

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on

Monday 6th November 2017

Present: Cllrs Cousins, Hembra, Lambert, Moss, Schofield, Thurlow, Youngs (Chairman)

Attending: District & County Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow
2 members of the public

17.11.01 **Noted:**
There were no apologies for absence

17.11.02 **Noted:**
That when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items were invited any additions and/or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests noted none were forthcoming.

17.11.03 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd October 2017, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

17.11.04 **Noted:**
Correspondence to this meeting not dealt with as an Agenda item:
4.1 From resident re Local Plan consultation broadly supporting the Council's draft response;
4.2 From resident re broadband seeking an update on progress towards fibre-optic provision...queries since dealt with by Cllr Youngs.

17.11.05 **Noted:**
4.1 A written report, as tabled, from District and County Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton;
4.2 A written report tabled by Cllr Christine Lambert re the allotments;
4.2 An oral report from Cllr Hembra confirming that work to address shortcomings at the playing field, as identified in the recent safety inspection by The Play Inspection Company Ltd, was in hand or completed. There is a need to address certain tree issues and the Clerk undertook to confirm Council's liability with regard to both any third party damage caused by them and cover for volunteers working on them.

17.11.06 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or question was invited on any Agenda item:
6.1 The Clerk undertook to make enquiry of SCC Highways regarding their having failed to deal with potholes on Beyton Road opposite Shortgates when the carriageway was resurfaced through to Beyton.

17.11.07 **Noted:**
The meeting received an oral report from the Parish Clerk as follows:
7.1 Membership of Community Action Suffolk is confirmed at no cost to Council and the Meeting agreed that this should continue year-on-year;
7.2 The finger post at Cherry Tree Rise would benefit from not having a dog bin attached and Councillors agreed to look into installing a stand-alone bin support post prior to the replacement by SCC of the RoW marker.

7.3 Confusion over the adoption of the red K6 telephone box has been clarified by BT and, based on previous Authorisation, a cheque for £1.00 is to be signed at this meeting to accompany the formal Request.

17.11.08

Noted:

Authorised payments:

8.1	Peter Dow – Clerk’s wages	£158.17	Santander 000458
8.2	Top Garden – grass cutting September	£ 93.75	Santander 000459
8.3	BT re adoption Contract	£ 1.00	Santander 000460
8.4	Top Gardens – grass cutting October	£ 62.50	Santander 000461

17.11.09

Noted:

The current account balances and reconciliation, as scheduled, and the Chairman’s confirmation that they were supported by relevant Bank Statements.

12.11.10

Noted:

Planning results as notified by MSDC:

10.1	DC/17/03975	Erection of replacement dwelling... Yew Tree Farm Cottage, Cross Street GRANTED	DPC objected
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12.11.11

Noted:

Planning matters for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda:

- 11.1 Discharge of Conditions for application 0900/17 Shrublands, Rattlesden Road (condition 6 re surface water discharge on to the highway) – approved
- 11.2 Discharge of Conditions for application 0821/16 Church Cottage, The Street (condition 5 re fenestration) – refused
- 11.3 Application for TPO on land adjacent to Greyfriars, Rattlesden Road. Order made ref TPO/428
- 11.4 The Meeting agreed that an application for a TPO should be made in respect of the 2nd mature oak tree at the back of the allotments on land adjacent to Greyfriars, Rattlesden Road,

12.11.12

Resolved:

That Council appoints Heelis and Lodge as Internal Auditors for the financial year 2017/2018.

12.11.13

Noted:

The draft recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding the Electoral Review of Mid Suffolk and the Meeting’s agreement that Council should support the status quo with regard to ward boundaries as they affect Drinkstone.

12.11.14

Noted:

A paper tabled by the Council’s Budget Working Party which was received with additional information from Cllr Youngs and on which comment was invited prior to a formal Precept Proposal at the December Ordinary Meeting.

12.11.15

Noted:

The following after further discussion in consideration of the sale of Council’s holding adjacent to the playing field:

Proposal: Cllr Hembra;

That Mr John Casson RICS of Marshall Buck & Casson be asked to re-visit his earlier valuation of the Council’s small land holding adjacent to the playing field for a sum not to exceed £150.00 net of VAT.

Seconded: Cllr Thurlow

Proposal carried

- 12.11.16 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions were invited on any matter of Council business:
16.1 Cllr Youngs was congratulated on her response to the draft BMS Joint Local Plan.
- 12.11.17 **Noted:**
That when any other Council business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited none was forthcoming.
- 12.11.18 **Noted:**
That the scheduled date for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council was Monday 4th December beginning at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
- 12.11.19 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

These Minutes are in draft form only. They have not been ratified by Council and are not a matter of formal record. They will be before the next Ordinary Council meeting for approval.

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