**DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 1st August 2022**

Present: Councillors: Richard Edmondson (Chair), Janet Elnaugh, Paul Selvey, Michael Lambert and Christine Emery. Clerk: Michael Walton.

1. Apologies for absence from Councillors Holborn and Moss were noted and approved.
2. Declarations and interests:
3. The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in payments UT6 and UT7 in respect of payments made on behalf of the Parish Council.
4. There were no declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda their nature, including gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
5. There were no requests for dispensations.
6. Cllr Lambert submitted his signed declaration to be added to the Council’s Register of Interests.
7. Reports were received from District and County Council Ward Member and Portfolio Holders or other agencies. In addition to their written reports it was noted:
8. Cllr Penny Otton            District and Council Ward Member
9. Cllr Peter Holborn          Neighbourhood Plan Officer and Tree Warden

It was noted that Cllr Holborn would contact Lucy Blake to arrange a meeting with Lucy , her son and Cllr Lambert to discuss the boundaries of the land that Mrs Blake has occupied. The lease to the land will be relinquished in November 2022 and it was agreed that the PCC needs to identify any future use of the land. It was agreed to advertise the availability of the land in the next parish magazine.
10. Cllr Tim Moss                Parish Assets Officer

Cllr Moss’ report requested that the PCC agreed to the request for expenditure on the cricket fields. The request for expenditure was approved.

Cllr Moss to create a schedule of works and dates for the maintenance.

1. Cllr Paul Selvey             Highways officer

Cllr Selvey reported that he was working on securing quotes for the new welcome gates for the village.

1. Cllr  Edmondson            Allotment Trustee

It was noted that there is a continuing investigation into the role of the charity that manages the allotments and that Cllr Edmondson would liaise with Daphne Young who has a good understanding of the issues surrounding the status of the charity.
2. Cllr Emery Community engagement
3. Cllr Lambert Footpath warden

Cllr Lambert reported that Suffolk County Council had installed a new footbridge over the ditch on FP7 near Burts Farm had been installed
4. Clerk report

It was noted that clerk would distribute the review of the settlement boundaries to identify any discrepancies between the Neighbourhood Plan and the Mid-Suffolk Council maps
5. The Council agreed that the Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2022 be agreed as a true record.
6. The following payments and receipts were approved and noted:
	1. Payments

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|  | Description | £ |
| UT1. | Top Garden Services 1185 | 84.00 |
| UT2.  | Drinkstone War memorial | 40.00 |
| UT3. | Top Garden Services 1186 | 84.00 |
| UT4. | Drinkstone War Memorial | 20.00 |
| UT5.  | Drinkstone War Memorial | 20.00 |
| UT6. | Richard Edmondson | 23.88 |
| UT7. | Richard Edmondson | 19.90 |

* 1. Receipts noted

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|  | Description | £ |
| UT1. | Babergh Mid Suffolk | 2500.00 |

1. There was no public comment or questions on any matter of Council business.
2. The matter of the planning consent for Holm House was discussed. It was noted that whilst the PCC had raised objections to the elements of the request, consent in part was given by Suffolk County Council. For future reference multiple requests within the same application will be judged on their individual merits.
3. To confirm that the scheduled date for the next meeting is Monday 5th September 2022 at the village hall. The meeting was closed at 8.55pm

Signed: Richard Edmondson 5th September 2022