

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022**

Present: Councillors: Richard Edmondson (Chair), Paul Holborn (Vice Chair), Tim Moss and Christine Emery.
Clerk: Michael Walton.

1. Apologies for absence from Councillors Elnaugh, Lambert and Selvey were noted and approved.
2. Declarations and interests:
 - a. The Chairman noted a pecuniary interest in payments UT1 and UT2 in respect of payments made on behalf of the Parish Council to Cllr Selvey.
 - b. There were no declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda their nature, including gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
 - c. There were no requests for dispensations.
3. Reports were received from District and County Council Ward Member and Portfolio Holders or other agencies. In addition to their written reports it was noted:

- a) Cllr Tim Moss Parish Assets Officer

Cllr Moss agreed to create a schedule of works and dates for the maintenance of the playground equipment. In addition it was noted that the picnic benches require repairing and that such costs were provided for in the annual budget.

- b) Cllr Edmondson Allotment Trustee

Cllr Edmondson provided the meeting with an update into his investigations and subsequent meeting with Daphne Youngs regarding the relationship between the allotment trustees and the PC. He acknowledged he had some further work to do in completing a report to be submitted for discussion at a future meeting.

- c) Cllr Lambert Footpath warden

It was agreed that the village footpaths should be numbered in line with the footpath maps. Cllr Lambert was requested to propose a budget for this activity which is covered in the annual budget.

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4. The council agreed to accept the quotation from Wiles Contractors for the erection of village gates. It was noted that the cost of £2,830 exceeded the grant from Suffolk CC by £330 and that the excess would be met from savings in other budget areas.
5. The Council agreed to purchase "lest we forget" gates which would be installed prior to Remembrance Sunday
6. It was agreed that Richard Edmondson would approach the Village Hall committee members and Rev Ruth of Drinkstone Parish Church to discuss the merits of offering the village hall as an "Information Hub" during the winter months. The purpose of the hub would be to offer a warm space for parishioners to congregate and to understand what financial benefits, heating allowances might be available during the current economic and fuel crisis.
7. The Council agreed that the Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September be agreed as a true records subject a correction from "cricket fields" to "The Cricket".
8. The following payments and receipts were approved and noted:

i) Payments

	Description	£
UT1.	Paul Selvey – bridge repairs	9.99
UT2.	Paul Selvey – bridge repairs	9.99
UT3.	Drinkstone Memorial – room hire	20.00

9. There was no public comment or questions on any matter of Council business.

10. Planning matters:

Cllr Elnaugh's report was reviewed in light of the the two planning applications detailed below.

Review: MSDC Planning Consultation Request - DC/22/03935 planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/22/03935 - White House, Rattlesden Road, Drinkstone, Bury St

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Review: MSDC Planning Consultation Request - DC/22/04140 planning consultation request letter relating to planning application - DC/22/04140 - Land on The West Side of Rattlesden Road, Drinkstone, Suffolk .

The Council reviewed the contents of Cllr J Elnaugh's report and it was agreed that the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on Planning Applications on Planning Applications on this agenda to the Corporate Manager, Growth & Sustainable Planning at Mid Suffolk District Council

11. It was agreed to tender the grass cutting contract currently held by Top Garden Services. The areas requiring maintenance are the telephone box, the Cricket, the village gates and the triangle. The Clerk to arrange a tender process.
12. It was agreed that the Chairman would distribute to councillors a proposed contingency plan to combat wildfires for their review.
13. It was agreed that the clerk distribute via JD the "Be a councillor" event to be held on Thursday 29th September in the King Edmund Chamber at Endeavour House.
14. To confirm that the scheduled date for the next meeting is Monday 10th October 2022 at the village hall and that the parish website be updated to record the change.
15. The meeting was closed at 9.15pm

Signed: Richard Edmondson

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