

Dry Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council meeting of Tuesday 17th June 2014 at 8.00pm in Dry Drayton Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: H Russell (Chairman), I Harrison, D Wyatt, S Pryer, R Stamford and F Northrop; County Councillor J Reynolds; District Councillors B Waters and R Hall; and one member of the public.

In attendance: Robert Stone (Parish Clerk & RFO)

Agenda

77 Apologies for absence - None received

78 Declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda - Cllr Harrison declared an interest in Item 82(vii) as she was employed by the company representing Trinity College.

79 Public Participation on agenda items & matters of mutual interest

In addition to the report he circulated on 16th June County Councillor John Reynolds reported on the retirement of the postmaster in Bar Hill. This would result in the closure of the post office based in the library. However, a new improved service would be opening in Tesco with effect from 1st August following a six week public consultation.

Cllr Bunty Waters circulated her District Councillor report on 14th June 2014.

The member of the public who was present requested that up to date council minutes and agendas be made available on the village website.

80 To minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 20th May 2014 were confirmed as circulated. Prop: Cllr DW Sec: Cllr IH Unanimous.

81 Matters arising from previous meetings

- Item 145 v Assets of community value - It was agreed that Cllr Northrop and the Clerk would work together on the SCDC notification.

- Item 49(ii) Registration of village greens - Cllr Wyatt showed Councillors the 11 page questionnaire that was partially completed. The Clerk was authorised to provide a cheque of up to £250 to cover application costs. Prop: Cllr RS SEc: Cllr SP. Unanimous.

- Item 65a Nomination of third trustee to Townlands Charity - The Clerk reported that as Les Waters had confirmed his interest he would stand down. It was appropriate to appoint a local resident to a parochial charity. The Council agreed and elected Les. Prop: Cllr DW Sec: Cllr SP Unanimous.

- Item 70v Promotion of S137 contributions (Grants to Community bodies) - The Clerk said he had drafted an article for The Newsletter. Cllr Pryer confirmed receipt.
 - Item 76 Cottons Field - The Clerk reported that his predecessor had made direct contact with Highways at Whittlesford. Engineers had visited and repaired a small area immediately outside her house. However, the road was in such a bad state of repair that more major works would be required as soon as Cambs CC's finances made this was possible.

82 Finance

i) The following payments to 17th June 2014 were approved. Prop: Cllr DW
 Sec: Cllr IS. Unanimous.

888	Clerk	Salary - June	266.73	266.73	-
889	HMRC	PAYE - April to June 2014	199.8	199.8	-
890	Peter Round	Grass cutting - May 2014	360	300	60
891	CACRE	Payroll - April to June 14	20.52	17.1	3.42
892	Clerk's expenses	Second class stamps	6.36	6.36	-
	Totals		853.41	789.99	63.42

ii) The current account balance of £14,153.82 at 28th May 2014 was noted.

iii) The bank reconciliation to 28th May 2014 (Appendix A) was noted.

iv) To review progress in setting up of S106 saving account with Cambridge Building Society. - Cllr DW confirmed he had visited Cambridge BS to provide evidence of identity. Councillors RS and IH would do so as soon as possible.

v) To approve updated signatories for the NS& I investment account.
 - Resolved to agree the same signatories as for the current bank account namely Cllr's Wyatt, Harrison & Stamford.

Action: Clerk to despatch completed authority to NS&I.

vi) To consider reviewing DDPC insurance cover. - The Clerk advised that the council's policy was due for renewal in September. What action was needed? After consideration the Council resolved to renew with the same parish council insurance specialist - Came & Company.

Action: Clerk

vii) To consider making a contribution to Trinity College's legal charges for the Bar Hill to Cotton Cycle Path - Resolved to defer pending a formal request to make a contribution.

83 Correspondence

- i.) Park and Ride Charges information - New charge of £1 noted for between 1 and 18 hours.
- ii) Proposed Cambridge Solar Farm at Childerley Farm - Councillors welcomed the opportunity to see the display in the village hall before the meeting, and noted at a planning application would be submitted later in the summer. The solar farm appeared to be wholly in the parish of Childerley adjacent to DD's boundary. Local residents would have an opportunity to invest in the project.
- iii) Consultation on Transport Strategy in Cambridgeshire - Cllr Reynolds advised that parish and town councils would receive another consultation.
- iv) New Way To Request Speed Checks In South Cambridgeshire
- Cllr Stamford reported that a new on demand request speed check system was operating in the district. Link: <http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam>
Cllr Waters recommended that speeding problems be reported to the Police Panel.
- v) New gate at end of High Street, and problem with motor bikes gaining entry and riding on bridleway to Bar Hill. - Cllr Wyatt said that whilst the gate had been repaired the uprights had been placed in the wrong position permitting access by motor bikes. Cllr Stamford volunteered to monitor numbers of motor bikes. A discussion followed about access for disabled users in wheelchairs.

Action: Clerk to notify Rights of Way Officer, and PCSO
- vi) A14 Improvement Scheme for Cambridge to Huntingdon - Noted representations by Madingley PC.

84 SCDC Planning

- i) S/1069/14/FL 31 Oakington Road, Dry Drayton - Single storey extension to existing dwelling, conversion of outbuilding to annexe; and removal of existing derelict garage. Applicants: Mr & Mrs T Ward

- Resolved to recommend approval with no comments. **Action:** Clerk:
- ii) To receive an update on the outcome of the WWI & Garden Centre planning applications for the Hacker site at SCDC's Planning Committee of 4th June 2014 - Cllr Roger Hall who attended SCDC's Planning Committee advised that planning permission was refused by one vote. He understood that a fresh application was to be made.

85 Consideration of Environmental issues

- i) To discuss PX Farm's new rabbit fence and the footpath behind the church. - Cllr Stamford said that PX Farms had temporarily moved the footpath whilst install the new fence. The path had since been re-instated and was walkable.

- ii To receive a report on the purchase of new strimmer. - Cllr Stamford reminded the Council that the old strimmer was no longer useable. He had researched replacements and recommended a heavy duty domestic strimmer. This would cost more than the agreed budget of £250. He proposed increasing the budget to £500 to include the £399 + vat cost and H&S training. Cllr Northrop seconded the proposal and the Council approved. Unanimous. **Action:** Cllr Stamford
- iii To discuss the overgrown hedges on the Madingley Road. - Cllr Stamford said he had reported the overgrown hedges twice. This was a safety issue and covered a half mile stretch from the church towards Madingley. Cllr Reynolds said that Cambs CC's road engineer for this area had retired. He would view the problem and see what could be done. **Action:** Cllr Reynolds
- iv) To discuss the County Council's Local Highway Improvement Initiative - The Clerk reported that this was the latest opportunity to make a bid for Scotland Road funds for 30mph electronic sign. There was a 12/9 deadline for applications. Discussion focused on the standard required, and the need for accurate statistics on speeding. **Action:** Cllr Harrison to circulate.
Clerk to add to agenda for discussion at July meeting.

86 **Council Vacancy**

To consider the co-option of a new parish councillor - The Clerk advised that DD electors had until the end of **17th June** to call an election. He recommended advertising the work of Councillors in The Newsletter, and seeking applications for consideration at July's meeting. The Council agreed.

87 Matters raised by Members, including items for next agenda

- Cllr Stamford queried whether a planning application had been received for the demolition of a garage in the village.

The meeting ended at 9.43pm.

Robert Stone, Parish Clerk

DRY DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

June 2014 Bank Reconciliation

	£
<u>Lloyds TSB current account at 31st March 2014</u>	11730.03
<u>Less</u> payments presented in April 2014	1656.45
<u>Less</u> payments presented in May 2014	669.76
<u>Plus</u> April 2014 receipts (1st precept)	4750.00
Closing balance at 28th May 2014	14153.82
<u>Less outstanding cheques:</u>	5424.95
880 Cambridge BS 5000.00	
884 SLCC membership 87.00	
886 SLCC Trustee handbook 11.95	
887 CACRE internal audit fee 144.00	
Balance carried forward at 28th May 2014	£8,728.87

<i>Plus</i> NS&I Investment Account	£1,688.28
CBS new S106 Saving Account (<i>when opened</i>)	£5,000.00

Notes: -

Robert Stone
RFO

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