

Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Drayton Parish Council, Held on Monday 5th January 2009 at 7.30pm At the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.

Present: Mr Scharf, Mrs Pooley, Mr Butler, Mrs Morris.

1/09. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Sellwood, Mr Webber, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Parker.

2/09. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

3/09. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

4/09. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 1ST DECEMBER 2008.

One amendment was made to paragraph 160/08 to read: "and Ed Vaizey M.P.---" and again: "Mr. Webber went on to say that Ed Vaizey M.P. had managed---".

The minutes were then agreed by Council and signed by Mr. Scharf.

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 24TH NOVEMBER 2008.

Signing of the Finance Committee Minutes was deferred until the next PC meeting.

Mrs. Morris said she had been to the bank with reference to signatories for PC cheques and the bank had a slightly inaccurate record of current signatories, and she was also told that only two were required. Mr. Butler confirmed that the Council requires three and so Mrs. Morris will speak to the bank again and correct the number.

5/09. THAMES WATER – UTMRD – MEETING HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2008.

Mr. Scharf attended the meeting convened by Mr. Ed Vaizey MP, and also attended by Mr. Chris Smith (EA), and Mr. Richard Aylard (TW). There were many Steventon residents and local farmers present. Mr. Smith had said, wrongly in Mr. Scharf's opinion, that OFWAT would make the final decision about the reservoir. DEFRA will decide whether there should be an enquiry or a hearing and at Mr. Scharf's request Mr. Vaizey assured him that he will press for a hearing. Many of the Steventon residents and farmers complained about problems of flooding in the area and learned that shortage of man-power means that rivers and streams are less well maintained than formerly.

6/09. MATTERS ARISING

40/06 Topple testing: Mr. Butler proposed and Mrs. Morris seconded that Mr. Sills (recommended by our insurers) should be asked to do a manual test on all upright headstones in the burial ground at a cost of £3.50 per stone. Mrs. Sellwood is to ask Mr. Sills for a start date no earlier than the end of February/beginning of March, and as soon as arranged the date will be publicised in the Chronicle. Mrs. Sellwood also to ask Mr. Sills for advice on remedial work to any faulty headstones.

38/08 Fly posting: Mr. Scharf said that discussion on the matter seems to have gone quiet at the VWHDC. Mrs. Pooley said that a notice about line-dancing at Steventon had been placed on a post on the village green and Mr. Scharf said his inclination was to remove all such when he saw them. Drayton has three good notice boards to be used for such advertising.

APA 11: Play/recreation facilities: With the amalgamation of some VWH departments with South Oxfordshire Council recreation facilities would be in new hands so as yet no action had been taken by Mr. Scharf and Mr. Webber.

84/08 Village website: No action had been taken by Mr. Scharf.

141/08 Sutton Courtenay Incinerator: Mrs. Pooley attended the meeting on 2nd December, organised by the Environment Agency. The EA representatives described their role with regard to the application to build an incinerator and had supplied a comprehensive document on the subject. This was put into circulation at the PC meeting so that all Councillors would have the chance to read it. Information is also available on the EA's website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

154/08 Advertisement/article re Parish Councillors: Mr. Scharf had composed an article and an advertisement appealing for new Parish Councillors and these would be published in the next Drayton Chronicle

158/08 Letter to allotment holders: A letter had been sent to all allotment holders asking if any were considering giving up their allotments or if any were interested in being part of a small liaison group with the PC. Replies awaited.

165/08 Replacement of Village Hall doors: To date no tenders for the work have been received by the PC from Ann Webb.

165/08 PC/Village Hall agreement document: No reply to Mrs. Sellwood's letter to Mr. Hornsby (15/12/08) had been received. Mrs. Sellwood to be asked to chase an answer from Mr. Hornsby a.s.a.p

7/09. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE BUSINESS

All invoices, payments and receipts had been checked by Mr Butler, prior to the cheques being signed.

A Payments

M Sellwood	Clerk's Salary	£559.78
Inland Revenue	NI & tax	£52.23
M Sellwood (includes RSA for January – March 2008)	Expenses	£103.17 (incl. VAT £4.13)
R Sharpe	December caretaker	£192.50
Thames Water	Cemetry/allotments 15/9-8/12/08	£14.39
Copycat Services	Photocopying Oct. '08	£10.76 (incl. VAT £1.40)
S137 – Drayton Village Hall	Removal of graffiti	£348.77
S137 – Drayton Hall	Hire of hall for carol service	£27.00

Receipts

Tonks Brothers	2 nd interment – Oleksiw (Plot 36)	£40.00
Midcounties Co-op	New grave – Hutt (Plot 206)	£140.00

B Other business

The Council agreed that the precept requested for 2009/10 should be £32,000 which, if the spend during the year corresponded with the agreed budget, would leave a reserve of £31,000 at the end of the year. Mr. Butler emphasised that the PC must ensure that the £10,000 budgeted for improvements to the Village Hall car-park is indeed spent otherwise we would come in for criticism from the auditor for having too large a reserve.

It was agreed that the Council should pay to advertise the April Parish Assembly in two consecutive months' Chronicles. Mrs. Pooley agreed to find a previous advert, update it and place it in the February and March Chronicles.

Mr. Butler said that payment for removal of graffiti on the village hall should be made under a 137 payment.

8/09. RIGHTS OF WAY & CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP

- a. Mrs. Pooley had spoken with Steve Sharpe and he had agreed to remove leaves and mud from the surface of Sutton Wick Path.
- b. Mrs. Pooley had reminded Mark Sumner yet again by email that the falling tree on FP 19 had still not been removed by the OCC.

9/09. PLANNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS

NO	ADDRESS	DETAILS	PARISH	DISTRICT
27/08 DRA/14126/25-LB	STONEHILL HOUSE	TO REMOVE REDUNDANT BRICK & TIMBER PARTITION IN CELLAR TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR WOOD PELLET BOILER.	NO OBJ	
37/08 DRA/10175/1	23 HILLIAT FIELDS	DEMOLISH EXISTING CONSERVATORY & ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION. EXISTING GARAGE TO BE REDUCED IN SIZE.	NO OBJ	PER

38/08 WORK TO TREES	GARDEN STUDIO, GRAVEL LANE	CROWN REDUCE 1 JUDAS TREE BY 33% & FELL 2 FIR TREES.	NO OBJ	
39/08 DRA/20644/1	53 ABINGDON ROAD	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUNGALOW & ERECTION OF A NEW HOUSE.		
1/09 DRA/20750	3 NEWMAN LANE	CONSERVATORY TO REAR OF PROPERTY.		

• **2A Hilliat Fields, Drayton – Appeal Decision by the Planning Inspectorate**

The appeal against refusal of the application to build a single storey dwelling in the garden of 2a Hilliatt Fields was unsuccessful, and Mr. Scharf read out the long and detailed reasons given by the planning officer.

10/09. LEISURE & GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP

- a. Steve Sharpe reported that work in December had been routine removal of rubbish, always greater around Christmas and New Year.
- b. Trees around the burial ground: Mr. Butler volunteered to order 100 x 3-4 ft. beech trees at £1.38 each. He would ask Gary Hibbins if the DAMASCUS young people would like to help to plant them; failing that he would either plant them himself or find someone else to do it.
- c. Mrs. Sellwood to check with Ann Webb about the cutting back of the hedge around the village hall carpark; was it to be the responsibility of the village hall committee or of the Parish Council? Mr. Scharf urged yet again that all Parish Councillors should look at the area beside the hedge to judge whether there might be room for extra car parking there.
- d. Mrs. Sellwood to contact White Horse Contractors and also McKenna to arrange a meeting with Mr. Scharf and Mr. Butler at the allotments, in order to discuss tenders for installing a third water supply.

11/09. Any Other Business

- a. Mr. Butler read out letters of thanks, received by the Clerk, from Abingdon and Didcot CABs and from Mr. Hamilton of the Millennium Green Trust, thanking the PC for recent donations.
- b. Mrs. Morris had received an answer-phone message from someone at the VWHDC about a Drayton resident's complaint about damaged hedges and trees; Mrs. Morris to obtain further information from the caller.
- c. Mrs. Morris had recently been to a PCT meeting and obtained information about 'pockets of deprivation' which she found interesting and made available to Councillors

12/09. CORRESPONDENCE – to be noted

NHS	NHS dentistry in England
NALC	Local Council Review – January 2009
ORCC	Autumn/Winter 2008 Review
VWHDC	Your Vale – Your Future: The Core Strategy Preferred Options: invite for Town/PC's on 22 nd January Your Vale, Your Future – A Strategy for Sustainable Communities 2008-2016 Local Community Flood Groups in the Vale Draft budget proposals for consultation – deadline for Comments is 22nd January 2009

13/09. The date of the next meetings were confirmed as MONDAY 2ND FEBRURAY 2009 at 7pm for the Finance Committee Meeting and 7.30pm for the Main Parish Council Meeting, both in the CAUDWELL DAY CENTRE, GRAVEL LANE.