

DRAX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF DRAX PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 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, K Kirby, R Farman (Clerk), C Richardson (Cllr SDC)

AGENDA

112201. Welcome

Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting

112202. Public Forum:

- i. Council to receive comments on agenda items and matters of community interest or concern from elector's present.
No electors attended the meeting
*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.
No correspondence received by time of meeting.
All other written correspondence is for information only - no discussion or resolution

START OF COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

112203. Apologies

- All councillors attended the meeting. Cllr M Jordan (NYCC) was unable to join the meeting.

112204. Minutes of 25th October meeting

- Council discussed and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the 25th October meeting as an accurate record of the meeting.

112205. Signing of minutes

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

112206. To receive reports, for information only, from

- i. Chairman on activities since last meeting: Wade House Lane Solar Panel public consultation, it took a little bit to find the location in Camblesforth but I did. Spoke with the chap who has responsibility for road transport and raised the concerns about the vehicles using Wade House Lane. He said that the road will be widened at the top to allow trucks to park there rather than blocking the main road or Wade House Lane itself. I also noticed that the panels will be, at their highest point, 4.5 metres off the ground.

Carbon Capture Pipeline, this is going ahead as seen as a nationally strategic matter. The route is all but decided and it looks like it may well pass through Nelly Field Farm.

Play equipment installation, the existing matting may not be up to current specification. It has been tested and at 8 of the 10 spots tested it passed the test. After discussions the engineers are looking to see if a partial pour replacement is possible.

Carlton Towers want to chop tress down by the playing field. I've asked them to do so before the gym equipment is installed.

- ii. County Councillor:
- iii. District Councillor: The precept summons was sent out early this year, New Road is getting a 40mph limit on it. Wade House Lane solar farm, although passed by SDC Planning committee it may yet not go ahead as the prime minister is sticking with the decision made by the former prime minister that solar farms must not be built on high quality farm land. The community video from the Rev Becky and Clt Jordan is looking to launch in early 2023.
- iv. Police:
- v. Any other Officers
- vi. Drax Power Station
- vii. Any other representatives

Please note: discussions are not allowed on reports given

112207. RFO to report on closing balances, payments to be made and payments received

- a) Current balances,
 - i. Business Account Balance – 21st November 2022 £18,765.64
 - ii. Deposit Account Balance – 21st November 2022 £2,145.65
- b) Payments made since October 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. £160.00 – Mr Pinder (grass cutting) cheque: 522396
 - ii. £480.00 – Broxap (swing surface safety test) cheque: 522397
 - iii. £10.00 – Drax Sports & Social Club (room hire) cheque: 522398
 - iv. £64.00 – R Farman (clerks wages) cheque:522399
- Payments received
 - i. £ None at time of meeting

112208. Council **resolved** to accept the report, payments as listed and any others received.

112209. Planning

- a) Planning applications received:
 - 2022/1261/GOV – HLCPP – NO OBJECTIONS
 - 2022/1199/CPE – Halesgarth Kennels -retrospective – NO OBJECTIONS
- b) Planning decisions received. (*For information only*)
 - 2022/1067/ADV – GRANTED actually in Long Drax
- c) Update on any previous planning issues currently causing concern and to **resolve** any action needed

112210. Budget Review

Council reviewed the costs incurred for the present financial year to date, any projected cost increases for the next financial year and **resolved** to increase projected costs for the next financial year 2023/24.

112211. Clerks Salary

Clerk raised this matter as the annual increase measure used by the council, as noted on the contract of employment is the Retail Price Index. This currently stands at 12.1%, which as a salary increase measure is very welcome. It is, for the parish council, unsustainable. Clerk also noted that the National Living Wage will rise to £10:42 per hour as of 1st April 2023. Clerk then presented the resolution to council for an adjustment to the contract of employment to move away from RPI to NALC
Council **resolved** to accept the clerks recommendation and review salary at next meeting.

112212. Precept.

Council reviewed the current precept, projected outgoings and **resolved** to increase the precept for the financial year 2023/24 by £500 to £9,500.00

112213. Outdoor Gym

Matters raised in Chairmans report at 112206 i.

112214. Village Speed Limits

No further comments

112215. BHIB Parish Online/NYC microsities

Chairman advised that current website now up to date, Cllr Jordan did not attend so was not able to advise if NYC will be providing microsities as SDC does.

112216. 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) Chairman – New Councillors
- h) Democratic Services – Notice of Vacancy
- i) Democratic Services – Notice of Co-Option.
- j) Cllr M Jordan – non-attendance -apologies

112217. Action taken by the clerk since last meeting.

- a) Emailed democratic services to advise resignation of J Lapish from the parish council
- b) Forwarded Notice of Vacancy to Chairman
- c) Chairman - AGAR 3 concerns
- d) Forwarded Notice of Co-Option to Chairman
- e) Forwarded Anti Social Behaviour survey to Cllrs

112218. Councillors Forum:

- a) To take and note any points of immediate interest from councillors. Fibre Broadband being installed in the village as we speak. Adamson Court, the bridle path between the court and the bungalow needs ballast putting down to make it usable. I've been asked is there a Neighbourhood watch in the village?

No decisions may be taken on any items raised here

112219. Items for the next agenda

- To take suggestions for urgent items for inclusion on the next agenda
Bridle Path by Adamson Court.

112220. To receive any further comments from public present. *Information only-clerk to note comments*
No public attended

112220. To confirm date, time and place for the next meeting.
3rd January 2023, Blue Room, Sports and Social Club.

112221. Closure of meeting.
Meeting closed 7:53pm

Signed:D Perry..... Chairman to the Parish Council **Date:** Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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