

## **DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of ordinary meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Present: Councillors: Richard Edmondson (Chair), Tim Moss, Janet Elnaugh, Christine Emery and Peter Holborn**

**Clerk: Michael Walton**

1. Apologies were accepted from Penny Otton and Michael Lambert
2. Declarations and interests:
  - a. No pecuniary interests were noted.
  - b. There were no declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda their nature, including gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
  - c. There were no requests for dispensations.
  - d. There were no additions and/or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests.
3. The reports from District and County Council Ward Member and Portfolio Holders were received.

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| 1. Cllr Peter Holborn | Neighbourhood Plan Officer and Tree Warden           |
| 2. Cllr Tim Moss      | Parish Assets Officer                                |
| 3. Cllr Paul Selvey   | Highways officer                                     |
| 4. Cllr Elnaugh       | Planning Officer – covered by Agenda points 11,12,13 |
| 5. Cllr Edmondson     | Allotment Trustee                                    |

It was noted that the new tenant for Rattlesden Road is Leon Bishop.

It was requested to amend the bank authorisation at Lloyds from Jane Hill to the proposed clerk, Laura Pooley.

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| 6. Cllr Emery   | Community engagement – covered by agenda item 7. |
| 7. Cllr Lambert | Footpath warden                                  |
| 8. Clerk report |  |

4. The Council agreed that the Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 are a true record.
5. There were no public comment or questions from the public.
6. The appointment of Laura Pooley as the new Parish Clerk was unanimously approved. Laura's commencement date was agreed to be 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

7. Cllr Emery announced that the village would celebrate the King's Coronation on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Plans would be circulated at forthcoming parish meetings and all councillors were requested to assist in the delivery of the event.
8. It was noted that a Children's Christmas Party will be held in December 2023 in the Village Hall. The council was informed that donations could be forthcoming from two charities in the village. A formal request needs to be made.
9. The issue of dog fouling was raised and what steps could be taken to reduce the problem. It was agreed that no additional activities, other than those previously pursued such as notices in the Parish Magazine, would generate any benefit. It was agreed however to place a note in the Woolpit Parish Magazine to request that dog owners to respect Drinkstone's pathways.
10. The following payments were approved:

	Description	£
UT1.	Clerk salary	1625.00
UT2.	Drinkstone War memorial	20.00
UT3.	Top Garden Services	84.00
UT4.	Top Garden Services	42.00
UT5.	ICO	40.00
UT6.	Microsoft software - clerk	107.91

11. MSDC Planning Consultation Request – DC/22/06196

The above was considered and no objections raised

12. MSDC Planning Consultation Request – DC/23/00022

The above was considered and no objections raised

13. MSDC Planning Consultation Request – DC/22/06356

The above was considered and no objections raised

14. Parish Biodiversity Action Plan and Ecological Assessments

Cllr Holborn's report was noted.

15. There were no public comments or questions on any matters of Council business.

16. It was confirmed that the scheduled date for the next meeting will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 .

17. The meeting closed at 20.35 hours

Drinkstone Parish Clerk