

# DRAX PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF DRAX PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 7pm

Clerk: Mr R.W. Farman. Apartment 7, Croft House, Spout Hill, Brighthouse HD6 3QY  
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PRESENT: D Perry (Chairman), G Clark, J Longden, D Hall, J Lapish, R Farman  
Others: M Jordan (Cllr NYCC), M Dunn & G Whitton (Public)

### AGENDA

#### 102201. Welcome

Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting

#### 102202. Public Forum:

- i. Council to receive comments on agenda items and matters of community interest or concern from elector's present.  
Our main concern is with the traffic through the village, what are the parish council doing or going to do about it. Chairman responded to say that the council are in the process of purchasing a vehicle activated speed sign as well as two fitting kits, however there will be a delay in purchasing as the council is currently committed to purchasing and installing a green gym.  
Are there any updates on the solar farm/s? as there are going to be four solar farms and multiple battery storage areas in the area. The village is going to end up surrounded and most seems to be going on good farm land. – The solar farm on Wade House Lane is nothing to do with Drax as it is in Camblesforth parish.  
Also why do the battery farms need two rows of barbed wire and be at a height of 2.5 metres?  
By the pumping station on Pair Tree Lane, the trees are being cut down. *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.**
- 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

#### 102203. Apologies

- Council received apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr Kirby; considered and **resolved** to accept the reasons given.

#### 102204. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> August meeting

- Council discussed and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> August meeting as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### 102205. Signing of minutes

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

**102206. To receive reports, for information only, from**

- i. Chairman on activities since last meeting: Items which I would have raised have been previously discussed at item 102202 or are agenda items.
- ii. County Councillor: With regard to the yellow lines in the village. The paperwork is in and the legals have been done. Just waiting for the contractors to have a group of jobs in this area for them to issue a start date.
- iii. District Councillor:
- iv. Police:
- v. Any other Officers
- vi. Drax Power Station
- vii. Any other representatives

**Please note: discussions are not allowed on reports given**

**102207. RFO to report on closing balances, payments to be made and payments received**

- a) Current balances,
  - i. Business Account Balance – £18,765.64
  - ii. Deposit Account Balance – £2,145.65
- b) Payments made since August meeting None by time of meeting
  - i. £ None at time of agenda preparation
- c) Payments to be made – payment requests received at agenda preparation:
  - i. £ None at time of agenda preparation
- d) Payments to be made – payment requests received after agenda preparation
  - i. £64.00 - RW Farman (clerks wages) cheque: 522385
  - ii. £51.61 – Autela Payroll Services (payroll) cheque: 522386
  - iii. £48.00 – HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE Q2) cheque: 522387
  - iv. £64.00 – RW Farman (clerks wages) cheque: 522388
  - v. £25.75 – J Longden (Defibrillator Battery) cheque: 522389
  - vi. £60.00 – Carlton Towers (playing field rent) cheque: 522390
  - vii. £225.00 – Schofield Ground Care (WI 07/22) cheque: 522391
  - viii. £17.98 – D Perry (Union Jack Flag) cheque: 522392
  - ix. £880.00 – Schofield Ground Care (WI 06/22) cheque: 522393
  - x. £900.00 – Broxap Limited (site survey) cheque: 522394
  - xi. £10.00 – Drax Sports & Social Club (room hire) cheque: 522395
- e) Payments received
  - i. £6,937.00 – SDC - S106/CIL monies Invoice date: 01/09/22
  - ii. £4,500.00 – SDC – Precept second instalment. Invoice date: 21/09/22
  - iii. £2,000.00 – NYCC (C councillor locality budget)

**102208.** Council **resolved** to accept the report, payments as listed and any others received.

**102209. Planning**

- a) Planning applications received:
  - 2022/1005/SCP - Carlton Solar Farm.
  - 2022/1029/GOV – Drax Power Station
  - 2022/1004/SCN – Carlton Solar Farm
  - 2022/0807/FUL – The Laurels Main Road
  - 2022/0874/COU – 2 The Old Orchard, Main Road
  - 2022/0711/EIA – Convertor Station, New Road

- b) Planning decisions received. *(For information only)*
  - 2022/0868/DEM – Drax Power Station – demolition - GRANTED
  - 2022/0863/DOC – Newland Hall – remedial damp work
  - 2022/0397/S73 – Battery Storage, New Road – flood work.
  - 2022/0807/FUL – The Laurels, Main Road – REFUSED
  - 2022/0537/FUL – Drax Power Ltd – portacabin – GRANTED
  - 2022/0832/HPA – 25 Main Road – side extension - PERMITTED
- c) Update on any previous planning issues currently causing concern and to **resolve** any action needed

**102210. Wade House Lane Solar Farm.**

Previously discussed at item 102202.

**102211. Outdoor Gym**

Previously discussed at item 102202.

**102212. Village Speed Limits**

Previously discussed at item 102202

**102213. BHIB Parish Online**

Council to discuss the email received regarding Website services from BHIB and **resolved** that the chairman to look further into the details of the offer and legislation. County Councillor to ask NYCC if they will be mirroring the service provided by SDC in having a parish council micro site on the county council web site.

**102214. Precept**

Council received the following information regarding the precept. With the dissolution of SDC as of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, they are asking that the precept for 2023/24 be set a month earlier, so wanting by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Currently the precept, for the village, stands at £9,000.00 for the financial year 2022/23. Before a decision can be taken by the parish council there will need to be a budget review at the next meeting. Therefore, council **resolved** that a budget review item be on the agenda for the next meeting as well as the precept.

**102215. Correspondence received since last meeting.**

- a) Emails as sent (if applicable)
- b) YLCA - White Rose Update
- c) YLCA – Advice Notes
- d) NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin
- e) 20’s Plenty
- f) SDC – Planning applications
- g) Councillors – various emails
- h) SDC – S106/CIL monies
- i) Humber Low Carbon – prewarning of second stage consultation.
- j) SDC – remittance advice - S106/CIL monies
- k) SDC – remittance advice – precept 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment
- l) SDC – Planning Committee meeting 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2pm
- m) RBL – Remembrance Day merchandise.
- n) Democratic Services – corrected date supplied
- o) SDC – S106/CIL update.

p) SDC – Local Plan new closing date

**102216. Action taken by the clerk since last meeting.**

- a) Responded to Planning Application 2022/0874/FUL as requested by email.
- b) Emailed SDC -Democratic Services to ask about planning meeting requirements.
- c) Emailed Cllrs to advise of corrected date for Planning Committee (SDC)

**102217. Councillors Forum:**

- a) To take and note any points of immediate interest from councillors.  
Read School have reinstated the 'right turn only' sign outside the school carpark.  
Can the gardening club notice be put up in the parish notice board?  
There are flood warden course/webinars available for anyone interested.  
Cllr J Lapish then spoke resigning her seat on the council, citing work requirements for her decision.  
**No decisions may be taken on any items raised here**

**102218. Items for the next agenda**

- To take suggestions for urgent items for inclusion on the next agenda  
Budget review, Precept

**102219. To receive any further comments from public present. *Information only-clerk to note comments***  
**Public not present.**

**102220. To confirm date, time and place for the next meeting.**

**Next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Sports and Social Club, 7pm**

**102221. Closure of meeting.**

**Meeting closed 8pm.**

**Signed:** *Dave Perry*, Chairman

**Date** Tuesday 22nd November

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**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