

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on
Monday 4th June 2018

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

Attending: District Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton (part)
Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow
6 members of the public

18.06.01 **Noted:**
That there were no apologies for absence.

18.06.02 **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 to be noted.

18.06.03 **Resolved:**
That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2018, as tabled, be agreed as a true record.

18.06.04 **Noted:**
The following correspondence to this meeting not dealt with as an Agenda item or in the Clerk's report;
4.1 The Clerk confirmed, in response to a an email from a resident, that the adoption of the red BT phone kiosk remained in limbo as a result of an internal BT issue with engineer certification. He undertook to chase the matter.

18.06.05 **Noted:**
The following reports:
5.1 A written report from District and County Council Ward Member Cllr Penny Otton.
5.2 An oral report from Cllr Schofield detailing 3 broken ROW fingerpost signs which he undertook to pursue if the Clerk would let him have appropriate SCC contact details.
5.3 An oral report from Cllr Hembra confirming that maintenance issues at the play area were all in hand.

18.06.06 **Noted:**
The following when public comment or question was invited on any Agenda item;
6.1 It was noted that the iconic pothole at Church Pightle had been recently filled.

18.06.07 **Noted:**
A written report from the Parish Clerk

18.06.08 **Noted:**
The following authorised payments:

8.1	Peter Dow – Clerk's wages	£158.17	Santander 000478
8.2	SALC – membership	£252.39	Santander 000479
8.3	MSDC – bins	£318.00	Santander 000480
8.4	Top Gardens – grass cutting	£75.00	Santander 000481

- 18.06.09 **Resolved:**
That the following payments be authorised;
9.1 To Liz Schmitt, £40.00 for refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 08.05.2018
9.2 To Cllr Youngs, £13.37 for refreshments and stationery purchased re the Annual Parish Meeting held on 08.05.2018
- 18.06.10 **Resolved:**
That Council enters into an agreement for the hire of the Village Hall for its meetings for the year from June 2018 to May 2019 inclusive.
- 18.06.11 **Noted:**
The current account balances and reconciliation, as scheduled, and the Chairman's confirmation that they are supported by relevant Bank Statements.
- 18.06.12 **Noted:**
The following Planning results as notified by MSDC:
12.1 DC/18/01502 Prior approval application under part 3, Class Q....change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house
Joli Farm, Hill Farm Lane, Drinkstone GRANTED DPC objected
- 18.06.13 **Noted:**
Planning applications as notified by MSDC for comment:
13.1 **DC/18/01801 Erection of stable block on concrete hardstanding base, extended driveway and new cart lodge garages. Meade Cottage, Beyton Road, Drinkstone**
Councillors agreed to support this application
13.2 **DC/18/02114 Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling (including two-storey and first floor additions), erection of new cart lodge to front of property, provision of new turning space to front of property, erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof to garage and new garden room (following demolition of existing garden room). Homestead, Rattlesden Road, Drinkstone**
Councillors objected to this application for the following reasons:
- 1 The proposed cart lodge is a 1½ storey structure well in advance of the established building line on Rattlesden Road. The eastern elevation, facing the road, would present a blank mass of building which would be intrusive in the context of the neighbouring plots and detrimental to the existing pleasantly rural street scene.
 - 2 The proposal seeks to create a 6 bedroomed dwelling. The private multiple-dwelling access serving the site already suffers from poor visibility to the South of Rattlesden Road. This should be addressed as part of any proposal for development served by the access road. The construction of the cart lodge, as proposed, would immediately worsen the visibility for traffic leaving the site and would jeopardise any future chance of an improvement to the access road junction.
 - 3 The proposal site is within the setting of the 16th century Listed building, The Gables. The very significant increase of building mass, as proposed, and the proximity at the boundary of the new pitched roof to the garage suggest that the promised advice and professional judgement of the Heritage team must be key to any decision.

- 18.06.14 **Resolved:**
That Drinkstone Parish Council makes known to the Corporate Manager, Development Management, at Mid Suffolk District Council its views on the Planning application on this agenda.
- 18.06.15 **Noted:**
That when any other Planning matters for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda were invited. None were forthcoming.
- 18.06.16 **Resolved:**
That Drinkstone Parish Council applies to the Mid Suffolk District Council for the formal designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area, being the whole of the Civil Parish of Drinkstone, with a view to undertaking the production of a Drinkstone Neighbourhood Plan.
- 18.06.17 **Noted:**
That when public comment or questions were invited on any matter of Council business none were forthcoming.
- 18.06.18 **Noted:**
That there was no other Council business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda.
- 18.06.19 **Noted:**
That the scheduled date for the next meeting was Monday 2nd July beginning at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.
- 18.06.20 **Noted:**
That the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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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