

DRAX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF DRAX PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB ON TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2022 AT 19:00

Clerk: Mr R.W. Farman. Apartment 7, Croft House, Spout Hill, Brighouse HD6 3QY
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PRESENT: D Perry (Chairman), G Clark, J Longden, D Hall, J Lapish, K Kirby, R Farman (Clerk), R Ainsley (Public)

AGENDA

022201. Welcome

Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting

022202. Public Forum:

- i. Council to receive comments on agenda items and matters of community interest or concern from elector's present. *For information only. (Clerk to take note of comments for future reference.)*
Councillors must not join in any discussion and must not answer any questions unless the chairman decides otherwise. R Ainsley – As headteacher of Read School I thought I would take the opportunity to update the parish council. The former village school has now passed back into the ownership of Read School as originally agreed with North Yorkshire County Council that when the school, was no longer needed by the education authority it would revert back to Read School. We finally got agreement in August 2021 It needs to become part of the school and will become a pre-school unit with the existing school supplier. Currently it needs major refurbishment with a planned opening date of 1st June 2022. The playing field is still owned by North Yorkshire so the boundary fence will move closer to the school. School is doing ok with 245 scholars of which we have 15 international borders. Biggest has been 350 but 300 is acceptable. I know you received a letter of thanks, but I would like to thank the parish council, again, for their donation toward the playing field renovation. The school raised £50,000 and we have just finished laying the new drainage. Targeting a completion date of 1st July 2022. When there will be a match between the Draxonians and the school, which is an annual match. The field will, as always, be available to the local community. We have a planned open day on the 12th March and a Ladies Night on the 10th.
- ii. Council to receive any written, hard copy or email, correspondence from residents.
All other written correspondence is for information only - no discussion or resolution

START OF COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

022203. Apologies

- All parish councillors attended, District and County Councillors sent their apologies

022204. Minutes of 18th January meeting

- Council discussed and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the 18th January meeting as an accurate record of the meeting.

022205. Signing of minutes

Chairman **signed** the minutes **as accepted**.

022206. To receive reports, for information only, from

- i. Chairman on activities since last meeting: Plenty of discussions regarding the Flood Wardens and flooding was noted on local roads
- ii. County Councillor:
- iii. District Councillor:
- iv. Police:
- v. Any other Officers
- vi. Drax Power Station: All quiet
- vii. Any other representatives

Please note: discussions are not allowed on reports given

022207. RFO to report on closing balances, payments to be made and payments received

- a) Current balances
 - i. Business Account Balance – £7,897.56
 - ii. Deposit Account Balance – £2,144.85
- b) Payments made since January meeting None by time of meeting
- c) Payments to be made – payment requests received at agenda preparation: None
- d) Payments to be made – payment requests received after agenda preparation
 - i. £64.00 – RW Farman (clerks wages) cheque 522356
- e) Payments received
 - i. None at this time

022208. Council **resolved** to accept the report, payments as listed and any others received.

022209. Planning

- a) Planning applications received: 2016/1054/COU -Long Drax
- b) Planning decisions received. (*For information only*) None at time of agenda preparation.
- c) Update on any previous planning issues currently causing concern and to **resolve** any action needed

022210. Queens Jubilee

Council informed that a mini Drax Feist is planned for the Friday of the Jubilee weekend

022211. Defibrillator

Council discussed and **resolved** to take on “ownership and running costs” of the defibrillator.

022212. Trees Overhanging Main Road

Council discuss and **resolved** that Chairman to contact land owner regarding the trees overhanging the Main Road.

022213. Correspondence received since last meeting.

- a) Emails as sent (if applicable)
- b) YLCA - White Rose Update
- c) YLCA – 24 emails
- d) YLCA – Advice Note 25 – Local Elections

- e) NYCC (Highways) – D Griffiths speed strips
- f) Democratic Services – Boundary Commission
- g) D Perry – forwarded email from Read School
- h) Camblesforth PC – allotment charges
- i) 20's Plenty

022214. Action taken by the clerk since last meeting.

- a) Emails sent out to councillors as required.
- b) B Wallace – playing field update
- c) NYCC (Highways) – On lamp post speed sign updates.
- d) Responded to Camblesforth PC
- e) Emailed Yorkshire Water regarding the pumping station

022215. Councillors Forum:

- a) To take and note any points of immediate interest from councillors.

No decisions may be taken on any items raised here

Correspondence seen on Facebook regarding a visit to unit 2 at the power station. Not sure how often the mufflers for the valves are changed but not being a good neighbour with the recent activation. Can it be raised at the next meeting with the power station?

Defibrillator, there is enough money in the pot to purchase new pads and batteries this time.
Overhanging trees at the roundabout.

022216. Items for the next agenda

- To take suggestions for urgent items for inclusion on the next agenda

022217. To receive any further comments from public present. *Information only-clerk to note comments*

022218. To confirm date, time and place for the next meeting.

22nd March, Blue Room, Sports and Social Club., 7pm

022219. Closure of meeting.

7:35pm

Signed: *D Perry.* **Date** Tuesday 22nd March 2022

On-going issues – decisions may be taken on any of the following if necessary

- Drax Village News
- Cemetery
- Foot paths
- Community Group
- Adamson House field
- Street Lights
- Flooding and Flood Wardens