

DRAX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF DRAX PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023 AT 7PM IN THE BLUE ROOM, DRAX SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.

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PRESENT: D Perry (Chairman), G Clark, J Longden, K Kirby, R Farman (Clerk), M Jordan (Cllr NYCC) A Iles (Public)

AGENDA

032301. Welcome

Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting

032302. 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.
- 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

032303. Apologies

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

032304. Minutes of 6th February meeting

- Council discussed and **resolved** to accept the minutes of the 6th March meeting as an accurate record of the meeting.

032305. Signing of minutes

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

032306. To receive reports, for information only, from

- i. Chairman on activities since last meeting: Went to the Drax Power Meeting, they have coal but are not burning it. The footpath from the side of the Adamson House estate to the cemetery has been laid with crush and run, if more is needed as time progresses then we know what to do. I've issued an order to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) Street lights division to repair two street lights, we needed to clear the ivy off one of them so have gone out to tender for quotes. The adult gym is now finished, just waiting for a few clear days to arrange photos.
- ii. County Councillor: Nothing to report other than the locality budget from NYC. With regard to planning, there will be six local planning committees these areas will be at the current Selby District Offices. The staff

have moved across to NYC and all signage will change i.e., taxis. Council Tax, this will be levelled up throughout North Yorkshire over the next two years.

- 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

032307. RFO to report on closing balances, payments to be made and payments received

- a) Current balances,
 - i. Business Account Balance – £12,969.00
 - ii. Deposit Account Balance – £2,145.00
- b) Payments made since February meeting
 - i. £ None at time of agenda preparation
- c) Payments to be made – payment requests received at agenda preparation:
 - i. £3,489.00 - Broxap Limited (green gym supply and install) Invoice: 0000302288
 - ii. £128.00 – RW Farman (clerks wages Jan&Feb 2023)
 - iii. £10.00 – Drax Sports and Social Club (Room Hire)
- d) Payments to be made – payment requests received after agenda preparation
 - i. £ None at time of meeting
- e) Payments received
 - i. £ None at time of meeting

032308. Council **resolved** to accept the report, payments as listed and any others received.

032309. Planning

- a) Planning applications received:
2023/0128/EIA – Solar Farm, Wade House Lane Council offered the following comments:
The parish Council OBJECT to the proposed development for the following reasons.

Why use Wade House Lane for the development, during construct heavy vehicles entering and exiting the lane every day, this will impact the villagers who live on Wade House Lane as well as road users of the bypass.

Why use the Lane when there is a planned entry and exit point to the north of the site and west of the golf course passing over the railway line.

This development will remove productive farmland from the area which is against planned national government recommendations as productive farmland will become a strategic asset to the country when trying to gain self-reliance in food production. Also, the land is designated as flood plain so if allowed there will need to be major flood reduction measures to reduce the risk of flooding now and in the future. The International 2050 flood risk plan shows the area surrounding Drax to be at a high risk of annual flooding. What provisions are going to be made for walkers with the recent reopening of the footpath from Drax to Carlton which passes through the proposed development.

- b) Planning decisions received. *(For information only)*
None at time of meeting
- c) Update on any previous planning issues currently causing concern and to **resolve** any action needed
None by time of meeting

032310. Outdoor Gym

See Chairmans report 032306 item i.

032311. Adamson House Footpath

See Chairmans report 032306 i.

032312. Old village school playing fields

Council received the response from NYCC regarding the trees on the former village school playing field and **resolved**, that the matter be considered closed pending any further issues before October 2023 when the nesting season is over.

032313. 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) YLCA – NYC update
- f) SDC – Weekly planning applications list (x4)
- g) Broxap – Invoice for works carried out- 0000302288
- h) CAM (NYCC) – response regarding the trees on the old school playing field
- i) Broxap – Invoice for works carried out – 0000302408
- j) SDC – Parish Liaison Meeting
- k) YLCA – Parish Liaison Meeting
- l) Drax Power – Parish Liaison Meeting
- m) Cllr Perry – Ivy clearing Back Lane/ Hedging around lamppost 113 Main Street
- n) Cllr Perry – Street lamp faults LP4 & LP13
- o) NYCC – NYC Newsletter
- p) Cllr Perry – Dog Waste Bin
- q) YLCA Civility & respect Project
- r) Newland PC - Bomber Memorial Dedication 2nd April
- s) CAM – re-sending original request (Nov 2022)
- t) D Gregson – re site visit (old school) timeline
- u) SDC - Garden Waste Collection consultation until 3rd April
- v) P Cowen – final response from NYCC re trees on old school playing field
- w) SDC- Planning Wade House Lane Solar Farm
- x) NYCC Shared Prosperity Fund
- y) Cllr Perry – DPC Finances March 2023

032314. Action taken by the clerk since last meeting.

- a) Chased CAM@NYCC -awaiting update from arboreal team.
- b) Forwarded email to Cllrs as appropriate

032315. Councillors Forum:

- a) To take and note any points of immediate interest from councillors.
Lamp post outside Read School, who owns it and has responsibility to repair it?
Cllr Kirby thanked Cllr Jordan for the monies received for the football club.
Yorkshire Water, the falling fence and gate at the village hall they are getting back on Friday on what they will be doing with it.

No decisions may be taken on any items raised here

032316. Items for the next agenda

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

032317. To receive any further comments from public present. *Information only-clerk to note comments*

Hales Lane – clearing is anything being done about it?

032318. To confirm date, time and place for the next meeting.

25th April 7pm, Sports and Social Club

032319. Closure of meeting.

Meeting closed 7:50pm

Signed: *..D Perry.....* Clerk to the Parish Council **Date:** Tuesday 18th April 2023

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

- Drax Village News
- Cemetery
- Footpaths
- Community Group
- Street Lights – LP4 & LP13
- Flooding and Flood Wardens