tanks, a septic tank, a forecourt interceptor and replace and install new foul and storm water drainage. Sudbury Filling Station, Station Road Draycott in the Clay.** Chairman advised that the Parish Council had received letters of objection from Parishioners and gave a resume of the concerns raised. Cllr Arthur Renshaw commented that the old drawings show exit and entrance signs but that there were none currently in existence. Concern was expressed that the Sudbury side exit was blind to car drivers; whether a noise barrier should be considered and whether light pollution would affect local residents. It was agreed that the Planning department should be made aware that drainage has been a problem in the past, which SCC has had to take intervention on and has carried out work here to rectify the problems. Does the owner have permission for lorries to be parked on the site overnight? Concern was expressed about lorries / traffic possibly having to queue on the A515. It was highlighted that recently there had been two accidents on this stretch of road. Need to accommodate the new longer LGV trailers that are on the roads, so the pump needs to be far back enough to accommodate such vehicles. Cllr Smith was asked if he could raise concerns with the Planners. Cllr Smith agreed to try and set up a meeting with the Planners. **Action – Cllr Smith and Parish Clerk.**

Cllr Arthur Renshaw declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions or decision on the following item:

**P/2016/00358: Construction of new vehicular access. Springfield, Stubby Lane, Marchington.** Having received no representations from parishioners, it was agreed that the Parish Council has no comment to make on this application. **Action – Parish Clerk**

Cllr Caroline Hulse declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions or decision on the following item:

**ESBC re Marchington Neighbourhood Development Plan.** Vice Chairman suggested that as the deadline to respond was 20 May 2016 that Cllrs had a read through the documents before the next Parish Council meeting. **Action – All Cllrs.** Cllr Smith enquired whether the Parish Council had considered a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllrs explained in depth the background, reasons and decision as to why they had decided not to. Cllr Smith advised that currently there was an open planning consultation looking at planning. Cllr Sue Fulford asked about brownfield sites and whether there was a map showing these. Cllrs agreed to contact ESBC Planning. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Chairman asked about windfall housing. Cllr Arthur Renshaw raised about a road servicing Marchington Industrial Estate onto Moreton Lane. It was thought that this could not be raised via the Marchington Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**ESBC re Newborough Neighbourhood Development Plan.** Noted.

### **Circulars Received**

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

CPRE re Field Work and Countryside Voice. Noted.

### **Highway / Traffic Matters**

**Hortons' Estate Limited re Permissive Route, Stubby Lane.** Chairman advised that he had spoken to Mr Richard Norgrove who had apologised for not coming back but confirmed that their Solicitors were looking into the matter and would respond. **Action – Chairman to re-contact Mr Norgrove for an update.**

**Joint meeting between Staffordshire County Council and Parish and Town Councils in East Staffordshire.** Meeting to take place on 19 May in the Village Hall. Cllrs to confirm their attendance at the May Parish Council meeting. **Action – Cllrs.**

**Issue with Mr Graham Hunt.** Carried over from April meeting:

Chairman asked if it was possible for the Parish Council to have some tubs of Instamac. Mr Hunt replied saying a range of measures could be introduced where SCC would work with the Parish Council taking into account risk and liability. Mr Hunt said he would be more than happy to meet and discuss this idea, adding equally the Parish Council could coordinate with the NHTeam.

**Action – Mr Hunt to set up a meeting in due course.**

**Problems with the drain opposite Lyndhurst and HGVs spraying water on to the adjoining property of The Cedars.** Carried over from April meeting:

Mr Hunt confirmed that he has asked Mr Jeff Green to investigate. **Action – Mr Hunt.**

**Potholes.** Information received from SCC regarding Highway defect reporting. Details to go on the Parish Council website and in the next Parish Council Newsletter. **Action – Vice Chairman and Parish Clerk.**

**Increase in HGVs using Stubby Lane (B5017).** Information has been received from ESBC Planning with regard to past planning applications and travel plans associated with Marchington Industrial Estate.

**Proposed A515 Weight Restriction south of Draycott in the Clay / Better signage at Six Roads End.** Report waited. Cllrs suggested contacting Mr Graham Hunt for a copy of the report. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Various Highway Issues.** Chairman reported that the village has had two accidents along the A515 this week and suggested that a letter was sent to David Loades at SCC requesting a copy of the report that was due out. **Action – Parish Clerk.** Chairman went on to say that as Cllrs were already aware since the last meeting correspondence has been sent between Balfour Beatty and the Parish Council. Balfour Beatty has said that there was no risk assessment. Chairman read out the latest email and suggested that a reply be sent. **Action – Parish Clerk.** Mr Graham Hunt has advised that he has asked Mr Richard Rayson to look into the matter. Discussion took place about directing traffic another route round.

Cllr Smith advised that earlier on he had been in a LDL meeting with Mr Steve Burrows, Assistant Director for Highways, SCC and has suggested to him that he drives with the Chairmen of Draycott in the Clay and Marchington Parish Councils the route from Uttoxeter to Sudbury – Mr Burrow was happy to engage. **Action – Borough Cllr Stephen Smith.**

Cllr Barbara Marshall explained her experience driving home from the last Parish Council meeting when the A50 eastbound was closed and that she had contacted the Police and Matthew Ellis regarding this.

Chairman raised that as a consequence of the recent accident outside the Petrol Filling Station the owners have set up a petition to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph between Aston Bridge and Moreton Lane. Chairman asked that he would like the Parish Council to support this petition – no Cllrs objected to this. Details to go on the Parish Council website. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Vice Chairman asked that County Cllr Philip Atkins be invited to either the May Parish Council meeting or another Thursday in May when an extra-ordinary meeting would be called. Mr Andrew Griffiths MP and Borough Cllr Stephen Smith to be invited as well. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Cllr Smith explained the timescales relating to the A50 Project A and added that Project B has to be assessed on the merits of it as to whether the works would be carried out at a later date.

**Overhanging bushes along Moreton Lane.** Cllr Smith offered to try and find out the name of the landowner. **Action – Borough Cllr Stephen Smith.**

### **Village Facilities, Maintenance and Landscaping**

**Weekly inspection reports.** Inspection reports received – issues raised, picnic table heavily scratched / scored; matting coming away on slide embankment; zig-zag twister broken off. Cllr Arthur Renshaw confirmed that he had removed the zig-zag twister and on inspection three screws had broken off – he asked Cllr Smith if he would be able to help. Cllr Smith confirmed that he would be able to. Chairman thanked him for this. **Action – Cllr Arthur Renshaw.** Cllr Arthur Renshaw confirmed that he had removed the curled up matting. Chairman thanked him for this. Cllrs discussed in length the matter of improving the slide embankment and agreed due to costs / funding to make a diary note for September 2016. **Action – Parish Clerk.** With regard to the picnic table Cllr Arthur Renshaw offered to speak to Mr T Lee. **Action – Cllr Arthur Renshaw.**

**Additional play bark.** Cllrs reviewed all the quotes received and agreed to place the order with Bloomin' Gardens at a cost of £355.00 + VAT. Proposed by Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Barbara Marshall. All in favour. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Concrete bases for the two waste bins and installation of two noticeboards at playing fields.** Willshee's has confirmed that the spare key was for the Parish Council to keep. Since the last meeting a local company confirmed that they would match the cheapest quote and include for the removal of the old bins once the new bins were in place, so the order was placed as previously agreed. The works have subsequently been carried out and approved by Cllr Arthur Renshaw. Borough Cllr Stephen Smith confirmed his offer to fit the bin stands. Chairman thanked him for this. An invoice has been received from Willshee's for the bin stands however this was incorrect; the company has agreed to absorb the increase. Waiting for a credit note to be issued. Chairman advised that he had contacted Willshee's about a Customer Account application form that they required the Parish Council to complete and that from 1 April 2016 the waste price collection rate had increased from £8.95 to £10.50 + VAT per bin per lift. The lady he spoke to said she would look into the matter and come back to him.

**Kissing gate, footpath 8(a).** Mr Graham Hunt has been advised that the works were not carried by the end of March 2016. Mr Hunt has said he would chase up the works.

### **Village Hall Update**

The new Village Hall Committee has confirmed that they welcome Cllr Nigel Powlson to attend their meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Nigel Powlson advised that the next meeting was on 25 April.

**PAT testing and Fire Alarm.** Details of minute note to be sent to the Village Hall Committee. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Fire Alarm.** Quote awaited for putting the sounder and other matters right in line with previous system drawing. An update has been requested.

**New Village Hall Treasurer.** Mr Eric Wagstaff has requested details regarding the Parish Council budget for any funding to the Village Hall, and whether the Council would support any specific projects. Cllrs agreed on a response. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

### Any Other Business

Chairman raised about overgrown hedges / trees along part of Stubby Lane and also about the piles of horse muck that were left on a pavement in Stubby Lane. Parishioner raised that horse muck was a problem in Greaves Lane. Chairman suggested that an article was placed in the next Parish Council Newsletter. **Action – Vice Chairman.**

Chairman asked the Vice Chairman if he would put together the next Newsletter. Vice Chairman agreed to draft one for the next meeting and asked Cllrs to send any articles / ideas to him. **Action – Vice Chairman.**

Borough Cllr Stephen Smith advised that the WASP fund was being replaced with the Councillors Community Fund and that the SCC Lengthsman scheme would shortly be coming to an end.

### **Diary Notes from:**

**December 2015 - Annual closure of gaps in playing field.** Cllrs agreed to postpone this until the new fencing and gate at the Swan Road end had been installed.

**February 2016 – Visibility Splay.** Cllrs agreed to diarise this for the June Parish Council meeting. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

A Parishioner raised concerns about the bollards on The Green, Pipehay Lane, in that, recently two ambulances had problems accessing and turning round on this part of the estate, so the ambulances ended up having to park in the middle of the road, which caused issues for local residents. Chairman responded saying that Mr Andrew Griffiths MP had been reminded about his previous outstanding action and had been invited to this meeting but was unable to attend. Details to be sent to Mr Andrew Griffiths MP. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**As no other business arose the open meeting closed 9.25 p.m.**

**Date of the next monthly meeting: Thursday 12 May 2016, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.**

**Signed**



**Date** 12 May 2016

**Chairman**

### 2016 – Dates of Parish Council meetings:

**9 June      14 July      8 September   13 October   10 November   8 December**  
Minutes of the Parish Council meetings can be viewed in the noticeboard located outside the Village Hall and <http://draycottintheclayparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/>