

Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Drayton Parish Council, Held on Monday 4 January 2010 at 7.30pm At the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.

Present: Mr Scharf, Mr Butler, Ms Pooley, Mr Williams, Mr Wright, Mrs Smyth

1/1/10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ms Morrison and Mrs Hind.

2/1/10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

3/1/10. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 7 December 2009

The Minutes were agreed and signed with the following amendments:

155/09. Mr Williams amended nok to Next of Kin in the fifth paragraph. The following amendments were made by Mr Scharf “this is a possibility, but that the name can’t be changed as the trust is associated with the Almshouses Association”; and Mrs Hind returned to the room.

APA11. Mr Scharf reported that Mr Treuhertz, VWHDC solicitor, had requested a new plan but wanted to research the history of the subject first.

138/09. Mr Butler requested the text in **bold** be deleted. “The Clerk to contact Ringrose again and also the County Councillors to find out if the tree will be replaced, as it was **thought to be** in a conservation area.

157/09B. Mr Scharf amended. Money can be given to any village group for running costs under Section 19 of the Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The Committee therefore proposed that an allowance be made of £5,000 to be given to the Village Hall under S19.

Mr Wright seconded the proposals. Mr Scharf signed the Minutes.

4/1/10. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 30 November 2009

Mr Butler would like to make some amendments before the Minutes can be signed off.

5/1/10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

6/1/10. NEWS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no county councillors present.

7/1/10. MATTERS ARISING

40/06. Topple testing

Mrs Hind had contacted Thomas Cakebread Memorial Masons and was waiting to hear back from them, Mrs Hind chased on 4 January 2010 (confirmed at PC meeting by Mr Scharf).

APA 11. Play/recreation facilities -

Mr Scharf reported that Mr Treuhertz, VWHDC solicitor, had requested a new plan but wanted to research the history of the subject first before inviting Mr Scharf and Mr Webber to discuss the recreational ground. Mr Scharf is awaiting to hear from Mr Treuhertz.

Mr Scharf reported that Mr Gould (Damascus Youth Worker) had not come back to him regarding the visit to the Cumnor BMX track. Mr Scharf said that he would send round details of the address for other councillors who were interested.

21/09. Annual payment to Custodian Charities – Mr Butler confirmed he had written to Debbie Roberts, Finance Officer, from the Village Hall terminating the annual standing order and the Clerk had visited the bank to cancel the standing order.

110/09. Asbestos shed – Mr Scharf confirmed that City Insulation had visited the site, and a quotation had been received for £580 for the work to be carried out. Mr Butler accepted the quotation and Mr Scharf seconded it.
Clerk advise City Insulation

124/09. Memorial request – Set in Stone – Mr Williams circulated the draft letter at the PC meeting. He suggested that the fees and charges document be revised and this was discussed but could not be agreed, as the items were not on the agenda.

Mr Williams went through the monuments page from the original document and suggested we change it to read:

For the right to erect or place on any grave one of the following:

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| 1 | A headstone (upright or angled type) not exceeding 2'6 x 2'6 | £40.00 |
| OR | | |
| 2 | A tablet not exceeding 1'6 x 1'6 (18" x 18") (for internment of ashes) | £40.00 |

In addition to the above, the following may be added:

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| 3 | Kerbstones or border stones, enclosing a space not exceeding 6' x 2'6. <u>Kerbstones must not be above ground level.</u> | £40.00 |
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For any additional inscription added to headstone or tablet:

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| 4 | Inscription (after the first) | £25.00 |
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Mr Wright asked do we need any other monuments on the original document? Mr Scharf agreed that we remove the discretion implied by no.5 and Mr Williams seconded it.

Mr Scharf suggested that this be on the next Agenda.

Mr Williams proposes to alter letter, email to PC committee and when agreed send it to Set in Stone before next PC meeting. Mr Scharf seconded it.

All in favour of Mr Williams proposal. Mr Wright seconded. Vote, all in favour.

126/09. Sutton Wick Beverley air crash disaster - Mr Scharf spoken to RAFA. Mr Hirons has retired. Mr Leech from RAFA Oxford and Mr Clarke RAFA Wantage will organise a meeting which Mr Scharf will attend to discuss an appropriate memorial for the crash.

138/09. Tree cut down on the High Street – The Clerk hadn't heard back from Ringrose Tree Surgeons. **Action** – The Clerk to contact Ringrose again and also the County Councillors to find out if the tree will be replaced, as it is in a conservation area.

138/09. Safer Road Partnership 'Black Box' – An invoice has been received and the survey will take place 14-16 January 2010 outside 210 Steventon Road.

146/09. Binning Close bushes – Action – Mr Cook to speak with the resident concerned. Mr Wright had another look at them, and thinks the bushes have been hacked back even further.

146/09. Letter to Mr Caudwell - Ms Pooley contacted Mark Sumner by email; he is out of the office until 11 January 2010.

158/09. New dog bin – Previous clerk got in touch with Vale and it was confirmed that the new bin was not on the collections rota but had since been added. – **Clerk to remind District Council it needs emptying.**

158/09. Sutton Wick path - Mr Cook had agreed to have a look and said that it would involve additional hours to do the job. Mr Scharf requested Mr Cook to come back to Council with an estimate of the additional time involved in the first instance. **Action Clerk to remind Mr Cook.**

150/09. Development along Milton Road – Mr Butler has heard nothing more, he confirmed that he had emailed Hannah Revell at the Vale of White Horse on 3 January 2010. Interestingly, when the kennels were extended there is an ancient monument site very close by but Mr Butler wasn't sure where exactly.

161/09. OCC Local Transport Plan 3

The PCs comments on the long list of schemes:

So30 - Chicanes on the High Street – None in favour

S031 -Move the 30mph to the south side of the road bridge – Already there

S032 - Pedestrian refuge and speed cushions on Steventon Road/Lockway – Mr Webber is very keen, this is why we are doing the black box. All support.

S033 – Crossing points and review of Abingdon Road. — None in favour but clarification of proposal required.

Action – Clerk to email OCC with information and pointing out that Drayton is in Vale of White Horse District (not as shown in South Oxfordshire).

161/09. New Waste Services – Mrs Morris not at meeting to update.

8/1/10. Training Courses – Mr Scharf outlined the training courses offered by Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils for 2010. Mr Cook should be asked if he wanted to attend the cemetery management, tbc. Training was approved by the committee for the clerk Kathryn Smyth to attend and it is her intention to book herself onto the – Supporting New Clerks on the 9 March 2010. Proposed by Mr Butler and seconded by Mr Scharf.

9/1/10. Vale of White Horse DC Local Development Framework

Your Vale your future. Ms Pooley brought to the PC attention that it had been suggested in the plans to move the library and health centre above the redevelopment of Cargo and Somerfield, she thought this was not a wise move. Mr Scharf supported her point.

Ms Pooley pointed out and opposed the renaming of the Bury Street Precinct that was now called Abbey Shopping Centre 4 votes in favour.

The drawing is an artists impression was not thought to be a meaningful plan..

A majority saw no advantage in another large retail outlet in the town centre, specifically “Anchor Store”. (Mr Scharf).

Mr Wright said that that The Charter seems to be a perfectly satisfactory development, everyone agreed. Mr Scharf also pointed out that it was one of the main office developments in the town centre, which creates diversity of land use rather than another shop.

Reservoir indicates shape and size when it should only show a schematic area.

Transport – They should not be proposing a new road in a local plan to 2026.

A vote took place and the result was 3 against the road reservation and 2 for.

Mr Butler pointed out a statement regarding affordable homes which was contradictory “As house prices in the district are high, having more affordable homes (for rent or shared ownership below market rates) is an important priority. We are looking to secure affordable homes on all new sites with 3 or more properties. This will not always be possible on small sites where existing land values are high. Our current policy operates on sites of 15 homes or more in towns and 5 or more in villages.

Mr Butler proposes that the threshold for the formal housing required should be lower than 15 and the justification for not being as low as 3 on all sites is contradictory As affordable homes are important where land values are high. All in favour.

Housing – discussion took place about the 1500 homes moving from Abingdon to Wantage; however, it does directly affect the PC because they were planned for the Drayton Road Abingdon. Mr Scharf supported Mr

Williams that the road infrastructure in South Abingdon would not cope with more housing, in these circumstances the PC support the allocation of housing going to Wantage/Grove.

Clerk to draft a response to VWHDC for circulation covering the points on which there was a majority view. Members can also send in individual responses.

10/1/10. Valentine Disco, 13 February 2010

The valentine disco promoted by Mr Scharf is being branded as raising funds for the village hall, if 150 tickets are sold at £5 a ticket it will raise money for the village hall. Mr Scharf would be very grateful if all PC members would support the disco and spread the word. This will be branded as the first of a series of events to keep the hall in active use.

11/1/10. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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

A Payments

Marie Sellwood	Previous clerk expenses for December	£6.01
Thames Valley Police	Speed Survey Auth	£105.00
VWHDC	Installation of new dog bin	£270.25 (£35.25 VAT)
VWHDC	Servicing of dog bins 1 July – 30 Sept 2009	£351.11 (£45.80 VAT)
Thames Water	Cemetery & Allotments 10 Sept – 9 Dec 2009	£16.66
Kathryn Smyth	Clerk expenses for December - Stamps - Printer toner - Mileage	£25.54
Julian Cook	December caretaker	£170.00
Copy Cat Services	Photocopying	£11.39

Receipts

Edward Carter	New double – Popplestone (Plot 212)	£140.00
Abingdon Stone & Marble	Additional inscription (Webb)	£25.00
Edward Carter	New double – Slupek (Plot 213)	£140.00

B. OTHER BUSINESS

Review of the effectiveness of the internal audit

Mr Butler hasn't completed the internal audit document but promises to do so and circulate prior to the Finance Committee Meeting on 1 February 2010.

12/1/10. RIGHTS OF WAY & CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP

Ms Pooley confirmed there was nothing to report.

13/1/10. PLANNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS

NO	ADDRESS	DETAILS	PARISH	DISTRICT
21/09 DRA/10313/3	83 HIGH STREET	RENDERING OF BRICK WALLS. NEW RED STOCK BRICK DETAILS AT WINDOW, DOOR HEADS & EAVES WITH EXTRNL FINISHES TO MATCH NEW EXTENSIONS.	NO OBJ	

26/09 DRA/21034	WILLOWDENE, ODAY HILL, STONEHILL LANE	PROPOSED EXTENSION TO EXISTING DWELLING & CONVERSION INTO 2 DWELLINGS.	NO OBJ – ITEMS TO CONSIDER	Withdrawn
27/09 DRA/21043	44 STEVENTON ROAD	ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION.	NO OBJ	PER
28/09 DRA/21054	54 HIGH STREET	ERECTION OF 2 STOREY & SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSIONS. DEMOL. OF EXISTING OUTBUILDING.	NO OBJ	
29/09 DRA/18157/1	OAKVIEW, 94 STEVENTON ROAD	PROPOSED BAY WINDOW & CONVERSION OF GARAGE	NO OBJ	
30/09 WORK TO TREES	MANOR FARM	REDUCE POPLAR BY 20% & LAYLANDII BY 30%	NO OBJ	PER

B. Mr Butler brought to the PC attention that the plans were inaccurate for the extension to 54 High Street.

14/1/10. LEISURE & GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP

Village caretaker Mr Cook and Mrs Hind were not present at meeting, no update provided.

15/1/10. CORRESPONDENCE – to be noted

Allianz – Insurance	Notifying change of new clerk/address
OCC	Consultation on premium bus routes X2 and 35 between Didcot & Radley – Formal bus stop markings
Defra	TWUL – Water Resources Management Plan
Vale of White Horse	Your Vale – Your Future
OALC	November/December Members update (includes training programme for 2010 & expenditure limit under S137)
VWHDC	Community Safety Winter 2009/2010 District Council Budget Proposals 2010/2011
Oxfordshire Play Partnership	Play Policy
Take Care	Abingdon & Vale of White Horse Branch of the Alzheimer's Society
Lloyds TSB	Bank statement for November 2009
Cemetery Management	CD received
Vale Community Safety	Winter 2009/10 newsletter
City Insulation Contractors Ltd	Tender for removal of asbestos shed
LCR Magazine	Winter 2009
ORCC Review	Autumn/Winter 2009, Issue 6

DEFRA (Mr Scharf) – Letter of 8 December confirmed that there is going to be a public enquiry into the Thames Water Utilities Limited Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP). On that point one of our representations was been that the PC do not want a public inquiry or, before the public inquiry, there should be some mediation without the need for barristers.

We (the PC) have been identified as stakeholders/main party; if we want to supplement our written representations we have to do so before the next committee meeting (deadline 19 January 2010), However, we need to revisit what we have said, decide if we want to go to the appeal, whether we want to go to the pre-inquiry

meeting(s). Mr Scharf's feeling is that we have very little to say on the water resources management plan until others more knowledgeable than us have decided that there is a need for more water resources.

Two comments from our original representation are still relevant. The first is the pre-inquiry meeting; these are primarily intended to set timescales etc. for the main inquiry. However, the PC believes that the inspector could and should emphasise the secondary function of these meetings, which is to bring stakeholders together to investigate certain matters, find common ground or areas of dispute. The PC believes the Inspectorate should be encouraged to do that. Secondly, there is the other business of conflating the WRMP with the reservoir that Defra says will be the subject of a National (planning) Policy Statement on water resources. The reservoir is big enough to be part of the NPS to be published in Nov/Dec 2010 that makes it difficult to know what evidence would be relevant to the inquiry in June into the Thames Water WRMP. Since the statement may negate the need for a new reservoir, the PC is concerned that the inquiry in June may therefore be an unnecessary waste of resources.

Action - Letter to be drawn up by clerk.

16/1/10. Any Other Business

Mr Scharf asked the PC regarding admin, do we want a supplementary update on the agenda; Overall agreement no.

Mr Scharf discussed the retirement of Josie Midwinter and how quickly she will be replaced. It may be that the PC could consider writing a letter to whomever necessary to confirming its view that that the village requires a replacement full time vicar with the minimum delay. No action until PC hears from Josie Midwinter. The exceptional service given to the village by Josie Midwinter was discussed.

Action - Letter to Josie Midwinter from the PC thanking her for all her work.

17/1/10. The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 1 February 2010, at 7.30pm, to be held in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.