

# DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Daphne Youngs                      Cllr Lorna Thurlow                      Cllr Gary Hembra  
            Cllr Haslett Schofield                      Cllr Sue Cousins                      Cllr Christine Lambert

Parish Clerk - Paula Gladwell                      County and District Cllr Penny Otton  
5 members of the public

2016/327      **Apologies for Absence** — None

2016/328      **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Youngs declared a pecuniary interest in Item 10a as an allotment holder. (min no.2016/347)

2016/329      **Adjournment for:**

**County and District Cllr Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes.

**Open Forum** – No questions

**Meeting resumed:**

2016/330      **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Youngs that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with an amendment to 2016/311 - the word "newsletter" replaced with "magazine". The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were signed as a true record.

2016/331      **Clerks report** – It was confirmed that BT are to site a green fibre cabinet on parish land in Rattlesden Road. Proof of ownership has been accepted by BT and the way leave forms completed.

2016/332      SCC Highways have not yet provided any explanation as to why they have not fulfilled their promise to resurface Cross Street, the clerk and Cllr Otton will continue to pursue a favourable outcome to this issue.

2016/333      Following concerns expressed by residents regarding some vehicles travelling at excessive speeds through the village it was agreed that if volunteers could be sought a return to the rota for the Speedwatch gun may help to encourage drivers to slow down. Enquiries will be made with Beyton, Hesselsett and Felsham as to the position with the equipment and volunteers will be sought via the magazine.

2016/334      It was confirmed that the landowners of FP2 will cut back the side growth.

2016/335      **Finance** – The clerks Financial Report for October 2016 was approved.

2016/336      The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Youngs, with all in favour.  
Clerk's salary for September 2016

2016/337      HMRC Quarter 2 payment

2016/338      CAS Insurance renewal premium £381.73

2016/339      TOP Grass cutting £187.50

2016/340      It was resolved to authorise a direct debit payment to Anglian Water for future charges for both Gedding Road and Rattlesden Road allotment sites. Proposed by Cllr Youngs, sec Cllr Lambert with 5 – 1 majority in favour. The Direct Debit forms were duly completed.

2016/341      The Budget Working Group Terms of Reference and members were reviewed and it was noted that the group would convene an initial meeting in order to consider the budget and precept for 2017/18.

2016/342      **Planning** – It was resolved to send the following comments to MSDC: Application no. 4032/16 New drainage treatment plant serving main house and Coach House annex, The Old Rectory, The Street – "*Drinkstone Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available*"

2016/343      The following MSDC decisions were noted: 3314/16 Insertion of a new window to first floor on east elevation, Holm House, Garden House Lane – GRANTED

- 2016/344 **Adopt a Footpath scheme** – Cllr Schofield reported on the recent meeting of the Adopt a Footpath Working Group and confirmed that an article would be included in the next magazine seeking volunteers to take on a specific path. There has been no confirmation as yet of the results of the grant application to the Suffolk Rural Fund for help to purchase equipment. Confirmation will be sought on which paths SCC currently maintain and how often they are cut in order to establish which paths could be put up for adoption to ensure a usable network of maintained public footpaths.
- 2016/345 **Salc Survey** – The survey from SALC requesting council's views on a range of issues and how services are currently being delivered in the County was completed and will be submitted to Salc.
- 2016/346 **Cllr Munford** – Extreme sadness was expressed by council on the death of Cllr Cora Munford. Cora's voice of experience and reason will be missed enormously at the council table and lengthy consideration was given to the best way to express a tribute from her fellow councillors. It was agreed that naming the footpaths of Cora's favourite walk in her honour would be a lovely memorial to our Footpath Warden. It was suggested that a plaque, map and signage could be installed at the entrance to FP14 in Cross Street. Cllr Hembra will source possibilities and costs for consideration at the next meeting.
- 2016/347 **Councillor Portfolios –**
- Allotments** – Cllr Lambert requested that consideration of a review of allotment rents be deferred until the tenants had been consulted on any recommendations.
- 2016/348 **Footpaths** – Cllr Schofield's report is attached to these minutes.
- 2016/349 **Playing Field** – Cllr Hembra's report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes. It was noted that new goal nets had been purchased and a request put forward for recompense of the £48 spent. Consideration of this will be added to the next agenda.
- 2016/350 A request has also been made for white line marking out of a football pitch. Unfortunately the Parish Council do not have the facility to provide any line marking at this time however it was agreed that if the local youth would like to carry out the line markings to the field then council would have no objection as long as the appropriate materials and equipment were used. There must be no permanent line marking with spaying of any kind.
- 2016/351 The annual playground inspection report has been analysed and any recommendations addressed. Most minor issues will be rectified by Cllr Hembra with costs sought for any replacement items such as swing chains. It was agreed that no additional signage will be provided at the basketball nets at this time.
- 2016/352 **Co option of the current councillor vacancy** - It was confirmed that no request for an election has been received by MSDC therefore the process for co option by the parish council can commence. It was agreed that advertising for the position be put in place with a closing date for applications of 15<sup>th</sup> November with a view to co option at the December meeting.
- 2016/353 **Correspondence** – A response to the Local Government Finance Consultation was drafted and will be submitted.
- 2016/354 There were no comments to further tabled correspondence.
- 2016/355 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**