

# **DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Present:** Cllrs Cousins, Hembra, Lambert, Moss, Schofield, Youngs (Chairman)

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

18.03.01 **Noted:**  
1.1 An apology for absence was noted from Cllr Thurlow who was on holiday.

18.03.02 **Noted:**  
That there were no Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items and no additions and/or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests.

18.03.03 **Proposed: Cllr Thurlow;**  
**That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2018, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.**  
Seconded: Cllr Schofield

**Amendment proposed: Cllr Cousins;**  
**At 18.02.15 to delete the words, 'and the Clerk, in consultation with the delegated Councillors, will instruct a solicitor with a view to ascertaining likely costs.'**

Amendment found no Seconder and fell

### **Substantive Proposal carried**

18.03.04 **Noted:**  
Correspondence to this meeting not dealt with as an Agenda item or in the Clerk's report:

4.1 Confirmation from MSDC that Locality Budget funding towards playground refurbishment has been agreed.

4.2 A paper from Cllr Otton, circulated to all Councillors, re SCC's Travel to School proposals.

4.3 From a resident regarding perceived threat to horse chestnut trees at Chapel Lane, on which no action was determined.

4.4 From a resident regarding poor broadband speed and suggesting co-ordinated reporting of logged deficiencies by individual households. The Meeting agreed that this might prove effective and the Chairman undertook to take the idea further.

18.03.05 **Noted:**  
5.1 A written report from District and County Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton augmented orally with reference to SCC Highways plans with regard to the recent PWLB loan

towards capital improvements and the probable health & safety / insurance difficulties of volunteer work on Highways matters. Also, confirming the delay in the Boundary Commission consultation re Ward Boundaries and further delays in publishing survey results on the proposals for a MSDC / BDC merger on which there will not be a referendum in the Mid Suffolk District. It was further confirmed that, should Babergh not agree to merge, MSDC could seek partnership elsewhere.

5.2 Cllr Hembra reported that he had re-installed the dog bin at Cherry tree Rise and that the ROW finger post could now be referred to SCC for replacement.

5.3 Cllr Lambert tabled Minutes of an Allotment Trustees meeting held on 16.02.18 and confirmed that there is a plot available at both sites and that Trustees will deal with hedging and repair to the shed.

5.4 Cllr Schofield confirmed the need for a new fingerpost sign at Cherry Tree Rise and detailed 2 others needing attention.

18.03.06

**Noted:**

The following when public comment or question invited on any Agenda item;

6.1 The Chairman undertook to enquire about a vacant dwelling in light of fears that the plot could prove to be a dangerous attraction to children as the weather improves.

18.03.07

**Noted:**

An oral report from the Parish Clerk and matters arising as follows:

7.1 The Meeting's consensus response to a NALC 'Crime and Poor Performance in the Waste sector' survey was noted for onward transmission;

7.2 Confirmation that there is no longer a local area liaison officer at SCC Highways and that problems are best reported individually using the SCC on-line facility;

7.3 The Clerk's undertaking to keep Members updated regarding proposals for a system of Parish Investment Infrastructure Plans (PIIP's) as mentioned in the recent MSDC workshop slides which he had circulated;

7.4 The availability of the recent NALC GDPR 'toolkit' available on request from the Clerk.

18.03.08

**Noted:**

The following authorised payments:

8.1 Peter Dow - Clerk's wages £158.17 Santander 000472

8.2 History Group – donation towards website support £10.00 Santander 000473

18.03.09

**Noted:**

That the Meeting authorised the following payment:

9.1 Peter Dow – expenses incurred since 02.10.17 £8.20

18.03.10

**Noted:**

The current account balances and reconciliation, as scheduled, and the Chairman's confirmation that they are supported by relevant Bank Statements.

18.03.11

**Noted:**

Planning results as notified by MSDC:

11.1 DC/17/06014 Erection of 1 no. detached one and a half storey dwelling including parking and landscaping following demolition of existing garage

Land to rear Briar Cottage, Gedding Road REFUSED DPC objected

11.2 DC/17/06173 Erection of a one and a half storey dwelling

Land adjacent Hammond Lodge, Rattlesden Road REFUSED DPC objected

- 18.03.12 **Noted:**  
Planning applications as notified by MSDC for comment:  
12.01 **DC/18/00747 Application for listed Building Consent – Conversion of redundant barn to a two-bedroom holiday let, with associated minor alterations and reconstruction of north store extension.**  
**Drinkstone Mills, Woolpit Road**  
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 12.02 **DC/18/00832 Application for consent to carry out works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order under Ref. MS122 – Pollard 1 No. Sycamore Tree (T1) and reduce 1 No. Lime Tree (T2) by 10%.**  
**Park House, Park Road**  
Councillors agreed to support this application
- 18.03.13 **Resolved:**  
**That Drinkstone Parish Council makes known to the Corporate Manager, Development Management, at Mid Suffolk District Council its views on the Planning applications on this agenda.**
- 18.03.14 **Noted:**  
The following when other planning matters for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda were invited:  
14.1 Sec. 78 Appeal by written representation Ref. APP/W3520/W/17/3191457 re. Land adjacent to Hammond Lodge, Rattlesden Road.  
14.2 Application ref. DC/18/00883 for removal of a barn and replacement with a larger cattle shed at Rookery farm which, having seen the plans, Members agreed would not need a further meeting for discussion as no comment was deemed necessary.
- 18.03.15 **Noted:**  
That progress towards the proposed disposal of Council land adjacent to the playing field and known as the Cheese Wedge was following the agreed due process. Sealed bids in excess of £3,500.00 from those responding to the advertising of the proposed sale are invited by 16<sup>th</sup> March to be opened jointly by the Clerk and 3 delegated Councillors towards a recommendation for sale at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of Council. Council's legal costs, which have been assessed and notified, will be paid by the purchaser.
- 18.03.16 **Resolved:**  
**That Council purchases fencing materials from Messrs Clarkes of Walsham to replace the derelict boundary fencing between the north side of the Rattlesden Road allotments and the adjacent copse for a cost not to exceed £100.00 including delivery, net of VAT.**
- 18.03.17 **Noted:**  
Discussion on the SCC Highways survey re their 'Community Self Help offer' which yielded consensus responses against the possibility of further community involvement in work currently funded and delivered by Highways which responses the Clerk undertook to deliver.
- 18.03.18 **Noted:**  
That when any public comment or questions on any matter of Council business was invited none was forthcoming.

- 18.03.19      **Noted:**  
The following when any other Council business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited:  
19.1      The Chairman agreed to seek volunteer assistance via the community on line discussion pages towards a suitable design / logo to give impact to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan exercise.
- 18.03.20      **Noted:**  
That the scheduled date for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council was Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April beginning at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
- 18.03.21      **Noted:**  
That the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

### **NOTICE**

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They will be before the next Ordinary Council meeting for approval.

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