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Minutes of the Meeting of Drayton Parish Council, Held on Monday 2nd September 2013 at 7:30pm At the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.

Present: Daniel Scharf (Chairman); Richard Williams; Laurence Zipson; Graham Webb; Pat Athawes; Mark Jesson; Naomi Broomfield (left at 9:35pm); Richard Webber (arrived at 9:00pm).

Not present: Julian Fowler.

In attendance: David Perrow (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) (left at 8:24pm); Christopher Price (Deputy Parish Clerk and Meeting Administrator).

086/2013-14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Julian Fowler; Richard Webber (for late arrival) and they were **noted**.

087/2013-14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was present.

Airport. David Mercer expressed an interest in the proposed £18.2bn airport which would be built on the site where a reservoir and garden city have been suggested. It was **agreed** to expedite this item of business. Richard Williams had studied the LOX (London Oxford Airport) proposal prior to the meeting and discussed his findings. Annual Capacity: 120 million passengers; 4 million tonnes of air cargo; 756 000 air transport movements. Facilities: 4 parallel runways – 4000 metres in length; 14,000 metres of aircraft stands; Integrated passenger and air cargo rail stations; Express rail links to London Heathrow T5 and Paddington station. All the Councillors expressed **objections** to this development. The deadline for submitting comments to the Airports Commission is 27th September. It was **resolved** for Richard Williams to draft the Parish Council's written response to the airport and circulate for final comment.

Proposed: Daniel Scharf **Seconded:** Naomi Broomfield **Resolved Unanimously**

ACTION: Richard Williams to draft the Parish Council's written response to the airport. Deputy Clerk to submit the Parish Council's written response to Airports Commission. Laurence Zipson to issue a press release. Clerk to contact neighbouring Councils to suggest a meeting and joint response or invite them to adopt points made in Drayton Parish Council submission.

088/2013-14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting, nor any dispensations received in advance by the Clerk needed for consideration.

089/2013-14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th August 2013 were **confirmed**. Daniel Scharf (Chairman) signed the Minutes as a correct record.

Proposed: Daniel Scharf **Seconded:** Laurence Zipson **Resolved Unanimously**

090/2013-14 ACTION POINT REVIEW FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Action Point report from the last meeting was **noted** and the points below were provided as additional information:

(a) Whitehorns Way new road sign x2. During the Annual Parish Inspection that was conducted on 23rd February it was identified that there is a lack of road signs on Whitehorns Way. Only one of the two proposed new road signs have been installed.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to follow up the matter with Sally-Anne Worsley (VWHDC).

(b) Overgrown Hedges. It was **agreed** for the Rights of Way & Conservation Working Group to discuss this matter and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

ACTION: Rights of Way & Conservation Working Group to discuss the matter and to report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

093/2013-14 PLANNING COMMITTEE BUSINESS (Daniel Scharf)

Ref	ADDRESS	DETAILS	PARISH	DISTRICT
P13/V02 33/FUL	Land to the north of 92 -112 Milton Road Sutton Courtenay	Demolition of 110 Milton Road and erection of 34 dwelling houses with associated access.	Object (conditional)	Refused Under appeal
P13/V13 89/HH	218 Steventon Road Drayton Abingdon Oxfordshire OX13 6RN	Proposed two storey extension at the rear and two dormers in the front roof slope. Resubmission of P13/V0544/HH.	Response	Granted
P13/V15 75/LB	Sutton Wick House 18 Sutton Wick Lane Drayton Abingdon OX14 4HJ	General repairs to fabric, install secondary double glazing and new central heating system & create new bathroom.	Supporter	Pending
P13/V16 13/HH	41 Sutton Wick Lane Drayton Abingdon OX14 4HH	Proposed single storey extension and extension to roof to provide additional living accommodation.	Supporter	Pending
P13/V14 29/FUL	Milton Garden Machinery Milton Road Drayton OX14 4EZ	Proposed addition of domestic accommodation to existing business premises	Supporter	Pending
P13/V16 03/HH	13 Binning Close Drayton Oxfordshire OX14 4LN	First floor extension for additional bedroom and en-suite shower room	Supporter	Pending
P13/V15 43/O	Land to the rear of 92-112 Milton Road Sutton Coutenay OX1 4BT	Demolition of 110 Milton Road and erection of 34 dwelling houses	Object (conditional)	Pending
P13/V17 65/FUL	Land off Manor Close Drayton	Construction of a new detached dwelling	Pending	Pending
P13/V18 31/HH	17 Steventon Road Drayton Abingdon OX14 4JX	Two storey side and rear extension, demolition of garage.	Pending	Pending

(a) P13/V1765/FUL. Land off Manor Close Drayton. Construction of a new detached dwelling. It was **resolved** to submit an **Objection (conditional)** to this planning application with the following statement:

- 1. The Parish Council expects, in accordance with the policies in the Drayton HPG and the adopted and draft Local Plans, the VWHDC to require contributions to both education and transport to mitigate the extra pressure placed on these services. It understands that contributions towards other facilities can be required by the VWHDC on evidence of need, and the Parish Council can say that recreational facilities in the village are not keeping up with the needs being placed on them (see the HPG4).*
- 2. Drayton HPG8 expects new dwellings to achieve Code for Sustainable Homes 6. The VWHDC have decided (see draft Local Plan) that CSH 4 is necessary to be consistent with the Framework (see para 216) and meet the presumption in favour of sustainable development (see para. 14) but have been referred to the appeal (Ref 2169598) where the inspector concluded that even CHS would be insufficient in this respect. The Review of Housing Standards suggests that applying the CSH might not be appropriate but still expects the carbon reduction targets in the Climate Change Act (also see para. 94 of the Framework) and the advice in the Carbon Plan and from the Committee on Climate Change to be followed, that will not be the case even through the upgrading of the Building Regulations (scheduled for April 2014) e.g. to between CSH 3 & 4 in terms of the building but without the other 8 indicators of sustainability. The Parish Council would expect the VWHDC to require sustainability measures that genuinely meet the presumption in the Framework and that are consistent with the statutorily require reductions in carbon emissions.*
- 3. In order to improve the sustainability of this dwelling, the roof design must be changed to accommodate PV or solar thermal collectors. The appeal Ref 2169598 makes it clear that aspect is crucial in this respect.*
- 4. The Drayton HPG requires dwellings of more than 2 bedrooms to be subdivided (or could be made easily subdivisible) to have the potential to create self-contained accommodation to reduce both the probability of and levels of under-occupation in the village. In this case a horizontal subdivision could be made feasible were the floor/ceiling built to a suitable standard. This should be a condition of any permission.*

Proposed: Daniel Scharf

Seconded: Richard Williams

Resolved Unanimously

(b) P13/V1831/HH. 17 Steventon Road Drayton Abingdon OX14 4JX. Two storey side and rear extension, demolition of garage. It was **resolved** to **respond** to this planning application with the following statement: *The Parish Council questions whether this extension is in accordance with the VWHDC policy and practice given that it is effectively two stories on the boundary and included a sideways looking bedroom window.*

Proposed: Daniel Scharf

Seconded: Laurence Zipson

Resolved Unanimously

(c) **Proposed base station upgrade at Drayton sewage treatment works.** The proposed base station upgrade was **noted**.

094/2013-14 DRAYTON2020 (Richard Williams)

Questionnaire. 617 completed questionnaires have been returned and sent to 'Oxfordshire Rural Community Council' for analysis. Processing should take about two weeks. Results of the analysis will be published in the Chronicle and presented at a special event in the village hall on 18th and 19th October. Andrew Bax (Drayton2020 Chairman) has given all distributors a letter of thanks.

095/2013-14 RIGHTS OF WAY & CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP (Graham Webb)

(a) **Footpath FP14 fence keeps falling down in places.** It was **agreed** that no action is required.

(b) **Footpath FP15 kissing gate.** It was **noted** that the kissing gate has been damaged.

096/2013-14 LEISURE & GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP (Richard Williams)

(a) **Village Caretaker and Grass Contractors' Reports** were received and **noted**. It was also **noted** that Stephen Sadler (village caretaker) has made a replacement cover for standpipe in the burial ground.

(b) **RosPA annual report on the Lockway playground** was received and **noted**. It was **agreed** that no action is required.

(c) **Dog excrement in the burial ground.** Dog owners are being irresponsible and are **not** picking up after their pets. It was **resolved** to write about this in the next issue of the Chronicle.

Proposed: Richard Williams

Seconded: Daniel Scharf

Resolved Unanimously

ACTION: Richard Williams write about irresponsible dog owners in the next issue of the Chronicle and request that they pick up after their pets and dispose of bags responsibly.

Richard Webber joined the meeting at 9:00pm

097/2013-14 PRESS & PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKING GROUP (Laurence Zipson)

Council's logo and signage. It was **agreed** for Laurence Zipson to circulate an alternative logo idea.

ACTION: Laurence Zipson to circulate an alternative logo idea.

098/2013-14 NEWS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR (Richard Webber)

(a) **Airport.** Richard Webber expressed his objection to the proposed airport.

(b) **VWHDC front of house service.** The VWHDC is withdrawing its front of house service and will only accept appointments. The telephone number to arrange an appointment is 0345302235.

ACTION: Laurence Zipson to display telephone number on the Parish Councils website.

(c) **Councillor Community Budgets** www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/communitybudgets. Richard Webber has a £10,000 councillor community budget to support projects that matter most to his County Council constituency. To apply for funding you must be a not-for-profit organisation looking to meet a recognised need in your community. The deadline for applying is 28th February 2014. Suggestions for Drayton were kerb cleaning and white gates on the three roads entering the village.

099/2013-14 CORRESPONDENCE

The items on the List of Correspondence received were **noted** and the points below were provided as additional information:

(a) **The Rural Fair Share Petition.** The 'Rural Fair Share Campaign' aims to send a clear message to the Government from all rural areas in England that the current funding system is unfair, rural areas are losing out on essential funding to deliver services to rural communities. This year, the Rural Fair Share Campaign is giving our council the chance to lend its voice to this argument by signing a petition to be championed by our local MP at parliament. It was **agreed** to sign the petition.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to send signed petition to 'The Rural Fair Share Campaign'.

(b) **The Consumer Partnership in Oxfordshire.** Consumer Empowerment Partnerships (CEPs) is raising awareness on things like Scams, to campaign (currently on Payday Loans), to educate consumers and generally to make them more empowered.

ACTION: Daniel Scharf to read this correspondence and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

(c) Chairman's Award Lunch. To be held on 13th September.

ACTION: Richard Webber to find a host for Andrew Bax (Drayton2020 Chairman).

(d) Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014/15 Consultation. The VWHDC would like to know whether people think entitlement to council tax support in the Vale should change. They are proposing a number of changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, formerly known as council tax benefit, from 1 April 2014. Residents, community groups and representative organisations are now being invited to give their views on the proposed changes by completing an online survey www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/haveyoursay . The consultation closes on 18th October.

ACTION: Naomi Broomfield to read this correspondence and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

(e) Planning Minister to Wantage Constituency. On 20th September at Wantage Civic Hall. Ed Vaizey MP will be chairing a meeting with the Minister for Planning, where constituents will be able to tell him in person about the issues we are facing, and hear from Nick Boles about how the Government is addressing the points raised. Daniel Scharf, Richard Webber, Richard Williams and David Perrow will attend this meeting.

(f) Local Environment Group. On 7th October at 7:00pm (before the next Parish Council meeting). Cynth Napper (Community Officer for Wild Oxfordshire) will hold a presentation explaining biodiversity and neighbourhood planning, including powers and responsibilities of Parish Councils for the environment. Drayton2020 members will also be invited.

100/2013-14 ITEMS TO BE NOTED FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

There were no items to be noted.

Naomi Broomfield left the meeting at 9:35pm

101/2013-14 RESERVED BUSINESS

No members of the Public or Press were present so no resolution to exclude was necessary.

Fence in the burial ground.

Daniel Scharf declared an interest in this item and left the room for the following discussion and vote.

Richard Williams (Vice Chairman) assumed the Chair.

The Clerk has had no response from the letter sent to the homeowner on 17th August by recorded delivery. It was **resolved** to send the home owner a final warning letter (by recorded delivery) stating that the home owner has two weeks to respond or the Parish Council will start legal proceedings to have the offending fence removed from Parish Council land.

Proposed: Richard Williams **Seconded:** Pat Athawes **Resolved Unanimously**

ACTION: Richard Williams to draft final warning letter. Clerk to send letter to home owner by recorded delivery.

Daniel Scharf reentered the room and resumed the Chair.

102/2013-14 THE DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as **MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2013 at 7:30pm** in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton.

The meeting concluded at 9:40pm

Signed:

Date: 7th October 2013

Name: Daniel Scharf

Role: Chairman, Drayton Parish Council