

# Drayton Bassett Parish Council

## Minutes of the Drayton Bassett Full Council meeting held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Bridge (Chair) Cllr M Gwynn  
Cllr A Price Cllr J Williams  
Cllr E Wilson

Also Present: H Goodreid – Parish Clerk

Z Dewes M Keenan  
R Keenan M Price (BBV)  
K Putman M Putman  
J Watson J Williams

Min No.	Item	Actions
<b>70</b> 70.1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Stockil and Cllr C Williams	
<b>71</b> 71.1	<b>Declaration of Personal &amp; Prejudicial Interest in any item on the agenda</b> Cllr J Williams declared an interest in item 80 as he was related to the contractor quoting for the electrical work at the pavilion.	
<b>72</b> 72.1	<b>To receive any requests for dispensation</b> None.	
<b>73</b> 73.1	<b>Chair to close the meeting for the public session</b> Comments from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A resident requested that information on the councils Facebook page should also be placed on the website.</li> <li>A resident again sought confirmation that public would be able to speak during meetings on general agenda items. The Standing Orders for the Council say that members of public may speak if invited to do so by the Chair of the Council. Members of public must raise their hands to be invited to make this request known to the Chair.</li> <li>A resident asked when the next newsletter would be out and why the link on the website was not available. Cllr Wilson was looking into the link on the website and the new newsletter would be out probably spring this year.</li> <li>Concern that a bin was missing and littering occurring in a lay-by on Coleshill Lane opposite Salts Lane. Also the road had stone debris following recent heavy rains – this needed to be reported.</li> </ul>	Clerk to place article on website  Clerk & Cllrs to develop newsletter  Clerk to report issues.
<b>74</b> 74.1	<b>Chair to reopen the council meeting</b> The meeting was reopened	

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<b>75</b> 75.1	<b>To consider approving and signing the following council minutes:</b> <u>Full Council Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024</u> <i>Proposed: Cllr Wilson; Seconded: Cllr Price</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b>	
<b>76</b> 76.1  76.2  76.3  76.4  76.5	<b>Actions Arising</b> Contact still needs to be made with the farmer responsible for the footpath which had been ploughed. Problems are exacerbated as muddy conditions means that walkers are walking around the edge of the field. Cllr Price to follow up.  Issue re request stops had been raised and reported back to resident.  Tennis nets have been removed and stored.  Clerk to follow up on issue of moles.  Speedwatch stats are be added to letter to police/Highways/Cllrs re speeding in the village.	
<b>77</b> 77.1	<b>Update from HS2</b> Matt Price attended the meeting and noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extended offer to Cllrs to look around the site to understand workings</li> <li>Works to Drayton Lane realignment had temporarily halted whilst abutments are being cast. Once done, the work will be completed mid 2025 then designs for drainage around the junction of Shirrall Drive would take place. Drayton Lane would be closed overnight on 17/18<sup>th</sup> February with traffic control lights in operation as illuminated signage being put in.</li> <li>Re bridge work on Sutton Road, completion was scheduled for end of 2025/beginning 2026 and the Sutton Road would be put back to the original alignment.</li> <li>An event will be held in North Warks / Staffordshire giving full update on future plans for HS2 in April 2025.</li> <li>It was noted that the operator in attendance at the lights where HS2 crosses Drayton Lane, is observing that the control lights work appropriately rather than manually operating the lights.</li> <li>Concerns raised over the security / spot lights on the site at night as these are dazzling for drivers. Matt would take issue back.</li> <li>Report of a lorry for HS2 passing through the village by the Speed Watch team – Matt Price to look into this.</li> </ul>	
<b>78</b> 78.1	<b>Tree Survey</b> One quote had been received so far for a full survey for all trees on Parish Council land. The survey would plot each tree, give a condition report and advise on future plan of works. A second quote has been sought. Former Cllr Keenan would pass the previous condition survey to the Clerk. It was agreed not to go forward with the work until further quotes had been obtained.	
<b>79</b> 79.1	<b>Playground Works</b> A tender had been drawn up to address the more pressing works	

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	<p>recommended from the playground inspection report undertaken Autumn 2024. The inspection company had recommended their preferred contractor and a quote had been received for £1,602.36 + VAT from HAGS. It was agreed to proceed with this work at the earliest opportunity.  <i>Proposed: Cllr Wilson, Seconded: Cllr Gwynn</i>  <b>Motion was agreed.</b></p>	Clerk to let the work
79.2	Clerk was asked to chase issues with the provider of the new equipment around which there were also safety issues.	
<b>80</b>	<b>Village Park, planters and Speed Watch</b>	
80.1	Cllr Wilson had met with the DofE volunteer who wanted to do various works in the village. Owing to poor weather he had so far undertaken littler collection in and around the village but would move to weeding and care of the village park when the weather improved. It was agreed that a couple of dates would be identified for a village volunteer day where residents would be invited to clear weeds and undertake minor works in the park and on planters around the village. This would be advertised on Facebook and placed in future newsletter when Cllrs had agreed on the dates.	
80.2	Monitoring of the dogs in park policy continued. Concern that residents were ignoring the notice to keep dogs on short leads.	
80.3	A resident raised the idea of bulb planting in certain areas in memory of former Cllrs David Davies. It was agreed that if funding was obtained from Lichfield Council for this, it could take place on parish council land.	
80.4	A letter of thanks had been received form the National police Chiefs Council for the work of the Speed Watch team in the first 12 months of their work. On Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan between 8.30am and 9.30am, 159 vehicles passed through the village with 8 recorded and reported for speeding.	
80.5	<p>An emergency engineer had been called in to repair the roller shutter to the Pavilion door and remove the broken electrical heater. The roller shutter work had been completed and a quote of £145 had been received to remove and replace one electrical heater. It was agreed that this quote should be accepted.  <i>Proposed: Cllr Price; Seconded: Cllr Gwynn</i>  <b>The motion was agreed</b></p>	Clerk to let the contract.
<b>81</b>	<b>Village Green</b>	
81.1	This item would be deferred to the next meeting.	
<b>82</b>	<b>Flooding Issues</b>	
82.1	<p>Residents had raised issues of localised flooding in and around the village in recent exceptional rainfall episodes. There was a need for clarity about how we notify highways agencies to close roads / redirect traffic and possible dredging of gulleys and drains. Clerk to look in to this. Individuals were encouraged to photograph and report blocked drains direct to the County: <a href="#">Staffordshire highways – Staffordshire County Council</a></p>	Clerk to follow up

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<b>83</b>	<b>Precept and Budget</b>	
83.1	The councillors had a copy of the annual expenditure for the past years and forecast for 24/25. It was proposed that a precept of £28,257 be requested which was 2% increase for inflation of costs. <i>Proposed: Cllr J Williams; Seconded: Cllr Price</i> <b>Motion was agreed.</b>	Clerk to submit request to LDC
83.2	Cllrs would look at the Ear Marked Reserves at the next meeting for 25/26.	To be placed on next agenda
<b>84</b>	<b>Finances</b>	
84.1	Councillors received the November and December bank reconciliations and considered the list of payments* for January. It was proposed that these be accepted. <i>Proposed: Cllr Bridge; Seconded: Cllr Gwynn</i> <b>The motion was agreed.</b>	
<b>85</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
85.1	Most correspondence had already been included in the discussion of the meeting but additional items emailed to Clerk, Councillors included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reassurance sought from resident re no pesticide or poisoning put in the village park.</li> <li>• The SPCA newsletter had been circulated to Cllrs advising of training for the forthcoming year.</li> <li>• Meeting of the 20 is Plenty group to take place in February – Cllr Price to attend.</li> <li>• LDC had been asked to empty bins on the periphery of the parish and this had been done.</li> </ul>	
<b>86</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
86.1	Cllrs discussed planning application 24/01381/OUT for The Woodlands, Drayton Lane. Cllrs agreed to OBJECT to the application as there were concerns about overcrowding of the site and traffic safety issues associated with the driveways coming on to Drayton Lane on a sharp bend.	Clerk to place objection on the website.
86.2	Cllrs discussed planning application 24/01324/FUL for Willow End, Salts Lane. There were no comments.	
<b>87</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
87.1	The next <u>Full Council</u> would take place on Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.	

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

**\*84 Finances agreed at Meeting**

	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Gross
DD	LDC	Business Rates	175.00	0	175.00
DD	SAGE	payroll	10.00	2.00	12.00
DD	EDF	Electricity Supply	37.79	0	37.79
FPO	H Goodreid	January salary	278.88	0	278.88
FPO	H Goodreid	Stationery and Printing Expenses	54.75	1.75	56.50
FPO	Mazars	External Audit Fees	450.00	84.00	504.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>976.42</b>	<b>87.75</b>	<b>1,064.17</b>

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