

# DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Village Hall

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

Parish Clerk - Paula Gladwell  
6 members of the public

- 2016/405 **Apologies for Absence** — County and District Cllr Penny Otton  
2016/406 **Declarations of Interest** – None.  
2016/407 **Adjournment for:**  
**County and District Cllr Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton's report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.  
**Open Forum** – It was noted that the grit bins at all locations needed replenishment, the clerk will report to SCC Highways.  
**Meeting resumed:**
- 2016/408 **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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were signed as a true record.
- 2016/409 **Clerks report** – There has been no progress as yet on the adoption of the phone box.
- 2016/410 **Finance** – The clerks Financial Report for January 2017 was approved.  
2016/411 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Youngs, with all in favour.  
Clerk's salary for December 2016  
2016/412 Playingfield Materials £135.48  
2016/413 HMRC Q3 payment  
2016/414 ICO renewal £35.00  
2016/415 There were no further amendments proposed to the budget. It was resolved to approve the budget for 2017/2018, Proposed by Cllr Youngs, sec Cllr Thurlow with all in favour.
- 2016/416 It was noted that the precept requirement raised by the budget process of 4823 showed a slight increase over the previous year resulting in an additional 0.81pence per Band D household for the year. It was resolved to set the precept for 2017/2018 at £4823 and the request forms were duly completed and signed. Proposed Cllr Lambert, sec Cllr Schofield with all in favour.
- 2016/417 **Planning** – It was resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC, Proposed by Cllr Hembra, sec Cllr Youngs with all in favour. Application 4508/16 Erection of extension and timber garage outbuilding, Stone Cottage, Park Road – *"Drinkstone Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2016/418 The following MSDC decisions were noted; 4407/16 Replace asbestos sheeting with clay pantiles. (retrospective planning application for works already carried out), Building opposite allotments, Rattlesden Road. - GRANTED and  
2016/419 3892/16 Construction of bridge (following removal of existing bridge) Brookside, Chapel Lane.- GRANTED
- 2016/420 **Tree Warden** - The report from the Tree Warden regarding felling at Hall Farm was noted. It was confirmed that an Officer from the Forestry Commission had halted work and advised that any further felling would require a licence.
- 2016/421 **Councillor Portfolios** –  
**Allotments** – Cllr Lambert reported that one allotment had changed hands and the new tenant had completed and returned a tenancy agreement. Sincere thanks

were extended to Mr Cocksedge who has put considerable effort into preparing the plot for the new tenant.

2016/422 **Footpaths** – Cllr Schofield reported that eight volunteers had come forward to join the Adopt a Footpath group and their details would be passed to the clerk for adding to the volunteer list for insurance purposes. The missing waymarker on FP5 will be reported. The missing sign at Cross Street will be reported again and the landowner will again be asked to cut back the brambles to leave a legal width on FP2.

2016/423 **Playing Field** – Cllr Hembra reported that people picking up after their dogs were putting the bags into the litter bin near the play equipment which is a cause of concern for the health and safety of children using the play area. Dog owners are reminded that these bags should be placed in the proper dog bins provided away from the play area. Cllr Hembra's report is attached to these minutes.

2016/424 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2016/425 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**