

Drayton Bassett Parish Council

Minutes of the Drayton Bassett Full Council meeting held Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Bridge (Chair), Cllr A Price, Cllr E Wilson, Cllr M Gwynn & Cllr H Parton.

Also Present: Robert Pritchard, Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 20

Meeting was preceded by a Q&A with Balfour Beatty regarding HS2 works in the area.

152	Apologies: District Councillor Brian Yeates.
153	Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None
154	Public Participation: The following items were raised – Speeding in the village and extra speed watch activities Councils plans on the village green consultation The new dog waste station received positive feedback.
155	Chair to reopen the meeting:
156	Minutes: The minutes were approved, moved by Cllr M Gwynn and seconded by Cllr E Wilson.
157	Reports from District Councillor & County Councillor (for information) if present: Cllr Farrell reported on several issues that have been raised with him. If residents have issues, please raise them with him directly.
158	Clerk's Report: The report was approved, moved by Cllr R Bridge and seconded by Cllr E Wilson.
159	Reports from Council Members (for information) only: Cllr E Wilson reported on the results of land searching that have identified issues previous raised by members of the public are private land, not land the council can action. The issues with blue spray paint have been reported to Lichfield District Council, they have been unable to remove it. She has reported to SCC and LDC flooding on Portleys Lane and other blocked drains locally. Cllr A Price reported the broken sign and has spoken to Staffordshire FA to see if we can access funding for the playing fields. Other sources are being explored. Cllr M Gwynn gave an update on the application for the Best Kept Village Competition. Residents are invited to get in touch if they wish to help. Cllr R Bridge reported that there have been 5 sessions of speed watch, 20 cars were identified as speeding. Representing 10% of the observed traffic.

160	To approve a location for a new litter bin: Lichfield District have provided suggestions on possible sites and the parish council agreed to ask that they install a bin next to Peel Close, on the left side of the junction. Moved by Cllr E Wilson and seconded by Cllr H Parton.
161	Finances:
161.1 & 161.2	The following payments were authorised - NFP Training - £95.00 SLCC Training Manual - £47.50 Staffing costs - £359.70 Waste station installation - £150.00 Land registry search - £7
161.3	The financial reconciliation for February 2026 was approved.
161.4	The purchase of Scribe financial software was approved. Moved by Cllr A Price and seconded Cllr M Gwynn.
162	Picnic in the Park event: The Veggies group requested permission to use the playing fields for a community event. The council approved use of the park for the event "Picnic in the Park" on 4 th July, and approved access to the changing room toilets. The council will need a risk assessment and seek clarification from its insurance provider. Moved by Cllr Glynn and seconded by Cllr Bridge.
163	To approve the following policies: The Scheme of Delegation, with a minor amendment, was approved, proposed by Cllr A Alice and seconded by Cllr R Bridge. The Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints and Complainants Policy was approved, moved by Cllr E Wilson seconded by Cllr R Bridge.
164	Under 13s Football team: The council approved the use of the pavilion facilities and playing fields for a local under 13's football team and access to the facilities on 2 evenings per week. The council requires the team to have risk assessment; safeguarding policies and suitable insurance in place. The council will not change the group in the first year of use. Moved by Cllr A Price and seconded by Cllr M Gwynn.
165	Planning: To consider new planning applications in or affecting the parish. Application No: 26/00182/FUL. Coton Green Football Club. No objections Application No: 26/00028/FUH. The Old Rectory, Salts Lane. The council objects to the application on the grounds that is not in keeping with the conservation area. It is also concerning the application appears to refer to a separate property in parts of the application. Moved by Cllr A Price and seconded Cllr M Gwynn.
166	Date of Next Meeting and Items for Next Meeting: Items for future meeting. Grant award for community event. The next Full Council meeting is 19 th May 2026 (Annual Council Meeting).