

# DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11 February 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  
Borough Cllr Stephen Smith, Crown Ward  
7 Members of the Public

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

### Declaration of Interests

All Cllrs said that they were not aware of any at this point in the meeting, but would declare at the appropriate point during the meeting.

### Matters Arising

Parishioner raised that there was some fly tipping in Yew Tree Lane. **Action – Parish Clerk to contact ESBC.**

**Ironman event - map.** Ironman has confirmed that the map has not changed from last year. Cllr Arthur Renshaw raised that the error last year was within the instructions that came with the map. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**RBS Bank Mandate.** Carried over from January meeting:  
**Action – Cllr Caroline Hulse to submit her form to RBS.**

**Issue with Mr Andrew Griffiths MP - The Green, Pipehay Lane.** Reminder to be sent to Ms Sarah Bridgman about the Parish Council seeing the draft letter before it was sent to ESBC. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Large Bush, Pipehay Lane.** Carried over from January meeting:  
Member of the Public raised that there was a large bush which required attention on the corner of Pipehay Lane. Cllr Caroline Hulse offered to take a photograph and send to the Parish Clerk. **Action – Cllr Caroline Hulse.**  
Parish Clerk to then contact ESBC and SCC to see who owned the area of land. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

### Accounts for Payment

Mrs R Hill, Parish Clerk salary February 2016 and expenses	£367.01
Staffordshire Pension Fund, re pension (February payment)	£121.36
RCAB Barton Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Lease of the Playing Field	£728.57

for the period between 23/02/2016 and 22/02/2017

M Flavell, reimbursement of expenses re copying of newsletter

£ 20.00

All of the above accounts were proposed for payment by Cllr Sue Fulford and seconded by Cllr B 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.** Cllr Smith reported that he should know the decision soon.

**Dovegate Prison re liaison meeting.** Cllrs Sue Fulford and Caroline Hulse offered to attend the next meeting on Thursday 25 February at 6.00pm in the training centre. **Action - Cllrs Sue Fulford and Caroline Hulse.** Cllr Arthur Renshaw raised that a Member of the Public had been stopped when walking round one of the pools and was told not to access the land again – clarification to be gained at the liaison meeting.

**The Pensions Regulator re Law on workplace pensions.** **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**SPCA Bulletin re External Audit Arrangements: 2017 onwards.** Details were sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the matter and agreed to 'stay in'.

**SPCA re Free Audit Information Session delivered by Grant Thornton.** Noted.

**SPCA Bulletin re “Staffordshire Day” 1 May.** Details to be posted on the website. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**ESBC re Rest Centre Training.** Cllrs decided not to pursue.

**ESBC re Clean For The Queen – Parish Litter Pick.** Cllrs agreed that due to lack of pavements and safety issues the Parish Council was unable to encourage people to litter pick. Proposed by Chairman. Seconded by Vice Chairman. All in favour. However, Cllrs wished to thank the good community spirit of those who clear litter when out and about. Member of the Public requested that a litter bin was erected in the pull-in in Yew Tree Lane. **Action – Parish Clerk to submit a request to ESBC.** Cllr Arthur Renshaw requested that thanks be sent regarding the litter pick along Draycott Cliff on 9 February 2016. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Community Council of Staffordshire re Staffordshire Diary of Village Festivals and Events 2016.** Parish Clerk has already advised local community groups.

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

**ESBC re Tree Preservation Order No TPO 323 – Draycott Lodge, 68 Stubby Lane, Draycott in the Clay DE6 5BU.** Cllrs recorded that they had no issues with the revised drawing.

Decision Notice: **P/2015/01585 - The Lont, Stubby Lane.** Refused.

**ESBC Enforcement re The Swan PH.** Following information from a Member of the Public ESBC has advised that an enforcement process was going through.

**ESBC re Housing Choice Draft Supplementary Planning Documents – Consultation.** Details were sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Noted.

**P/2015/01626: Construction of a Solar Farm. Land North of Moreton Lane, Draycott in the Clay.** Cllr Arthur Renshaw raised serious concerns that access to the site was from Draycott in the Clay and not Marchington. TGC advised at the time that Marchington would have the access problems and so Marchington would gain the benefits. Cllrs agreed to send a letter to TGC. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Pipehay Farm.** Outcome of investigations waited from ESBC Enforcement.

### **Circulars Received**

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

Connect Roads re A50 Stoke-Derby Link – Report on Project Road Performance. Noted.

Glasdon re Product literature. Noted.

### **Highway / Traffic Matters**

**Boulder.** Correspondence received from SCC. Boulder has since been moved.

**Visibility Splay.** Response received from Mr A O'Brien, including asking the Parish Council to monitor the height of hedge. Cllr Arthur Renshaw to go through the details with Borough Cllr S Smith. **Action – Parish Clerk to make a diary note for 2 months' time.**

**Proposed A515 Weight Restriction south of Draycott in the Clay / Better signage at Six Roads End.** Report likely to be out March 2016.

**Hortons' Estate Limited re Stubby Lane Footpath.** Mr Graham Hunt has advised that he has a cheaper solution. Mr Graham Hunt has accepted an invitation to attend the Parish Council meeting on 10 March to explain further. Mr Richard Norgrove has also been invited – waiting a response.

**Hortons' Estate Limited re overgrown hedge Stubby Lane.** Mr Richard Norgrove has advised he was waiting for a response from their Solicitor. **Action – Parish Clerk to contact again.**

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

**Weekly inspection reports.** Inspection reports received – no new issues reported. It was noted that site looks good at the moment. **Action – Parish Clerk to make a diary note for quotes for more bark in April.**

**Replacement picnic seat. POST MEETING NOTE:** New seat has been fitted.

**Litter bins.** Three quotes have been received from contractors for the concrete bases – varying between £400.00 and £480.00 including VAT. Chairman commented that the quotes need to also include for the fitting of the bin stands as well. **Action – Cllr Arthur Renshaw to speak to lowest priced contractor about including the installation of**

**the bin stands at the same price.** Bin stands (only) to be ordered with Willshee's (delivered to the shop). **Action – Parish Clerk.**

**Kissing gate.** Mr Graham Hunt to chase up the works. Cllr N Powlson raised that a Member of the Public had raised concerns with him about the area being slippery.

**Noticeboards at playing fields.** Two quotes received for posts and erecting four noticeboards. Chairman queried the number of noticeboards and suggested that only two be erected. Cllrs agreed for one to be located at The Swan pub end and the other by Hollow Lane. **Action – Cllr Arthur Renshaw.**

**Play Inspection Company re Stock Valuation.** Noted.

### **Village Hall Update**

**PAT testing and Fire Alarm.** Carried over from January 2016:

The meeting went on to discuss that following the last meeting Cllrs had been sent details of the PAT testing requirements. Regarding the fire alarm project, it was noted that the installation does not fully reflect the specification drawings which the Parish Council had assumed would be supplied to the contractor by the Chairman or other representative of the Village Hall Committee. It was further noted that the blue flashing light should be inside the Hall, but that it is actually on the outside wall at the front of the Hall. It was agreed to revisit the PAT and fire alarm issues should a new Committee be formed and the hall continue to operate.

Councillors were advised that the fire alarm was not working properly and that it has come to light that Integrity Electrical which installed the fire alarm system was no longer in business. As a result of the situation Cllrs agreed to ask REM Electrical Services to examine and fix the fire alarm system and to give a quote for putting the sounder and other matters right in line with previous system drawing. Proposed by Vice Chairman. Seconded by Chairman. All in favour. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Cllrs agreed that the outside light that was temporarily repaired needs to be fixed. **Action – Parish Clerk to contact REM Electrical Services.**

Prior to the Parish Council meeting an open meeting was held regarding the future of the Village Hall. From this meeting six people showed an interest in forming a new Village Hall Committee. These people will meet to consider the position and report back at the Parish Council meeting on 10 March to give their decision.

Once new Village Hall Committee is in place Cllr Nigel Powlson to make contact with Burton Albion. **Action – Cllr Nigel Powlson.**

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr Sue Fulford enquired with Borough Cllr Stephen Smith about SCC's decision not to pay grant funded agencies. It was agreed that this conversation be carried on outside of the meeting.

Cllr Arthur Renshaw reported that he appreciated that the Highway Authority had carried out works within the area of Woodedge Lane and Banktop Road; however, a property

was still having issues with ingressing water. The drain opposite Lyndhurst still has water coming up through it and flowing down the road before entering two other drains to clear and during this time HGVs passing through the water cause spray on to the adjoining property of The Cedars. **Action – Parish Clerk to contact Mr Graham Hunt.**

Cllr Arthur Renshaw raised about a contribution to the Village Hall towards the electricity used for the Christmas lights. To be raised at the next meeting.

Chairman advised Cllrs that he had made a statement to the press about the recent accident along Draycott Cliff. Chairman and Vice Chairman raised with Borough Cllr Stephen Smith that they were surprised and disappointed with his response in that he was unable to comment. Cllr Smith responded saying he did not know all the points about the incident as the investigation was still ongoing, so could not comment. A response was received from Mr Graham Hunt, SCC along similar lines.

Cllr Arthur Renshaw commented that a speed watch had been carried out that morning outside the Village Hall and that they were surprised that there were not more accidents on the junction of Stubby Lane and A515. He added that more HGVs were travelling along Stubby Lane going to / from Marchington Industrial Estate – that the road was too narrow, that HGVs were getting too large for the road and HGVs were cutting the kerb by the shrubs opposite the bus shelter.

One Member of the Public left the meeting room.

Parish Clerk asked if there were any works for the Neighbourhood Highway Team – shrubs opposite the bus shelter, trees in Main Road, overgrown bush in Moreton Lane  
**Action - Chairman to send photographs of the latter to Parish Clerk to then action.**

Member of the Public raised about an overgrown crab apple tree outside 44 to 46 Stubby Lane. **Action – Parish Clerk to advise Trent & Dove Housing.**

The Village Hall is holding a Pamper Night on 11 March 2016.

**As no other business arose the open meeting closed 8.35 p.m.**

**Date of the next monthly meeting: Thursday 10 March 2016, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.**

**Signed**

**Date** 10 March 2016

**Chairman**



**2016 – Dates of Parish Council meetings:**

<b>14 April</b>	<b>12 May</b>	<b>9 June</b>
<b>14 July</b>	<b>8 September</b>	<b>13 October</b>
<b>10 November</b>	<b>8 December</b>	

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