

Drayton Bassett Parish Council

Minutes of the Drayton Bassett Full Council meeting held Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: H Goodreid – Parish Clerk

D Bryant	J Davies
J Jennings	M Keenan
R Keenan	P Millard
M Putman	K Rose
J Watson	J Williams

Min No.	Item	Actions
88 88.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Stockil.	
89 89.1	Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial Interest in any item on the agenda Cllr J Williams declared an interest in item 100 as he was related to the contractor quoting for the electrical work at the pavilion.	
90 90.1	To receive any requests for dispensation None.	
91 91.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session Comments from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A resident requested clarification on applying for funding for St David's daffodils to be bought and planted around the village in memory of former Cllr David Davies. It was proposed that the parish council spend up to £100 for these and other daffodils to be planted in areas to be agreed. <i>Proposed: Cllr Wilson; Seconded: Cllr Gwynn</i> The motion was agreed A resident requested when the road signs along Salts Lane would be reinstated – this had been reported using the county council reporting page. A resident asked why a metal box had appeared in the bus shelter – this was a box for posting responses on a HS2 and church leaflet which would be coming out in the near future so people could have a say in how they wanted to see the church develop. It was felt that this may serve as a way for members of the public to contact the parish council with any issues/questions. Parking in front of the church was an issue as a local resident was 	<p>Clerk to place on March agenda to clarify location of bulbs</p> <p>Clerk to follow up and place on March agenda.</p>

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	<p>using the area to sell used cars. It was agreed that the Clerk would look in to this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions were asked around the tree survey which would be dealt with later on the agenda 	
92 92.1	<p>Chair to reopen the council meeting</p> <p>The meeting was reopened</p>	
93 93.1	<p>To consider approving and signing the following council minutes:</p> <p><u>Full Council Meeting held 21st January 2025</u> <i>Proposed: Cllr Wilson; Seconded: Cllr Williams</i> The motion was agreed.</p>	
94 94.1	<p>Actions Arising</p> <p>All items had either been actioned or were on the agenda except for:</p>	
94.2	<p>Contact had been made with the farmer responsible for the footpath which had been ploughed. They had replied that the tenant farmer will be reinstating the pathway shortly as indicated on the plans but should the field be too muddy in the meantime, walkers should continue to walk around the edge of the field.</p>	
94.3	<p>An application for CIL funding had been made to LDC to install additional SpeedWatch measures in the village. The results of this would be known later in the week.</p>	
94.4	<p>It was noted that the lights around HS2 had been adjusted which made driving easier.</p>	
95 95.1	<p>Tree Survey</p> <p>Three companies had been approached to undertake a comprehensive survey of the all the trees on all land owned by the parish council. Company A – declined to quote as no longer did this work Company B – quoted £1,700 but no VAT Company C – quoted £1,460 + VAT of £292 = £1,752</p>	
95.2	<p>It was proposed to go with Company C – Rob Keyzor Tree Surgeons and Arboricultural Consultants Ltd - as the parish council could reclaim the VAT on the work and it was the cheaper quote. <i>Proposed: Cllr C Williams; Seconded: Cllr Gwynn</i> The motion was agreed.</p>	Clerk to let the contract.
96 96.1	<p>Village Park and SpeedWatch</p> <p>Cllrs will be agreeing a couple of dates in the coming months which we would promote as Volunteers day to help weed planting beds and tidy the park. In addition we will be running a 'meet the councillor' at these events. This would be promoted through the Spring newsletter and Facebook.</p>	Cllrs and Clerk to deliver
96.2	<p>The grounds maintenance contract will end later this year and it was agreed that the Clerk would pull together a tender document for the work required and circulate to Cllrs over the coming months.</p>	Clerk to draw tender together

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96.3	Re the dogs in the park, Cllrs and the Clerk had observed people walking dogs in the park on numerous occasions and seen dogs on lead and dog mess being collected. Should anyone have any feedback on the current policy please let the parish clerk know via email: parishclerk@draytonbassett-pc.gov.uk The end of the trial period would April/May – it was felt that the trial should incorporate a period of warmer weather where park users would increase in number. This would be put on the agenda of a future meeting.																					
96.4	Contact had been made with the dog officer at LDC regarding a PSPO for the park – response was awaited.																					
96.5	Speedwatch had not take place owing to poor weather and dirty cars meant that number plates could not be read.																					
97	Village Green																					
97.1	A tender document had been drawn up and sent to three companies to undertake the work on the village green. Quotes were awaiting and would be brought to a future council meeting. It was agreed that an advert would be placed on the parish council Facebook Page and website so that this would be forwarded to interested builders.	Cllr Williams and Clerk to develop advert for social media																				
98	Ear Marked Reserves																					
98.1	It was proposed that the following amounts be identified as Ear Marked Reserves for 2025/2026 (<i>those marked * should be completed in 2024/2025</i>):																					
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98.2	<i>Proposed: Cllr Bridge; Seconded: Cllr Wilson</i> The motion was agreed																					
99	Church Clock																					
99.1	This item had been discussed in item 98. It was understood that funds were sought for the clock to receive and clean and general overhaul and a new battery. J Jennings would contact the parish council with a quote for this work which would be brought to a future meeting.																					
100	Finances																					
100.1	Councillors received the January bank reconciliation and considered the list of payments* for February. It was proposed that these be accepted. <i>Proposed: Cllr Gwynn; Seconded; Cllr Wilson</i> The motion was agreed.																					

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