

# DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the Village Hall

- Present: Cllr Daphne Youngs  
Cllr Gary Hembra  
Cllr Christine Lambert
- Cllr Lorna Thurlow  
Cllr Haslett Schofield  
Cllr Sue Cousins
- Parish Clerk - Paula Gladwell  
26 members of the public
- County and District Cllr Penny Otton
- 2016/258 **Apologies for Absence** — Cllr Cora Munford
- 2016/259 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Youngs declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 9a as an allotment tenant, Cllr Cousins declared a non pecuniary interest in item 7a (application 3054/15) as a PCC representative.
- 2016/260 **Adjournment for:**  
**County and District Cllr Otton's Report** – Cllr Otton gave her report which has been circulated and is attached to these minutes.  
**Open Forum** – Concerns were expressed regarding blocked drains, the clerk confirmed that these had been reported to SCC Highways who had acknowledged the issues.  
Concerns were expressed that walkers were using field edges rather than overgrown footpaths, confirmation of the first cut date would be sought and way markers checked to ensure there is no doubt as to where the paths run. Contact would be made with land owners if necessary to remind them of their responsibility to keep any side growth over paths cut back.
- 2016/261 **Meeting resumed:**  
**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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were signed as a true record.
- 2016/262 **Clerks report** – It was noted that no comments were put forward to the Woolpit Parish Council consultation on their Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation. It was noted that no comments had been put forward by councillors to the Governments Technical Consultation on Implementation of planning changes, it was thought that the SALC response summed up parish council concerns and represented any concerns.  
The 2016-2018 National Salary awards have been agreed by the Joint Council for Local Government Services, the new pay scales are available for 2016/17 and also for 2017/18 and represent a 1% increase for each year. It was noted that the new pay scale had been applied to the clerk salary in line with the contract of employment.
- 2016/263 **Finance** – The clerks Financial Report for June 2016 was approved.
- 2016/264 The following payments were approved. Prop by Cllr Youngs with all in favour.  
Clerk's salary for May 2016
- 2016/265 Salc Subs £237.97
- 2016/266 H Riches Internal Audit £30.00
- 2016/267 MSDC Bin emptying £318.00
- 2016/268 TOP Grass cutting £93.75
- 2016/269 The completion of the Internal Audit by Mr Riches was noted. All was shown to be in order with no actions to address. The Annual Return for 2016 will now be sent to BDO for External Audit.
- 2016/270 **Planning** – It was resolved to send the following comments to MSDC Planning; Proposed Cllr Youngs with all in favour. Application no. 0722/16 Reconsultation with amended title – Continued use of land and buildings as an operational base

for agricultural research and development. Erection of storage building and cabin (following removal of existing structure, Meade Farm Buildings, Beyton Road – *“Drinkstone Parish Council OBJECT to this application and would like the case officer to note that their comments remain as already submitted and they have nothing further to add following the change to the application description.”*

2016/271 1901/16 Partial internal fit out to basement including tanking of walls, to create games room, The Old Rectory, The Street – *“Drinkstone Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available”*

2016/272 2168/16 Non material amendment to permission 0586/16, Meadow Cottage, Rattlesden Road – *“Noted with NO OBJECTION to the changes based on the information available”*

2016/273 3054/15 Erection of 5 dwellings with formation of vehicular accesses, Land at Chapel Lane – *“Drinkstone Parish Council OBJECTS to this application” (full response document attached)*

2016/274 There were no MSDC decisions to note.

2016/275 **Adopt a Footpath scheme** – Deferred to next meeting.

2016/276 **Councillor Portfolios –**

**Allotments** – Cllr Lambert’s Allotment report and proposals were discussed. It was noted that the tree on Plot 1 had been removed. It was noted that Rattlesden Road tenants had requested the installation of addition water tanks, an additional tank had been discussed with Gedding Road tenants with confirmation from trustee, Joyce Cocksedge, that they were well catered for and no additional troughs are required. It was agreed that the provision of additional water tanks at Rattlesden road be reviewed as and when funds permitted.

2016/277 Consideration of the quote to carry out tree work to the Horse Chestnut at Gedding Rd and the Oak tree at Rattlesden Road resulted in agreement that this represented considerable value for money and would enable the main concerns of tenants to be addressed positively. It was resolved to action the work as per the quote for £460.00 Proposed by Cllr Lambert with all in favour.

2016/278 **Footpaths** – No report.

2016/279 **Playing Field** – Cllr Hembra’s report had been circulated. The relaying of the matting under the second set of swings is due to be started soon. The first set is complete with a spend of only £9.95 which is a huge saving on the several hundred pounds quoted for replacing the surfacing. Thanks were extended to Cllr Hembra and his volunteers for their hard work.

2016/280 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to tabled correspondence.

2016/281 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None.

Meeting closed 9.24 pm

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall**