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Minutes of the Drayton Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 6th July 2015 at 7:30pm

At the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton, OX14 4HF



Present: Richard Williams (Chairman), Richard Wade (Vice Chairman), Colin Arnold, Patricia Athawes (arrived at 8:07pm), Laura Billington, Tamsin Meredith, Graham Webb, Matthew Lowy, Colin West.

Not Present: Christine West, Stuart Davenport (VWHDC), Richard Webber (OCC).

In attendance: David Perrow (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) (left at 10:12pm), Christopher Price (Deputy Parish Clerk and Meeting Administrator).

069/2015-16 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Patricia Athawes (late arrival), Christine West, Stuart Davenport (VWHDC), Richard Webber (OCC) and were **noted**.

070/2015-16 Public Participation.

There were 5 members of the public present.

(a) **The Abingdon Centre for a Caring, Enlightened and Sustainable Society (ACCESS).** Peter Coville (Coordinator) spoke about ACCESS and explained that it is a place where people can meet to reflect together on the major challenges facing society. The next event is 'What is a healthy economy?' on 11th July 2015 at 11 High Street.

(b) **Subsidised Buses and Dial-a-Ride.** Daniel Scharf (Public Transport Liaison Representative) reported on OCC's public meeting that was held on 6th July 2015 at Didcot Civic Hall.

(c) **P14/V2504/FUL** (see 87/2015-16 Planning Committee Business for full details). This application to build 73 dwellings on Land west of Abingdon Road was **approved** by the VWHDC Planning Committee on 10th June 2015. Daniel Scharf has sent a letter to the VWHDC that legally challenges this application. Matter continued under 077/2015-16 Drayton2020 Neighbourhood Plan (Richard Williams). (a) P14/V2504/FUL.

(d) **Football Club.** Richard Seamark will be submitting a grant application and spoke about the problems the football club has been having with its lawnmower. The old mower is broken and will cost circa £550.00 to repair and a new mower will cost £4,300.00.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to send Ricard Seamark grant application form.

071/2015-16 Declarations of Interest, Dispensations and Use of Delegated Powers.

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting, nor any dispensations received in advance by the Clerk needed for consideration. The Planning Applications listed below as submitted to VWHDC were submitted under powers delegated to the Clerk.

Patricia Athawes arrived at 8:07pm.

072/2015-16 Minutes.

Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting held on 1st June 2015 were **confirmed** with no amendments. Richard Williams (Chairman) signed the minutes as a correct record.

Proposed: Colin Arnold

Seconded: Richard Wade

Resolved: Unanimously

073/2015-16 News from OCC Councillor (Richard Webber).

Richard Webber was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his report prior to the meeting.

'The Government's desire to increase the rate of housebuilding has been supported by the National Planning Policy Framework and by New Homes Bonus. The NPPF has certainly reduced many obstacles and delays to planning approvals. NHB, designed to encourage planning authorities to accept more housing in their areas has also played some part. Housebuilding is now steaming ahead, at least in the South of England. With the NHB allocation of 80% to District Councils and 20% to County Councils, District Councils in the

South East, have seen their finances transformed. However, the resultant need for high cost infrastructure – roads and schools – falls to County Councils with only a 20% allocation of NHB, The increasing disparity between ever wealthier Districts and ever more financially stressed Counties is almost entirely the result of the 80:20% split of NHB. This Council requests that the Leader and CEO together with our local MPs and those of other Counties, the LGA and CCN put as much pressure on Central Government as possible to address the issue of NHB allocation between Districts and Counties.’

074/2015-16 News from VWHDC Councillor (Stuart Davenport).

Stuart Davenport was unable to attend the meeting.

075/2015-16 Action Checklist from the Previous Meeting.

The action checklist from the last meeting was **noted** and the points below were provided as additional information:

(a) Litter. The communal litter pick with DAMASCUS will be held on 13th July at 6.30pm starting from the Village Hall. Refreshments will be provided at 7:30pm.

(b) Lock Way Playground. Patricia Athawes sent an email on 30th June 2015 to the Deputy Clerk with a brief for the Lock Way Playground attached.

ACTION: Patricia Athawes to write a specification for the Lock Way Playground.

It was **noted** that the Clerk received an email on 30th June 2015 from Teresa Hazelwood (Principal Landscape Architect, Pegasus Group) proposing the following for the South of High Street development - a natural play trail around the site, which will offer a range of play opportunities including climbing, balancing, swinging, spinning and imaginative play for all ages. The play opportunities are clustered in three locations along the footpath through the open space. As they are designed as a natural play trail we are not proposing any form of formal enclosure to the spaces, but could look to use mounding and planting to help define the spaces if desired. It was **agreed** to request an enclosed playground area for younger children so that older children do not preclude younger and that the ground is protected from animal droppings. Dog excrement is the usual problem (this trail will be used by dog walkers), but in this area there could also be foxes etc.

ACTION: Clerk to ask for an enclosed play area for younger children.

(c) Lyford Close BMX Track. Graham Webb has surveyed the area and it measures 1100 square metres. An allotment is traditionally measured in rods (perches or poles), an old measurement dating back to Anglo-Saxon times. 10 poles is the accepted size of an allotment, the equivalent of 250 square metres or about the size of a doubles tennis court. Most people would be happy with half of an allotment (125 square metres), so we might be able to fit 7 or 8 in this area. It was **noted** that there are a number of trees on the west edge including an oak tree with a spread of 15.5 metres.

ACTION: Graham Webb to layout allotments and investigate water supply. Deputy Clerk to consult Tim Atkins (Allotment Warden).

(d) Litter. The Deputy Clerk sent an email on 12th June 2015 to OCC waste management with a letter attached asking that they remove the litter in the ditch running alongside the Recycling Centre.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to check that litter has been removed.

076/2015-16 Finance & Personnel Committee (Richard Williams).

	Payments	Invoice Amount	Including VAT
Open Spaces Act 1906 s10	Steve Sadler – Caretaker’s Invoice	*£542.42	£13.32
Open Spaces Act 1906 s10	Lee Collins – Grass Cutting Invoice	*£590.00	nil
LGA 1972 s112	Clerk’s Salary PC: 5 hrs per week	*£152.82	nil
LGA 1972 s112	Deputy Clerk’s Salary 10 hrs per week	*£313.06	nil
LGA FP 1963 s5	Clerk’s Expenses	*£62.85	nil
LGA FP 1963 s5	Deputy Clerk’s Expenses	*£75.25	£6.00
LGA 1972 s111	HMRC – Tax and NI	*£116.40	nil
S&A Act 1908 s26	Thames Water – Water Services 11 Mar-22 Jun 2015 D/D	*£12.15	nil

is and how, and when, it became public highway as this land was historically part of Drayton Village Green, since the 1815 Drayton Enclosure Act.

079/2015-16 Lockway Play Area (Patricia Athawes).

This item of business had been discussed earlier in the meeting under 075/2015-16 Action Checklist from the Previous Meeting. (b) Lock Way Playground.

080/2015-16 Drayton Community Litter Pick (Clerk).

This item of business had been discussed earlier in the meeting under 075/2015-16 Action Checklist from the Previous Meeting. (a) Litter.

081/2015-16 Lyford Close BMX Track (Graham Webb).

This item of business had been discussed earlier in the meeting under 075/2015-16 Action Checklist from the Previous Meeting. (c) Lyford Close BMX Track.

082/2015-16 Speeding Traffic, Abingdon Road.

The Clerk received an email via the website on 12th June 2015 from Andrew Wood complaining about speeding traffic along the Abingdon Road. It was **noted** that when the Barrow Road housing is built the 30mph zone will be extended out towards Abingdon and that under the Drayton2020 Neighbourhood Development Plan the Parish Council is planning traffic calming measures throughout the Village. It was **agreed** to ask the Police to mount a traffic speed trap.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to ask the Police to mount a traffic speed trap at the north end of the Village.

David Perrow left at 10:12pm.

083/2015-16 New Notice Boards.

(a) **Sutton Wick Lane** (Christine West). The Deputy Clerk had created and circulated photo montages of a new notice board along Sutton Wick Lane prior to the meeting. It was **agreed** to place a new notice board next to the plaque that commemorates the 1957 plane crash.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to ask Stephen Sadler (Village Caretaker) to erect new notice board.

(b) **Steventon Road** (Patricia Athawes). The Deputy Clerk had created and circulated photo montages of a new notice board along Steventon Road prior to the meeting. Patricia Athawes had consulted local residents and it was **agreed** to place the new notice board next to the bus stop on the west side of the road.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to ask OCC highways for permission for the noticeboard.

084/2015-16 New Litter Bin (Richard Wade).

Richard Wade has had a request from a local resident for a litter bin at the bus stop on Abingdon Rd, adjacent to Newman Lane. It was **agreed** to request litter bins for both bus stops at the north end of the Village.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to request litter bins from OCC.

085/2015-16 Rights of Way & Conservation Working Group (Graham Webb).

Millennium Green will be submitting a grant application soon.

086/2015-16 Leisure & General Purposes Working Group (Patricia Athawes).

The Village Caretaker's report was received and **noted**.

087/2015-16 Planning Committee Business (Richard Williams).

Ref	Address	Details	Parish	VWHDC
P14/V11 96/FUL	Land East of Drayton Road Abingdon	158 residential dwellings, open space, a new access off Drayton Road (to include the removal of 7 TPO'd Lime Trees), engineering works, infrastructure works, car parking and lighting.(as amended by	Objector with comment.	Pending.

		drawings received 13 October 2014)		
P14/V25 40/FUL	Land East of Drayton Drayton Road Drayton Abingdon OX14 4HA	The erection of a new farmyard complex comprising a 4000 tonne grain store, straw barn, workshop and two smaller grain storage buildings. There will be a concrete apron area and weighbridge, with a new access track and entrance. The proposal also includes a landscaping scheme.(as per updated transport plan received on 29 January 2015 and as amended by agents email dated 16/02/2015 and revised landscape proposal Fig 6A landscape Proposal REV A)	Response with comment.	Planning Permission on 11 th June 2015
P14/V26 09/FUL	Land rear of 122 Abingdon Road Drayton OX14 4HT	Erection of a two-bedroom dwelling.	Response with comment.	Pending.
P14/V25 04/FUL	Land west of Abingdon Road Drayton	Erection of 73 dwellings with associated access, parking, open space, sports pitches, new footpath connection to Corneville Road (full) and pavilion (outline element all matters reserved).	Response with comment.	Planning Permission on 10 th June 2015
P15/V07 66/HH	5 Lockway Drayton Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 4LG	Proposed porch to front with new wc - replacing existing canopy	None.	Planning Permission on 22 nd May 2015
P15/V08 03/HH	The Grange Gravel Lane Drayton Abingdon OX14 4HX	Replace a cart shed with an oak framed garage and store.	None.	Planning Permission on 9 th June 2015
P15/V08 97/HH	44 Steventon Road Drayton Abingdon OX14 4LD	Proposed single storey rear extension	None.	Planning Permission on 12 th June 2015
P15/V10 07/FUL	Ashby Court Marcham Road Drayton OX14 4FF	Construct a pair of semi-detached open market houses, with new access to highway and off-street parking	Objection.	Pending.
P15/V11 62/HH	31 Abingdon Road Drayton OX14 4HW	Erection of a spiral staircase at the rear of building.	None.	Pending.
P15/V12 38/HH	49 Sutton Wick Lane Drayton Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 4HH	Proposed single storey rear extension and internal re-ordering.	Support	Pending.
P15/V12 69/FUL	Land adj to 17 High Street Drayton OX14 4JW	Variation of conditions 2 (approved plan numbers) and 4 (car parking spaces) of planning permission P15/V0635/FUL. Removal of existing detached garage building. Erection of new detached 3-bed dwelling, provision of parking and amenity space (retention of existing vehicular access)	Support	Pending.
P15/V12 82/FUL	Land adj to 37 Lockway Drayton	Demolition of existing flat roof double garage and single storey extension to no.	Objection.	Pending.

		37 Lockway. Erection of 2 x 2 bed dwellings.		
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P14/V2504/FUL. This application to build 73 dwellings on Land west of Abingdon Road had been discussed earlier in the meeting under 070/2015-16 Public Participation. (c) P14/V2504/FUL and 077/2015-16 Drayton2020 Neighbourhood Plan (Richard Williams). (a) P14/V2504/FUL.

088/2014-15 Correspondence.

The items on the list of correspondence received were **noted**.

(a) **Dog Excrement.** The Clerk received an email via the website on 12th June 2015 from Kathryn Smyth complaining about dog excrement along the footpath that leads to the back school gate. Gary Marcham (Environment Warden, VWHDC) has been informed and anybody who is witnessed allowing their dog to foul without cleaning up will be issued with a £50 fixed penalty notice.

(b) **Vale of White Horse Local Plan Examination.** Planning Inspector, Mr Malcolm Rivett BA (Hons) MSC MRTPI has been appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct an examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Local Plan. The Inspector will hold initial hearings between the 22nd September and 1st October 2015 within the Ridgeway Room of The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 9BX. These initial hearings will only consider the main strategic issues of the Local Plan and will not examine individual settlements or the sites identified for housing and employment allocations. The attached Matters and Questions Paper identifies specific questions which will be addressed during the initial hearings. Following the initial Hearings the Inspector will submit interim findings to the District Council, the content of which will determine the progress of the examination. Other matters such as the approach to Green Belt, the AONB and specific site allocations will be considered in due course should the examination progress.

089/2015-16 Items to be noted from Parish Councillors.

(a) **Blue Plaque.** Richard Williams **noted** that an application has gone into the Diocese requesting permission for the Blue Plaque to commemorate Rev FE Robinson who died on 16th February 1910. Rev Robinson was one of the most prolific ringers of his day. He rang in many record length peals, some taking 8 or 9 hours, and he became the first person ever to ring 1000 peals, which he achieved on 9th August 1905.

(b) **Local Events.** Tamsin Meredith **noted** the bring and share family picnic at the school on the 2nd August 2015 and Dfest on the 8th August 2015.

(c) **Drayton Chronicle.** Colin West would like to see more reporting from the Parish Council in the Chronicle.

090/2015-16 The Date of the next Parish Council Meetings.

The Date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 3rd August 2015, at 7:30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.

The meeting concluded at 10:30pm

Signed:

Date: 3rd August 2015

Name: Richard Williams (Chairman, Drayton Parish Council)