

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on
Monday 4th December 2017

Present: Cllrs Cousins, Hembra, Lambert, Moss, Schofield, Thurlow

Attending: District & County Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow
4 members of the public

- 17.12.01 **Noted:**
An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Youngs who was on holiday
- 17.12.02 **Noted:**
That when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items were invited together with any additions and/or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests, none were forthcoming
- 17.12.03 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2017, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.
- 17.12.04 **Noted:**
That there was no correspondence to this meeting not dealt with as an Agenda item or in the Clerk's report.
- 17.12.05 **Noted:**
5.1 A written report from District and County Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton
5.2 An oral report from Cllr Hembra as Portfolio Holder for the playing field.
5.3 Cllr Otton reported orally that she was intent upon persuading SCC to adopt a plastic bottle recycling scheme, as recently promulgated by Michael Gove MP.
- 17.12.06 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or question was invited on any Agenda item:
6.1 Various Highways issues were highlighted including the recent collision at the Woolpit Road / Beyton Road junction where the railings are damaged, blocked drains due to verge incursion at Beyton Road, where they have resulted in flooding causing ice hazard in cold weather, and the increasing problem of potholes. The Clerk undertook to follow up each matter of concern but stressed that SCC Highways are not currently responding quickly, if at all, to such day-to-day concerns. Cllr Otton also promised intervention if possible.
- 17.12.07 **Noted:**
An oral report from the Parish Clerk and matters arising as follows:
7.1 The meeting agreed that meetings in months when the first Monday is a Bank Holiday should be moved to the second Monday. The Clerk undertook to publish a schedule of meetings for the year.

7.2 The Clerk confirmed that the Contract with BT is now signed and that the Council's purchase of the village's red telephone box will be completed once the telephony is removed and the Notice to Complete is served.
- 17.12.08 **Noted:**
Authorised payments:
8.1 Peter Dow – Clerk's wages £158.17 Santander 000462
8.2 Business Services at CAS - Insurance £388.68 Santander 000463

- 17.12.09 **Noted:**
The current account balances and reconciliation, as scheduled, and the Chairman's confirmation that they were supported by relevant Bank Statements.
- 12.12.10 **Noted:**
Planning results as notified by MSDC:
10.1 DC/17/04438 Partial rear extension/alterations...
Wood View, Rattlesden Road
GRANTED DPC supported
10.2 DC/17/03945 Erection of fence...
Southacre, Rattlesden Road
REFUSED DPC objected
- 12.12.11 **Noted:**
the following when any other Planning matters for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda were invited:
11.1 The Meeting agreed that an application be made to BMS for them to serve a Tree Preservation Order to protect the second mature oak tree on land adjacent to Greyfriars at Rattlesden Road.
- 12.12.12 **Noted:**
Discussion, which yielded no other outcome, around Cllr Schofield's confirmation that the Council's Budget Working Party, following a second meeting, intended to recommend to the January meeting a Precept set at their 'Option C' point of £8,440.00.
- 12.12.13 **Resolved:**
That Council reserve a budget of £250.00 against the likely costs of advertising and professional valuation in the matter of the possible sale of its land adjacent to the Playing Field.
- 12.12.14 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or questions were invited on any matter of Council business:
14.1 It was noted that a fence had been erected at a property in the village which was similar to that for which Planning permission had recently been refused at South Acre.
- 12.12.15 **Noted:**
That when any other Council business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited, none was forthcoming.
- 12.12.16 **Noted:**
That the scheduled date for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council is Monday 8th January beginning at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
- 12.12.17 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 8.54pm.

These Minutes are in draft form only. They have not been ratified by Council and are not a matter of formal record. They will be before the next Ordinary Council meeting for approval.

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