

MAIDWELL with DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAUGHTON CLUB ROOM

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 January 2016

Present: Cllrs. Sanders-Hewett, Calnan, Cornwell, Newman, Paybody, Smeaton, and Wright

- 258. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Ian Barratt
- 259. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** – None
- 260. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2015**
The minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2015 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 10 December 2015 were accepted as correct.
Prop: Cllr. Paybody Sec: Cllr. Wright. Unanimous
- 261. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2015**
(197) Bins – Cllr Wright explained that the cost of purchasing the bins would be prohibitive and gave a breakdown of the costs. It was agreed that the new legislation firmly placed the onus for the waste disposal on the dog owners who must now carry their own bags and dispose of the waste. Details of the new legislation to be displayed on the noticeboards and the Parish newsletter.
(248) Transparency Code Funding – A bid application had been submitted in order to upgrade the website and for training – a decision would be made by the 19th January. Cllr Calnan agreed to format an engagement letter should the bid be successful.
(252) Joint Spring Tidy-up – Loder Hall Committee to meet in February therefore item to be put on the March agenda. Cllr Newman kindly agreed that his company would carry out any work that warranted the use of a chainsaw, at no cost to the PC.
(253) Quiet Lanes update – the Clerk had spoken to Highways who advised that the volume and speed of vehicles on the two quiet roads in the county had increased and had no positive effect on the drivers' behaviour. The County Council had no proposals to introduce further Quiet Lanes in the county. The cost implication would have been upwards of £5,000.
(254) Highways ii – Light outside Loder Hall, status of fault report – light has been fixed.
- 262. Open Forum** - Three people in attendance. No items were raised.
- 263. Blueberry Lane Resurfacing** – the resurfacing work requested had been completed. It was hoped that more would be carried out next year.
- 264. TWM Speed indicator/sites/data recorder** – The financial constraints of the Council meant that the equipment would not be ordered until the end of February (the Extraordinary meeting had been held in December to discuss matters). However, the Council may have the opportunity of borrowing a speed indicator, on a temporary basis, until its own equipment arrived. Two posts would be required in Maidwell - Steve Barber, Highways, was funding and installing one new post and there was a post already in situ at the other end of the village that was suitable. It was noted that there was a speed/traffic recorder currently set-up near Loder Hall. Cllr Sanders-Hewett to ask when the post would be installed.
- 265. Grant for Website** – this item had been discussed earlier in the meeting under Matters Arising.
- 266. Risk Assessment 2016 for consideration and adoption** – Copies of the updated Risk Assessment had been circulated to all Councillors. Approval to adopt – Prop: Cllr. Paybody, Sec: Cllr. Wright. Unanimous.
- 267. Village Design Statement (VDS/Parish Plan)** – Cllr. Wright stated that Tom James, Daventry DC, had attended the meeting in the village in December to explain the benefits of the different plans. Although the information had left residents confused, Pete Redman had offered to chair

a group of residents and report back on their findings. The group were meeting next week and would report back to the Council. Councillors were grateful to the community-led group for their work. Item to be included on March agenda.

- 268. Defibrillator Unit for Maidwell** – Cllr. Wright had applied for a defibrillator as he'd been advised by a member of the British Heart Foundation that the village may be eligible for one for free. Training would also be available for those interested and he'd letter-dropped around the village. It was recommended that there were 10 volunteers, although if more expressed an interest that would not be a problem. The equipment to be installed at the side of the pub. Cllr. Wright to arrange free training and check with the BHF whether the equipment belongs to the Council or the BHF.
- 269. Litter-pick Equipment** – The Parish Clerk referred to the email sent to all Councillors regarding possible difficulties with purchasing any equipment. The Council were keen to record their thanks to the resident who had, of his own volition, been litter-picking in the village. Clerk to speak to NCALC.
- 270. Open Space, Sport and Recreation Review for West Northamptonshire** – the Clerk referred Councillors to the email sent from Robbie Locke for local knowledge of the area. Cllrs Smeaton and Sanders-Hewett to advise the Clerk of discrepancies in the plans.
- 271. Car Parking at the Village School** – Various suggestions were put forward in order to alleviate the problem of illegal and dangerous parking by parents, when both taking their children to school and picking them up at the end of the day. The situation had gone on for a few years and some car owners, when asked politely to move were very aggressive and difficult. It was agreed that the Council write to the Headteacher, Highways, the Education Authority and the Police. Cllr Sanders-Hewett to draft a letter for the Clerk to send. Prop: Cllr Sanders-Hewett, Sec: Cllr Smeaton. Unanimous.
- 272. Changes to External Audit from 2017/18** – To confirm that the Council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit. Prop: Cllr Calnan, Sec: Cllr Paybody. Unanimous.
- 273. Village Website** – Already discussed under Matters Arising.
- 274. Maple Lodge** – Planning permission had been granted for the residents to build a wall with non-solid pattern bricks on the balcony, however, it had been noted that solid bricks had been used and the Planning Department had advised residents that they had breached their planning permission and had 28 days in which to re-do the brickwork.
- 275. Reports:**

I. Planning –

- DA/2015/1117 – Single storey extn to create changing room facilities, roof extension to main house to form additional accommodation, demolition of chimneystack – previously circulated – no objections to application
- DA/2015/1118 – Listed Building Consent for above – previously circulated – no objections to application

All the above approved. Prop: Cllr. Smeaton, Sec: Cllr. Wright. Unanimous.

II. Highways –

- Although it was acknowledged that the Road Sweeper had been through the village around Christmas time, the roads were still very dirty.
- Some trees were overhanging and needed to be cut back. Cllr. Sanders-Hewett to contact Highways as both sites are on Highways property.
- Drain cover in Maidwell sticking up – Cllr. Sanders-Hewett to report to Street Doctor.

276. Finance:

- I. The Clerk produced the precept for 2016/17 – copies had been previously sent to all Councillors. The precept forms were duly signed and would be posted.
Prop: Cllr. Calnan, Sec: Cllr. Cornwell. Unanimous.
- II. The Clerk produced the accounts and bank reconciliation from 1 April 2015 to 31st December 2015 inclusive. Expenditure £5055.32, Income £7695.69, Balance as at 31.12.15 £3878.69 Accepted – Prop: Cllr. Calnan, Sec: Cllr Cornwell. Unanimous.
- III. Authorisation letter to HSBC to be signed for transfer of Clerk’s address - signed by Cllr. Sanders-Hewett and Cllr. Paybody.

Resolution to approve payments

- I. Chq. No. 100095 – £613.12 Parish Clerk’s Salary Jan, Feb and Mar 2016
- II. Chq. No. 100096 - £99.08 E.ON Street Lighting Maintenance (to December 2015)
- III. Chq. No. 100097 - £132.83 Blades, Grass Mowing Nov (98)

All the above approved. Prop: Cllr. Cornwell, Sec: Cllr. Wright. Unanimous.

Resolution to approve payments made since last meeting - none

- 277. Correspondence for action** – Elections to take place 5th May 2016, Increase of 2% on Blades (grass cutting service) - to be included on March Agenda, E.On Insurance - noted
- 278. Date and Time of Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2016** at 7.30pm in Loder Hall, Maidwell.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm

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Signature

Date