

Drayton Bassett Parish Council

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

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

Also Present: H Goodreid – Parish Clerk

E Brown	B Casey
R Davies	T Davies
Z Dewes	J Jennings
H Kidner	S Kidner
K Putnam	M Putnam
S Sollers	J Watson
J Williams	

Min No.	Item	Actions
104 104.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr C Williams.	
105 105.1	Declaration of Personal & Prejudicial Interest in any item on the agenda None	
106 106.1	To receive any requests for dispensation None.	
107 107.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session Comments from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The church requested permission to advise attendees at an upcoming funeral (26th March) and wedding (29th March) that they could use the car park at the village park as parking was no longer available at the village club. This was agreed.A resident asked when the council had taken a decision to buy the club car park – the meeting were advised that the opinion expressed at a recent club public meeting had reflected the view of a councillor and was not the agreed view of the whole council. Should the council be approached to purchase the site, this would be taken at a public council meeting.A residents requested that re the issue of the lifting of the dog ban in the park, when Cllrs made comments on social media this was balanced.	
108 108.1	Chair to reopen the council meeting The meeting was reopened	

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109	To consider approving and signing the following council minutes:	
109.1	Full Council Meeting held 18 st February 2025 <i>Proposed: Cllr Price; Seconded: Cllr Gwynn</i> The motion was agreed.	
110	Actions Arising	
110.1	All items had either been actioned or were on the agenda except for:	
110.2	Item 95 - The tree survey had now been confirmed for 1 st April 2025	
110.3	Item 96 – A volunteers day had been agreed as the 26 th April starting at 10am. This had been mentioned in the Newsletter and would be advertised around the village and on social media.	Volunteers welcome to support
110.4	Item 101 – the closing date for applications to the Best Kept Village was 30 th April 2025.	
111	Village Park	
111.1	<u>Daffodil Planting</u> It was agreed that Janet Watson would apply to LDC for a grant of £100 for the bulbs for the village and the parish would also give a £100 grant. The Parish Clerk would buy the bulbs when the money had been received. The bulbs would primarily be planted around the church with others around the verges in the village.	
111.2	<u>Memorial Structures</u> A request had been received to establish a circular seat around a cherry tree in the village park in memory of Hannah Whitsell. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide the seating as an additional seating area and funds would be collected from donations for a plaque and any additional costs associated with the installation of the bench and tree. The Parish Council would then be responsible for the ongoing upkeep of the bench and tree. It was proposed that a budget of £1,200 be put aside for the purchase of the materials for the circular bench and the tree. <i>Proposed: Cllr Wilson; Seconded: Cllr Gwynn</i> The motion was agreed	
111.3	<u>Village Park Volunteer Day</u> Cllrs had agreed that the 26th April would be the day for the Volunteer working party in the village park. Drinks would be served in the sports pavilion and councillors would be on hand to talk to about village issues. This date had been advertised in the newsletter and would be promoted on social media, the website and at the parish assembly in April.	
111.4	<u>Football Posts</u> People had come forward concerning the damage to the football posts. It was agreed that the children concerned would be invited to undertake weeding work on the volunteer day. The issue around football posts would be placed on a future agenda when Cllr C Williams was in attendance.	To be placed on future agenda
111.5	<u>Moles</u> It was agreed that the Parish Clerk secure quotes to lay mole traps in the	Clerk to obtain

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	village park and at Mayfair Drive.	quotes
112	Church	
112.1	The Clerk updated the meeting on actions undertaken re the parking in front of New Row access and the church. Car registration plates numbers had been taken and passed to the district council. Requests had been made for hatched lines to be placed in the area. Residents were advised that should they witness inconsiderate parking which blocks access to New Row or was illegal, photos could be passed to the parish clerk and these would be sent to LDC as part of the case being made for restrictions on parking in this area.	
112.2	The church passed a quote to the parish council for the service and repair of the church clock: £354 + VAT for the service and £240 + VAT for the new batteries. It was proposed that the parish council should give a grant to the Church for £594 for the work. <i>Proposed: Cllr J Williams; Seconded: Cllr Wilson</i> The motion was agreed	Parish Clerk to arrange payment for the work.
113	Annual Parish Assembly	
113.1	The Parish Clerk explained the nature of the annual Parish Assembly which would be held in the WI Hall on 15 th April 2025 at 7.00pm. Groups were invited to submit a report on their work to present in person or to be handed out by the parish clerk. The Village Club were being invited to attend to give an update on the situation around the site. All residents were invited to this meeting.	
114	Village Green	
114.1	This would be placed on a future agenda.	To be placed on future agenda
115	Speed Watch	
115.1	At the recent Speed Watch, 91 cars were noted passing through the village of which 7 were reported for speeding. Should anyone be interested in helping the Speed Watch team, please contact Cllr Rosemary Bridge. There was concern over lorries passing through the village and residents were asked to make a note of the vehicle and number plates and pass to the parish clerk for action.	
115.2	The grant application to LDC had been successful and the parish council have been awarded £5,890 for flashing radar signs – the parish council will support the grant with their remaining CIL money.	
116	Finances	
116.1	Councillors received the February bank reconciliation and considered the list of payments* for March. It was proposed that these be accepted. <i>Proposed: Cllr Gwynn; Seconded; Cllr Wilson</i> The motion was agreed.	
117	Correspondence	
117.1	Most correspondence had already been included in the discussion of the meeting but additional items emailed to Clerk, Councillors included:	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to report damaged village sign on the Sutton Road Damaged lamppost on corner of Salts Lane / Drayton Lane 	
118	Planning	
118.1	Two planning applications had been submitted in the parish but Cllrs had no comments to make on either.	
119	Date of Next Meeting	
119.1	There will be the Annual Parish Assembly which is a community meeting on 15 th April 2025 at 7pm in the WI Hall.	
119.2	The next <u>Full Council</u> would take place on Tuesday 20 th May 2025 – this would follow the Annual Parish Council Meeting.	

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

***116 Finances agreed at Meeting**

	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Gross
DD	SAGE	Payroll	10.00	2.00	12.00
DD	EDF	Electricity Supply	26.66	1.33	27.99
FPO	H Goodreid	March salary	278.88	0	278.88
FPO	HMRC	Q4 PAYE return	209.00	0	209.00
FPO	V Buffery	Reimbursement cost of plants for planters in village	113.84	0	113.84
FPO	A Price	Reimbursement for replacement key	10.00	0	10.00
Total			648.38	3.33	651.71

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