

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10 November 2016

Apologies: Cllrs Sue Fulford and Caroline Hulse

Present: Chairman Cllr Ken Rudman
Vice Chairman Cllr Mark Flavell
Cllrs Barbara Marshall, Nigel Powlson and Arthur Renshaw
Parish Clerk Mrs Rita Hill
Mr Graham Hunt, SCC Community Partnerships Officer
(Cannock Chase and East Staffordshire) (part)
Borough Cllr Stephen Smith, Crown Ward
1 Member of the Public

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Declaration of Interests

None were received.

Issues raised with Mr Graham Hunt, SCC

Very large dumper truck movements on the B5017. Cllrs updated Mr Graham Hunt on the latest situation and emphasised that these movements were totally unacceptable. Mr Hunt explained that all movements should have Police or company official escorts and that SCC had checked that the storage of such vehicles on Marchington Industrial Estate was consistent with Planning. The company has the right to use the highway; however, if any of the underground highway structures were damaged then SCC would relook into this right (Mr Hunt has asked SCC Engineers for a response on the structures by December). Mr Hunt said he would look again, with Derbyshire County Council, into these vehicles using Aston Bridge (weight limit of bridge). Mr Hunt suggested that the Parish Council contacted the company to open up a dialogue to find out in advance when the movements were and then have a way of informing local people and users of Marchington Industrial Estate. Chairman enquired as to why the movements could not be sent through Uttoxeter. Mr Hunt fully appreciated the situation of the issue when these very large vehicles meet HGVs as he personally witnessed this. Cllr Arthur Renshaw made the point that the Parish Council was really unable to do anything but needed to press for a road out to Moreton Lane. Mr Hunt suggest Cllrs looked at Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan about restricting use of premises; however, the Chairman pointed out that Marchington Industrial Estate was not within our Parish.

Problems with the drain opposite Lyndhurst and HGVs spraying water on to the adjoining property of The Cedars. Mr Hunt advised that he had personally logged a call with Highways – he understood that the issue had been inspected, but that the work was not completed. **Action – Mr Hunt to obtain an update.**

NH Team. **Action – Mr Hunt to confirm email address for Tim Buxton.**

A50, Balfour Beatty. Chairman read out the response received from Mr Matthew Nance regarding the notice period to apply for a temporary reduction of speed to 30mph. Cllrs queried the cost of temporary traffic regulation orders. Mr Hunt asked for a copy in order to investigate. **Action – Mr Hunt.**

A50 re Drive Route of Diversion using B5017. Borough Cllr Stephen Smith explained to Mr Hunt the proposal. **Action - Borough Cllr Stephen Smith hoped to have an answer for the next Parish Council meeting.**

Parish Council Letter to County Cllr Philip Atkins. Vice Chairman explained to Mr Hunt that the Parish Council was still waiting for responses to a recent letter.

Discussion took place round these issues:

HCVs on Stubby Lane – awaiting feedback / outcome. **Action – Mr Hunt.**

Speed Limits – awaiting confirmation of the process and costs of implementing speed limit review – whether Stubby Lane in isolation or a scenario with all sections in one project. Mr Hunt advised that he had discussed this with Cllr Philip Atkins - through his Divisional Highways Programme – could look at this next year, could not give a guarantee, would have to go through an assessment. Vice Chairman queried this as the project was already in Cllr Atkins report. Cllr Nigel Powlson asked where this project was within the priority list. Cllr Arthur Renshaw raised about one charge for the whole length of the different sections of highway. Mr Hunt raised about the Stubby Lane section and raised that this was being looked at as part of next year's spend – dependant on information from Amey. **Action – Mr Hunt.** With regard to a meeting with Mr Richard Rayson and Councillors, Mr Hunt agreed to arrange a date. **Action – Mr Hunt.**

Sudbury Service Station – Mr Hunt raised and spoke about the issues at this location and advised Cllrs of the various steps currently being discussed / looked into / undertaken.

Localised flooding – Mr Hunt raised an issue of localised gulleies and how this could be locally funded within Uttoxeter and the immediate area. Mr Hunt to keep the Parish Council informed.

Weight Limit A515 – Mr Hunt explained about the freight forum. Vice Chairman gave feedback from Kings Bromley and Yoxall Parish Councils. Cllrs agreed to host any meetings. **Action – Mr Hunt.**

Chairman thanked Mr Graham Hunt for attending.

Mr Graham Hunt left the meeting room.

Matters Arising

Ancient monument well / fountain, Pipehay Lane. Joint site meeting took place. Savills said they would still be interested in looking into the project at a later date.

Amount of horse manure along Riddings Lane. The matter was raised a recent site meeting.

Parish Council Newsletter. Vice Chairman was thanked for producing the draft. Cllrs approved the Newsletter. To be printed and distributed during December.
Action – Chairman and Cllrs.

Accounts for Payment

Letter from Hanbury Parish Council re St Werburgh's Church, Hanbury. Cllrs agreed to donate £200.00 as in previous years. Proposed by Chairman. Seconded by Vice Chairman. All in favour. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Receipts:

ESBC, Precept	£8,733.09
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Expenditure:

Mrs R Hill, Parish Clerk salary November 2016 and expenses	£ 398.76
Staffordshire Pension Fund, re pension (November payment)	£ 135.84
Bloomin' Gardens & Landscapes Ltd, Grass mowing invoice no. 640821	£ 97.50
Willshee's Skip Hire Ltd, Collection of mixed municipal waste (in advance period 01-12-2016 to 28-02-2017)	£ 75.18
Draycott in the Clay Village Hall, 2 nd and final precept payment for 2016/17 (Section 133)	£ 850.00
Hanbury Parish Council, Donation towards St Werburgh's churchyard maintenance	£ 200.00

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

Chairman distributed the current receipts / payments accounts for 2016 / 2017.

General Correspondence

Prison Liaison Meeting. Cllr Caroline Hulse attend the meeting on 9 November – feedback awaited. **Action – Cllr Caroline Hulse.**

St Augustine's First School and Village Hall re Christmas trees. Mr Neil Fraser, Savills has agreed to donate four trees. Parish Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Caroline Hulse to see if she would be willing to arrange some help regarding the collection / delivery of the trees as last year. **Action – Parish Clerk / Cllr Caroline Hulse.**

Mr Andrew Griffiths MP. Attending the December Parish Council meeting.

ESBC re New Neighbourhood funding process 2017. Noted.

Planning Applications and Related Matters

P/2016/00208: Sudbury Filling Station, Station Road, Draycott in the Clay. Regarding refrigeration lorries Mr Alan Harvey, Planner has responded saying; in planning terms, there is no differentiation between types of lorries. The use is lorry parking.

Planning Applications:

P/2016/01161: Remodel front elevation, two storey side and front extensions, single storey rear extension with balcony over, link extension to barns to form swimming pool, conversion and extension to existing barns to form ancillary living accommodation, use of existing detached outbuilding as additional ancillary living accommodation, alterations to driveway and erection of entrance gates and walls and change of use to land to form garden area. Moat Farm, Station Road, Draycott in the Clay. Applicants have provided a Flood Risk Assessment at the request of the Environment Agency. Noted. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

P/2016/00711 (Revised): Retention of 14 floodlights to existing ménage. Pipehay Farm, Pipehay Lane, Draycott in the Clay. Cllr Nigel Powlson attended a site meeting on the evening of 7 October – Cllrs thanked him for this. Cllr Nigel Powlson gave a resume of the meeting. Cllrs agreed to advise Mr Alan Harvey, Planner that the Parish Council had no further comment to make. **Action – Parish Clerk.** Cllrs agreed to contact Savills regarding the retrospective applications. **Action – Parish Clerk.** Discussion took place regarding the extra 10 lights and that this was being looked into by ESBC.

POST MEETING NOTE: An email has since been received on 14 November 2016 from Mr Alan Harvey advising “I would also confirm that subsequent to that visit that the 10 No (presently unauthorised) lights on the path leading down to the ménage have been added by the applicants for retention to this retrospective application in addition to the 14 No. floodlights that are on the ménage itself.”

Private Gypsy site Station Road. Carried over from October meeting:

Action - Borough Cllr Stephen Smith to seek an update.

P/2016/01431: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued occupation of an agricultural workers dwelling without complying with agricultural occupancy condition 6 of planning permission HO/17850/025 dated 19 October 2000. Highfield Farmhouse, Toby's Hill, Draycott in the Clay, DE6 5BT. Having received no representations from Parishioners, it was agreed that the Parish Council has no comment to make on this application. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Circulars Received

SPCA re AGM, 5 December 2016. Noted.

SLCC re The Clerk magazine. Noted.

Highway / Traffic Matters

Hortons' Estate Limited re Permissive route and hedge, Stubby Lane. As no response had been received from Mr Richard Norgrove Cllrs agreed for the Chairman to contact Mr Norgrove's line manager. **Action – Chairman.**

Proposed A515 Weight Restriction south of Draycott in the Clay / Better signage at Six Roads End. Vice Chairman to seek an update for the next Parish Council meeting. **Action – Vice Chairman.**

County Cllr Philip Atkins re Follow-up to Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 18 July 2016. County Cllr Philip Atkins to attend the December Parish Council meeting.

Overhanging bushes along Moreton Lane. Chairman / Vice Chairman to take Borough Cllr Stephen Smith to the location. **Action – Chairman / Vice Chairman and Borough Cllr Stephen Smith.**

Overgrown shrubs junction of Stubby Lane and A515. NHTeam to be re-advised. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Village Facilities, Maintenance and Landscaping

Weekly inspection reports. Inspection reports received – wooden log – Cllrs agreed no action required at present.

Replacement picnic seats. Cllrs agreed to order two replacement picnic seats at a revised cost of £70.50 + VAT (error made by Wicksteed on the cost previously sent through). Proposed by Chairman. Seconded by Vice Chairman. All in favour. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Jungle Climber. Cllr Barbara Marshall gave an update on the protruding bolts on the jungle climber. Borough Cllr Stephen Smith offered assistance. **Action – Cllr Barbara Marshall to liaise with Borough Cllr Stephen Smith.**

ESBC, Dog fouling signs at the playing field. Cllr Arthur Renshaw advised that new paper signs had been erected. **Action – Parish Clerk to try and obtain some more posters for the noticeboards.**

Old waste bins. Would anyone like some waste bins? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Noticeboards. Carried over from the May meeting:
Parish Clerk to draft an advisory notice. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Renovation of slide embankment. Chairman said he was pleased to report that Mr Neil Fraser had written advising "that the application for assistance for the Play Park works has been considered and the Duchy Benevolent Fund will be in a position to provide a sizeable contribution". **Action – Parish Clerk to confirm payment details.** Chairman advised that details had been received from MacGroundworks about the cost of the security fencing - £360.00 for eight week hire.

Cllrs enquired if the revised specification for the renovation works had been received in writing. Also clarification as to whether the grass would be seed or turf. **Action – Chairman to follow up.** Order not to be placed until these details have been received. Mr Ken Ashton, Village Show Committee has advised that unfortunately there would be no donation towards the project.

Zip wire. A quote for £801.60 has been received from MacGroundworks – works based on the details raised within the annual inspection report. Cllrs agreed to carry over the decision whether to proceed until further details of the renovation slide embankment were received.

Cutting of the playing field boundary hedges. Boundary hedges have been cut – an excellent job was carried out.

Public footpath no. 6. Chairman raised that the grass along part of this route was very overgrown and wondered if the Parish Council could get it strimmed. Cllrs and Parish Clerk replied saying that the land did not belong to the Parish Council so would not be in a position to do this – it was the responsibility of the landowner. Parish Clerk to recheck with SCC Rights of Way about the believed diversion on part of this route. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Village Hall Update

Chairman updated Cllrs with regard to the meeting he attended on 1 November 2016.

Fire Alarm. Cllr Arthur Renshaw declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions or decisions. Cllrs agreed to proceed with the order and suggested that representatives from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee be present on the first day works commence. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Parish Council equipment at the Village Hall. Cllr Arthur Renshaw met with a Village Hall Committee member and drew up a list. Cllrs went through the items covered by the Parish Council insurance and agreed that all items of value were covered by the policy. Village Hall Committee to be advised. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Annual closure of Village Hall rear gate – 12 & 13 November 2016. Posters were handed over to Mrs Jenny Murphy. **Action – Mrs Jenny Murphy.**

Any Other Business

Diary Note from previous Parish Council meeting:

July 2016 – Mr Graham Hunt, SCC re highway repairs e.g. instarmac. **Action – Parish Clerk to raise with Mr Graham Hunt and make a diary note for July 2017.**

Parish Clerk raised the following issues:

- Congratulations have been sent to the Klondyke with regards to their recent bonfire and fireworks event. An acknowledgement of grateful thanks has been received.

- At the December 2016 Parish Council the Precept will be discussed. **Action – Chairman to contact the Village Hall Committee with regard to this.**
- The current 3-year grass mowing contract expires. Cllrs agreed to ask the current contractor Bloomin' Gardens to re-quote against the previous specification, but remove the area between the hedge and the wire fencing and the former football pitch. Proposed by Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Barbara Marshall. All Cllrs in favour. **Action – Parish Clerk.**

Chairman advised Cllrs that the Parish Clerk on 9 November 2016 had handed to him her letter of resignation and that per the terms of contract would remain in post until 31 January 2017. The rest of the Cllrs were extremely disappointed to hear this but understood the reason why. Vice Chairman commented that Mrs Rita Hill had been in post since October 2001 and wished to thank her for her loyal support and dedication over the last 15 years. Cllr Arthur Renshaw said that it was a deep loss to the Parish Council but also to the Parish as a whole. Cllrs asked Mrs Rita Hill to reconsider or asked whether there could be a way to reduce some of the workload. **Action – Parish Clerk to consider and speak to the Vice Chairman.**

Chairman advised that he wished to stand down as Chairman with immediate effect following the December Parish Council meeting, but would stay on as a Councillor for the foreseeable future.

Cllr Barbara Marshall wished to raise that when the Parish Clerk or Cllrs sent out email communications seeking responses from Cllrs that everyone replied stating their position and that all Cllrs were included in the response. **Action – All Cllrs.**

As no other business arose the open meeting closed 9.40p.m.

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

Signed *Signature removed*

Date 8 December 2016

Chairman

2017 – Dates of Parish Council meetings:

12 January	9 February	9 March	13 April
11 May	8 June	13 July	14 September
12 October	9 November	14 December	

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