

Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Drayton Parish Council, Held on Monday 6th April 2009 at 7.45pm At the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.

Present: Mrs Morrison (Chaired the meeting in Mr Scharf's absence), Mrs Pooley, Mr Butler, Mrs Morris, Mr Webber, Mrs Hind, Mr Williams, Mr Cook, Mr Wright.

43/09. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Mr Scharf, Mrs Seaman, Mrs Sellwood, County Councillors Mike & Marilyn Badcock.

44/09. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

45/09. CO-OPTED PARISH COUNCILLORS

Item deferred until the next meeting.

46/09. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

47/09. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 2ND MARCH 2009.

The minutes were agreed by Council and signed by Mrs Morrison.

48/09. MATTERS ARISING

40/06 Topple testing: The topple testing was due to take place at the end of April/early May. The topple testing had been advertised in the Chronicle and signs were displayed on the village noticeboards.

129/07 HGV's using bridleway: The item was deferred as the County Councillors weren't present.

APA 11: Play/recreation facilities: Deferred until the next meeting.

165/08 Replacement of Village Hall doors: Deferred until the next meeting.

165/08 PC/Village Hall agreement document: the wording of a letter, which the Clerk would send to the solicitor, had been agreed. The solicitor's fees, which were proposed by Mr Butler and seconded by Mrs Morrison, were also agreed.

10/09 Cutting back the hedge around the Village Hall carpark: Deferred until the next meeting.

10/09 Installation of third water supply in allotments: The work had now been carried out.

21/09 Annual payment to Custodian Charities: Deferred until the next meeting.

36/09 Trees along Steventon Road: Action completed – IM spoke to George Reade on 05/03/09 who confirmed that the oak trees on Steventon Road would be protected in the next few days and that the paperwork was going through the legal process which would be sent out to the householders once authorised by the head of legal services. He also said with regard to further TPOs (Tree Preservation Orders) in Drayton there are two major factors to consider. Firstly the bulk of the important trees in the village are within the conservation area which affords them pretty good protection already and secondly we tend to take the view that we will protect trees if they become threatened. If you know of any trees that would fall into this category then let me know and I will have a look to see if they would be worthy of a TPO.

40/09 Culham Open Evening on 22nd April: RB/DS/HM + 1 to attend.

41/09 Community Day Committee: Mr Webber asked if a Councillor would take on the financial responsibility. Mr Williams agreed to be part of the community day committee, but not on the financial side.

49/09. 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	£574.38
Inland Revenue	NI & tax	£61.19
M Sellwood	Expenses	£104.38 (£4.04 VAT)
(includes RSA payment for April-June of £50.00)		
Julian Cook	March caretaker	£170.00
OALC	Training for new Councillors – 2/4/09	£115.00 (incl. VAT £15)

Thames Water	Allotments/burial ground 9/12/2008 – 10/3/2009	£15.94
White Horse Contractors	Water supply work in allotments	£793.50 (£103.50 VAT)
S137 – Victim Support	Grant/donation	£100.00
Custodian Charities	Standing Order	£50.50

Receipts

Caudwell	Water for horses, paddock beyond burial ground. 2008/2009	£5.00
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B. OTHER BUSINESS

- Risk Assessment obligations for 2008/2009: The risk assessment for 2008/2009 had now been carried out.
- S137 Grants/donations – Victim Support – the application was discussed. Mr Butler said that the Finance Committee proposed a donation of £100.00. Mrs Morris seconded this proposal. **Decision** – It was agreed to donate £100.00 to Victim Support.
- Abingdon Alzheimer's Club – deferred until the next meeting.

50/09. RIGHTS OF WAY & CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP

- FP 17 has been cleared by the OCC and made fit for the 'beating the bounds' walk in May.
- The kissing gates on FP 12, which Mark Sumner hoped to have installed by autumn 2008, now probably won't be in place until August this year.
- A stretch of hedge along FP 11 has been removed by the owner of the adjacent garden. George Reade told me that the owner is entitled to do this and to plant whatever he/she chooses or to erect a fence. In the case of a fence there are restrictions as to permitted height.
- Mark Sumner is to call a meeting soon to discuss with residents improvements to the surface of Eastway.
- Mark Sumner has also responded to our concerns about the junction of Rook's nest path and the B4016, saying it is not sufficiently dangerous to warrant improvement in the foreseeable future. Marie to be asked to reply to Mark that we don't agree with his decision and we feel that it is a potential danger spot.

51/09. PLANNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS

38/08 WORK TO TREES	GARDEN STUDIO, GRAVEL LANE	CROWN REDUCE 1 JUDAS TREE BY 33% & FELL 2 FIR TREES	NO OBJ	
2/09 DRA/19623/1	6 CHURCH LANE	ERECTION OF A 2 STOREY SIDE EXTENSION & 2 ND STOREY REAR EXTENSION OVER EXISTING.	NO OBJ	Withdrawn
3/09 DRA/10104/2	212 STEVENTON ROAD	PROPOSED WIDENING OF DROPPED KERB.	NO OBJ	PER
4/09 DRA/6552/2	31 STEVENTON ROAD	PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO INCREASE THE WIDTH OF THE EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS	NO OBJ	
5/09 DRA/19750/1	36 WHITEHORNS WAY	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SINGLE STOREY GARAGE & UTILITY AREA. ERECTION OF 2 STOREY SIDE EXTEN. SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTEN. & NEW FRONT PORCH, WITH ASSOCIATED INTERNAL ALTERATIONS	NO OBJ	

6/09 DRA/14013/2	2 THE GREEN	ERECTION OF A DWELLING WITH PARKING & ALTERATIONS TO ACCESS (LAND AT 2 THE GREEN).		
7/09 DRA/10949/5	LITTLE SMITHS FARM	ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT 3 BED DWELLING		
B. Environment Agency - Application for an Energy from Waste Incinerator at Sutton Courtenay (public consultation period to end 17 th April 2009) – members expressed concerns				

52/09. LEISURE & GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP

Leisure & General Purposes Working Group – spoke about a place called Finstock as an example

- (i) Village caretaker – lots of rubbish and BMX not used much
- (ii) Calor Villages of the Year Competition – closing date 30th May 2009 - Deferred until next meeting
- (iii) List of work from Drayton Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee - Deferred until next meeting

53/09. CORRESPONDENCE – to be noted

OCC

Locality primary school review – meeting on
28 April, 3-5pm at Larkmead School
Consultation on proposed changes to shelter grants
Scheme (deadline 2nd April)

Thames Water

Statement of response to consultation on draft Water
Resources Management Plan

CPRE

Oxford Green Belt Way Walk – 19th April 2009

54/09. Any Other Business

There was none.

55/09. The date of the next meetings were confirmed as Finance Committee Meeting at 7pm, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm, both to take place on Monday 11th May 2009. Both to be held in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.