

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 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

2016/379 **Apologies for Absence** — None

2016/380 **Co option of vacancy** – It was resolved to co opt Tim Moss to fill the councillor vacancy. Proposed by Cllr Youngs, with all in favour. Cllr Moss completed his Declaration of Office and was welcomed to the table.

2016/381 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Youngs declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 9a as an allotment holder (Minute no. 2016/397) with no dispensation request.

2016/382 **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 – Following an offer from a resident to spread salt grit it was confirmed that all volunteers must be on the parish council list and agree to abide by and follow all SCC guidelines. Thanks were extended to all those who helped with spreading grit.

Meeting resumed:

2016/383 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Youngs that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 7th November 2016 were signed as a true record.

2016/384 **Clerks report** – It was confirmed that interest has been lodged for the adoption of the red phone box on The Street. A response has been lodged with MSDC for the consultation process and notification has been given to BT.

2016/385 It was confirmed that Beyton PC have purchased a new speed gun and should council wish to be involved in this scheme some financial contribution to the new equipment will be needed. With no present budget provision for this it was noted that progressing a Speedwatch scheme at this time would be deferred.

2016/386 **Finance** – The clerks Financial Report for December 2016 was approved.

2016/387 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Youngs, with all in favour.
Clerk's salary for November 2016

2016/388 Tomlinsons Groundcare for Strimmers £1185.60

2016/389 TOP Garden Services £125.00

2016/390 **Planning** – It was resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC, Proposed by Cllr Youngs with all in favour. Application 4407/16 Replace asbestos sheeting with clay pantiles. (retrospective planning application for works already carried out), Building opposite allotments, Rattlesden Road.- *"Drinkstone Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*

2016/391 3892/16 Construction of bridge (following removal of existing bridge) Brookside, Chapel Lane.- *"Drinkstone Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*

2016/392 4632/16 Removal of unapproved rear/side single storey extension and reinstatement of external walls. Replacement of polycarbonate roof with glazed roof. The Old Post Office, The Street.- *"Drinkstone Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*

2016/393 4033/16 Outline planning permission sought for a 1.5 storey detached dwelling with all matters reserved, The Cottage, Rattlesden Road – *(Comments are attached to these minutes.)*

- 2016/394 The following MSDC decisions were noted; 4032/16 New drainage treatment plant serving main house and Coach House annex, The Old Rectory, The Street – GRANTED
- 2016/395 The application for APPEAL, 3247/16 Application for Outline Planning Permission for the erection of detached dwelling with use of existing vehicular access to Gedding Road, Briar Cottage, Gedding Road APP/W3520/W/16/3162070 was noted.
- 2016/396 **Memorial for Cllr Munford** – It was confirmed that the appeal for personal contributions towards Cora’s memorial had exceeded the initial quotes for signage. It was agreed that the collection be left open until 31st January and further consideration of the design of the memorial will be taken at the February meeting.
- 2016/397 **Councillor Portfolios –**
Allotments – Cllr Lambert gave a report from the recent Trustees meeting which is attached to these minutes. It was noted that there is a waiting list for an allotment plot. It was noted that details of a review of the rents for allotment plots was circulated to all tenants for their feedback and comment; 4 replies were received in support of proposed rent increases with 1 response against an increase. It was resolved to approve the proposal from the trustees to increase the rents of the allotments over a two year period; 2017 rent will increase to £10 per annum, 2018 rent anticipated increase to £15 per annum, Larger plots will increase to £18 for 2017 and anticipated £24 in 2018. Proposed by Cllr Lambert sec Cllr Schofield with a majority in favour.
- 2016/398 **Footpaths** – Cllr Schofield reported that the new equipment purchased with the grant funding from the Suffolk Rural Fund was now ready for use. An excellent package from local company Tomlinsons Groundcare resulted in two strimmers being purchased along with safety gear and some consumables. Five volunteers have come forward to join the Adopt a Footpath scheme and a maintenance programme will be put into action in the spring.
- 2016/399 **Playing Field** – Cllr Hembra’s report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.
- 2016/400 **SCC Budget Setting Consultation** – It was agreed that no comment be submitted to this consultation at this time. Cllrs were encouraged to respond as individuals if wished.
- 2016/401 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.
- 2016/401 It was agreed that any comments to the Suffolk Constabulary review feedback request be submitted as individuals.
- 2016/402 It was noted that the SCC Waste and Minerals consultation will run until February, councillors were encouraged to access information via the SCC website in order to consider a response at the January meeting to this consultation.
- 2016/403 **Camborne Charity** – It was resolved to appoint Mr David Ford as a trustee of the Camborne Charity. Proposed Cllr Thurlow with all in favour.
- 2016/404 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5th January 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall