

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 3rd April 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Cousins, Hembra, Lambert, Moss, Schofield, Thurlow, Youngs (Ch).

Attending: Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow
6 members of the public
Parish tree Warden Mr Peter Holborn

2016/478 **Noted:**
That there were no Apologies for absence to be Noted or Approved.

2016/479 **Noted:**
That when any Members' declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct regarding the items on the agenda, any requests for Dispensations relating to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and to note any changes to the Council's Register of Interests were invited none were forthcoming.

2016/480 **Proposal: Cllr Youngs:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2017, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

Seconded: Cllr Thurlow

Amendment proposed: Cllr Youngs
That Minute scheduled at 2016/478 be deleted.

Seconded: Cllr Thurlow

Substantive Proposal carried

2016/481 **Noted:**
The following correspondence to the Meeting:
481.1 Various re concerns from resident re poor state of an area of meadow, since resolved.
481.2 Various re underlying issues related to agenda item tabled at 2016/478, now resolved.

2016/482 **Noted:**
A report tabled from County & District Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton.

2016/483 **Noted:**
That when any questions and/or comments from members of the public were invited none were forthcoming.

2016/484 **Noted:**
The Clerk's Report tabled as appendix A.

- 2016/485 **Resolved:**
That the following payments be noted:
485.1 To Paula Gladwell re remuneration as Parish Clerk ref 200435 £284.73
485.2 To HMRC re NI / PAYE due ref 200436 £144.80
485.3 To SCK re allotment tap repairs as authorised 2016/469 ref 000061 £70.00
- 2016/486 **Noted:**
The Balance Sheet as at 31.03.17, as tabled.
- 2016/487 **Noted:**
Planning result as notified by MSDC:
0249/17 Rattlesden Gliding ClubGRANTED DPC supported
- 2016/488 **Noted:**
Planning Applications as notified by MSDC for comment:
488.1 **0591/17 Construction of a conservation lake**
 Holm House, Garden House Lane
 The Meeting agreed to support this application with an awareness of
 the constraints of Local Plan Policy CL8 in that, although encouraging
 the conservation and diversity implications, they suggest that
 consideration be given to a Condition requiring an environmental survey
 should Planning officers feel this to be appropriate.
- 488.2 **0591/18 Formation of new vehicular access**
 Shrublands, Rattlesden Road
 The Meeting agreed to support this application
- 2016/489 **Resolved:**
That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on the above Planning
applications to the Professional Lead - Growth & Sustainable Planning - at
Mid Suffolk District Council.
- 2016/490 **Noted:**
Reports from Councillor Portfolio-holders:
490.1 Allotments Cllr Harbutt
 490.1.1 The boundary of the Parish land at the Rattlesden Road site is
 poorly defined although clearly delineated in places by original
 fence posts. A budget will be needed next year if there is to be
 reinstatement of a post & wire fence on the boundary line.
 Similarly, there is need for refurbishment of the rabbit proof
 fencing which might well require upgrading to deal with recent
 incursions of muntjac deer.
 490.1.2 The water leak at the Gedding Road site, the result of a
 corroded tap, has been dealt with as previously authorised.
 490.1.3 The process of updating tenancies and issuing invoices is in
 hand.
- 2016/490 490.2 Footpaths Cllr Schofield
 490.2.1 The fingerpost at FP2 has been replaced and those at Footpaths
 4,5 & 11 are to be reported to SCC ROW as broken.
 490.2.2 The reported recurrence of flooding on the path opposite Cherry
 Tree Rise is to be monitored.
- 490.3 Playing Field Cllr Hembra
 490.3.1 There has been no recurrence of dog fouling nuisance since the
 last report.
 490.3.2 The safety course attended proved productive
 and culminated in an exam on which the results are awaited.

- 2016/493 **Noted:**
The Report dated 15.03.17, as tabled, from the Parish Tree Warden Peter Holborn who gave a brief summary of the important points regarding the future reorganisation of the District Tree Warden Scheme and its implications for the role of Parish Tree Wardens. It was generally agreed that Council would support the principle of an independent network of parish tree wardens and Mr Holborn undertook to supply the Clerk with a paragraph defining the constitution of any proposed group together with the roles and responsibilities of wardens towards approaching the Council's insurers regarding cover. It was felt that matched funding of a small order might be made available if a costed framework were made available prior to the Council's budgeting process.
- 2016/494 **Noted:**
The following when any other Council business was invited for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda:
494.1 Cllrs Thurlow & Hembra confirmed that the fund to raise a memorial to the late Cllr Cora Munford stood at £165.00 with a further single donation of £100.00 pledged towards a carved oak sign and accompanying brass plaque. Further details are to come back to Council in due course.
494.2 Cllr Moss undertook to make enquiries regarding the source of apparent sewage seepage at his end of the village.
- 2016/495 **Noted:**
That the date of the next Ordinary Meeting was scheduled for Monday 8th May.
- 2016/496 **Noted:**
That the Meeting closed at 8.41pm.

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