



Draycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council Meeting
Monday, 13th July 2020

Minutes recorded by	Start Time	Location
Clerk Mrs D. Wheat	7:30pm	Zoom, virtual meeting

Attendees:

Cllr. Myatt County Cllr. Deaville
 Cllr. Holdcroft District. Cllr. Wilkinson
 Also present were fifteen members of the public.

1. Welcome

The Councillors present appointed Cllr. Holdcroft as Chairman for the Meeting. EM/MD
 Cllr. Holdcroft opened the meeting at 7.35pm due to some joining IT issues for members of the public.

2. Apologies

Chairman Cllr. P. McLaughlin	Illness
Vice-Chairman Cllr. Winfield	Illness
Cllr. S McLaughlin	Work commitment
Cllr. Bradshaw	Illness
District. Cllr. Hulme	Another meeting commitment

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Wilkinson declared membership of the SMDC Planning Committee.

4. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 8th June 2020

Cllr. Holdcroft noted a typing error Item 15, also Item 6e. Telephone Box Cllr. Holdcroft had suggested having a book exchange in the Kiosk. A member of the public also commented that a letter sent to the Clerk following the meeting regarding the debate about Defibrillators in Item 6e, should have been included on the Agenda under correspondence. The Clerk apologised. The minutes were then resolved as a true record. Cllr. Holdcroft will sign the file copy of the minutes following the meeting when the Clerk can deliver the file copy.

Proposed: Cllr. Deaville – Seconded: Cllr. Myatt – Motion Carried

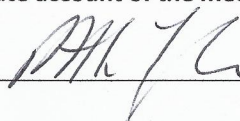
5. Public Participation

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

- a) Cllr. Martin Oxby of Fulford P.C. was interested in the Highways Issues on the Agenda as these could also affect Fulford Parish.
- b) A resident asked about the litter problem on Tater Lane. Cllr. Holdcroft suggested the Litter picker could cover Tater Lane on his next litter picking journey through the Parish. Clerk will contact Forsbrook Parish as this Lane is not in Draycott.
- c) A Draycott resident asked about the track in front of St Margaret's Church to The Rectory and Cheadle Road. It does not appear to have a name. Does anyone know what it is called? If not, could we give it a name and make it official? It was suggested to ask Cllr. Winfield. The Council also thanked the resident for clearing the nettles along Cheadle Road. It is very much appreciated.
- d) A Draycott resident commented about the speed on Uttoxeter Road being worse during the lockdown period.
- e) A Cheadle Road resident wanted to raise awareness of the state of Cheadle Road footways, nettles and overgrowth has covered any footway that was there. By the Draycott Arms the railings have fallen inwards and it is very unsafe for pedestrians walking. The resident would like speed reducing as it is

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extremely dangerous. Cllr. Holdcroft asked if the Lengthsman had done the tasks asked of him last month. The Clerk responded that the Lengthsman had not completed the tasks set. Cllr. Deaville also agreed that the speed limit needs to be reduced up as far as the pinch point by Ken Shelley's bungalow. A discussion around the Government encouraging walking and cycling during lockdown period has meant more people are walking and cycling. Cheadle Road is particularly dangerous by the farm where the cows cross the road after the bad bend.

- f) A Cheadle Road resident agreed and stated that because the road is national speed limit people go at crazy speeds. He also suggested a camera could be installed as a deterrent. If a pedestrian had to step into the highway, they could be knocked down by the speeding traffic. The Councillors responded that it is their intention to apply for further funding to get more VAS cameras installed on Cheadle Road and in Cresswell.
- g) A Cresswell resident has concerns about the speed reduction consultation in Cresswell. His concerns were that it is not clear about the pinch point near to the Izaak Walton on the planning drawings.
- h) A Cresswell resident is concerned that the Cresswell roundabout consultation is not on the Agenda at all and he felt that Cresswell has been forgotten. The resident then went on to mention the letter of correspondence which had been sent to the Clerk following the last meeting where there was a debate on the maintenance of Defibrillators. The Clerk apologised that this correspondence is not on the Agenda. Cllr. Holdcroft said this should be recorded and discussed in full at the next meeting. The Clerk then explained that the Parish Council have not received any maps or letters at all from Staffordshire County Council regarding the Consultation. The Parish Council had only become aware there was a consultation was when a resident phoned the Clerk to see what the Parish Council thought about it. The Clerk then called on the resident to copy the documents and to forward them onto the Councillors. The Clerk was not aware that there had been maps and letters sent out to Cresswell residents also. The Clerk then told the Council and the public that following her complaint to Staffs County Council, Draycott Parish Council had been given an extension to 14th July to comment. The resident said this was not acceptable and that Cresswell residents had not been given the correct timeframe opportunity to comment. Cllr. Deaville said this was totally unacceptable and he will write to Mike Smith to request a full period of consultation.
- i) A Draycott resident has received no response from County to her questions which she has e-mailed to the Consultation email address. The planning application had a proposed schedule of works. Some of these dates have now expired. Access to the houses adjacent to the roundabout has not clearly been explained. The resident also mentioned the flooding which has returned near to Fords Farm and how this could be impacted by the roundabout construction.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for all their comments and welcomed the public to stay and listen to the rest of the meeting.

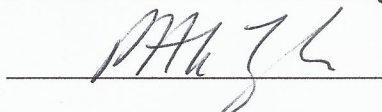
6. Actions and Updates from the last meeting

- a) Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership have now opened the training for the Community Speedwatch. Cllr. Myatt asked if members of the public can be trained? Cllr. Deaville said the Council would like to actively encourage volunteers and would welcome anyone who wanted to get involved. The Clerk VAS has temporarily postponed installation of the VAS signage while the Clerk checked the border of the new intended speed limit suggested in the 30mph consultation.
- b) Lengthsman – No work has been undertaken by the Lengthsman this month. Both the sign clearance and the nettles have not been cleared as requested. Clerk asked to chase this up with some urgency.
- c) Church Lane Posts – Clerk has not ordered these as the posts will be in the same area as the roundabout. The Council proposed to move this item to the next Agenda.
- d) Red Telephone Box at Draycott – Cllr. Myatt has done some research and needs to ask the Council for authorisation to buy some small items to start work on cleaning up the phone box. Wire wool, sanding tools, face masks, primer, paint brushes. Cllr. Myatt's brother is going to help. Because of the debris, signage and cones were discussed. The residents of the Old Post Office have agreed to let Cllr. Myatt use her tap for water. Cllr. Holdcroft has some cones which Cllr. Myatt can borrow. A resident offered a generator if needed. It was agreed for Cllr. Myatt to purchase supplies to do the work up to £100.00.

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- e) New additional waste bin for Draycott – The Clerk presented the quotes for a litter bin and fittings. £178.95 for a black bin with plain litter logo, £198.95 for Bin with Draycott logo in Vinyl. £233.95 for a bin with an etched Draycott Logo.

The council decided to order the etched version and was decided to locate it at the bottom of Church Lane area. A discussion was had about the bin being used for both dog and general waste. Clerk confirmed that it can be used for both. Clerk to order and collect bin when ready to save £47 carriage costs and factory is in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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- f) Winter Equipment is currently stored in a resident's garage. It was decided that it would be beneficial to keep the equipment in the Parish in case of bad weather. Clerk to ask Draycott Church Hall Committee if there is any space to keep the gritter and shovels at the hall or to ask at Draycott College.
- g) VJ Day. It was decided due to the current Covid-19 rules and regulations that a public event should not be arranged. Cllr. Myatt suggested asking Royal British Legion if they had anything similar to the Lamp Post Poppies which could be displayed. Cllr. Holdcroft suggested the Church Bells could ring if the Bell ringers were available as they sounded wonderful at the last event. Clerk to check with RBL.

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7. New Items

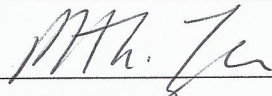
- a) **Blythe Park Public Consultation – 30mph speed reduction surrounding the areas of the proposed new roundabouts at Cresswell Lane/Uttoxeter Road junction and on Sandon Road in Cresswell at the entrance to the Blythe Park Development.** Built Communities from Staffordshire County Council have sent letters and maps to residents in the Parish. A discussion was had about the positive effects that the roundabouts will have on the speed of traffic travelling through Draycott and through Cresswell. The roundabouts will slow traffic down through the Parish. The negative side of the discussion was that the public had not been given time to be consulted properly and the Parish Council has also not been given the proper notice to discuss the consultation. The Council agreed that 30mph throughout the whole Parish would be the best way to prevent any further accidents, and to also slow down traffic, as there will also be a large increase in vehicles due to both Blythe Vale (Fields) and Blythe Park developments. Cllr. Wilkinson commented about the lack of consultation with all the tiers of the Council. The District Councillors have also not been notified of this consultation. A discussion was then had about the Highway network and other road users, both cyclists and pedestrians and how the design of the roundabouts will impact everyone. How will the roundabouts look? – grass, hump, flowers, signage – how will this impact the Council – who will maintain? Cllr. Wilkinson also suggested the flood zone mitigation measures on Uttoxeter Road as new drainage is installed around the roundabout if Highways work with the local Council to address all these problems could be solved. Cllr. Deaville acknowledged that it is clear from all the resident comments and letters how they feel, and the Council are all in agreement that they will support the 30mph speed reduction throughout the Parish. Clerk to write urgently to Staffordshire County Council to request this reduction.

Proposed: Cllr. Deaville – Seconded: Cllr. Holdcroft – Motion Carried

- b) **Village Gateways** – Cllr. Deaville asked for this item to be on the next Agenda as funding still needs to be discussed, but gateways will be an even more important if the Council are successful in getting the speed reduction throughout the Parish. Cllr. Oxby of Fulford Parish Council was asked for his thoughts in relation to Fulford's speed problems. Speed vans, VAS signage and Community Speedwatch were discussed. SSRP Grant funding may now be open for applications. Clerk to check.
- c) **Blocked Stream on Cheadle Road** - Cllr. Holdcroft reported a tree stump blocking the gully and following heavy rain fall this is causing flooding. A discussion was had about who would be responsible for this work and it was identified to be a County Highways issue. It will need traffic management and a crane. Clerk to report the issue to Highways and the item to be on the next Agenda.
- d) **Community Speedwatch Training** - Clerk already reported this item in 6a.
- e) **Digital Mapping** – In Cllr. Bradshaw's absence this item was moved to the next meeting Agenda.

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8. Finance

a) **The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) - Date of period for public inspection.** The Council agreed to start from 1st September 2020 as suggested by the External Auditor Mazars (normal date is 1st July, extension granted by NALC. due to Covid-19 lockdown for all Parish Councils).

Proposed: Cllr. Holdcroft – Seconded: Cllr. Deaville – Motion Carried

b) **VAT Refund** - Successful receipt of Parish Council VAT refund of £1,626.67. The Council thanked the Clerk for applying for the refund.

c) **Zoom Remote Meeting Software** - Continuation of monthly subscription was decided as face to face meetings are still not allowed for Parish Councils.

Proposed: Cllr. Holdcroft – Seconded: Cllr. Myatt – Motion Carried

9. To declare Bank Balance (see table below)

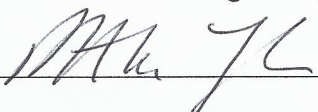
		Bank	Chq. No.	Nat West Statement
1st June 2020	Bank Balance b/forward	£25,730.04		Page 293
RECEIPTS (June)	VAT refund	£1,626.67		
PAYMENTS (June)		£4,942.00		
1st July 2020		£22,414.71		
Solar Array Fund Total		£5,802.47		
Earmarked Funds from Solar Array	Speed Gun for Draycott Church Lane Repair Planters Balance	£350.00 £1,000.00 £401.41		Ringfenced
Solar Array Fund available		£4,051.06		Designated
Transparency Fund available		£414.05		Designated
Neighbourhood Plan Grant		£0.00		Designated
Covid-19 Emergency Grant		£0.00		Designated
Election Fund		£2,518.47		Designated
Lengthsman Budget 2020/2021		£1,119.50		Designated
Defibrillator Fund		£400.00		Designated
Uncleared Cheques at 01.07.20	St Mary's RC Church Draycott Church Hall	£10.00 £25.50	001531 001559	
Current Account Available		£12,124.72		
Reserve Account		£0.01		
Total Available		£12,124.73		

It was agreed that the additional cost of the compost for the planters should come from the Solar Array Fund as the Planters are for the enjoyment of the Community.

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10. To Authorise Payments

Payee	Goods/Services	Sub-Total	Chq no	Total
Mr M.S. Price	June 2020 Litter picking 12.5 hours @ £8.72 p/h Mileage 40 @ 50p p/m Telephone £1.00	£109.00 £20.00 £1.00	001585	£130.00
Mr M.S. Price	July 2020 Litter picking 10 hours @ £8.72 p/h Mileage 32 @ 50p p/m Telephone £1.00	£87.20 £16.00 £1.00	001586	£104.20
Mrs D. Wheat	Clerk Salary June/July 2020 20 hrs @ £12.50 p/h £250.00	Net amount £200.00	001587	£200.00
HMRC PAYE and NI	Tax payable from Clerk Salary Apr/ May Ni Payable	£50.00 £0.00	001588	£50.00
Mrs. D. Wheat	Clerks Expenses (Mileage @ 50p p/m) notice boards, delivery of cheques and minutes, collection of audited accounts - 9 miles 1-month subscription to Zoom Stationary Order Viking Direct - 2 folders, acetate pockets and box of paper	£4.50 £14.39 £53.94	001589	£72.83

The above payments were proposed - Cllr. Deaville and Cheques duly signed - Cllr. Holdcroft (due to absence and remote meetings, cheques were signed the following day by Chairman Cllr. McLaughlin and checked and authorised by Cllr. Holdcroft thereafter before being issued).

11. Planning Applications

SMD/2020/0342	Bank View, Draycott Road, Upper Tean	Outline Permission with details of access (all other matters reserved) for one new detached two storey dwelling and detached garage structure	No objection – let the Planning Department at SMDC decide
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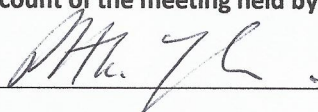
12. Correspondence

Correspondence received by the Clerk via email, website, social media, telephone or post.

- A resident observation – another overgrown road sign for attention on the bad bend on Cheadle Road and also the mileage to London sign which is a Heritage Asset of Draycott-in-the-Moors, opposite Breach Lane in Totmonslow has subsided and is sinking in the ground. Because of the location on the busy Draycott Road, it was suggested that the Clerk contact the Highways Officer for advice.
- Pothole complaint at the bottom of Church Lane. Clerk and Cllr. Deaville have reported the issue. Cllr. Wilkinson explained to the Council and residents about the importance of reporting all potholes through the MyStaffs App and uploading photographs for evidence. The App then creates a log number which can be re-entered to check on the progress of the fault repair. The phone number at Stafford is no longer used and the App is now the best way to report problems as they are all dated, logged and monitored for progress.
- Blythe Park Speed Reduction to 30mph and Roundabout Consultation – residents have written to the Clerk to ask the Parish Council's advice on the Consultation. Previously discussed in item 7a. An additional letter was also received regarding problems accessing properties adjacent to the roundabout. A resident asked to speak and mentioned the camber of the roundabout and asked a question about the land that the proposed access road is to occupy is land which on the property deeds of the resident's states shared usage. Cllr. Deaville reassured the residents that he will contact the Consultation team at Stafford to ask to see more detailed maps of the roundabouts.

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- d) A resident complaint about the overgrown footway on Cheadle Road is causing people to walk on the highway and the speed of traffic from Draycott Cross towards Draycott could result in a fatality. Already discussed Item 5e&f. Clerk to report and ask for advice from the County Highways Officer.

13. To receive oral reports from County and District Councillors

- a) **County Cllr. Deaville** reported that SMDC are now holding meetings remotely. Planning, Resources Scrutiny, Service Delivery and soon there will be a Health Scrutiny meeting. A Covid-19 Action Group have been set up to offer advice and to help the Communities start to re-open facilities and businesses, and to have a plan in place to take action should a localised Covid-19 outbreak take place. The action group is to transfer information both ways, from the Council to the Community and from the Community to the Council. Cllr. Deaville reminded everyone that although places are re-opening, lockdown has not gone away, and he urged anyone that has any information regarding Covid to contact Cllr. Deaville direct, or to contact the Clerk who will pass the information on to the Covid-19 Action Group. Cllr. Holdcroft asked if public conveniences are now open. Cllr. Wilkinson replied that they are now open but are restricted to one or two units open.
- b) **District Cllr. Wilkinson** informed the Council and the Public present that the Draycott Moor College planning application will soon be before the Planning Committee. If Councillors and members of the public want to speak at the meeting they need to register early so that they can be set up to use Microsoft Teams. The meeting will also be broadcast on Webcast.

14. Matters pertaining to issues in the Parish or for the next Agenda

- a) Items for the next Agenda
- a. Response from Stafford regarding 30mph reduction
 - b. Community Speedwatch recruitment
 - c. Defibrillators and Maintenance
 - d. Cheadle Road gulley clearance
 - e. Village Gateways
 - f. Lengthsman tasks completed
 - g. Digital Mapping
 - h. Re-location of Winter equipment
- b) To note items raised in public participation to be discussed at the next Council meeting
- a. Litter on Tater Lane
 - b. Speed Reduction Consultation/ Roundabout response to be discussed fully with the public, so that residents have a proper opportunity to comment
 - c. Cheadle Road footway and sign clearance
 - d. Heritage Asset sign repair on Draycott Road, Totmonslow
 - e. Flooding on Uttoxeter Road

The Chairman closed the meeting by sending the Council's best wishes to the Councillors who missed tonight's meeting through illness.

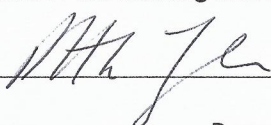
Meeting Ended At 9.10pm

Next Meeting date Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.30pm remotely on Zoom.

Closing date for correspondence, written submissions, e-mails to draycottparishcouncil@gmail.com - 7 days before next meeting, please.

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