

DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 2nd December 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr R Binks - Chairman
Cllr B Davies
Cllr J Garnett
Cllr J Markham
Cllr R Neale
Cllr S Petty
Cllr A Turner

Ian Orton – Clerk

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1. Apologies for Absence:
All members were present.

2. Register of Interests:
Councillors at the meeting confirmed their interests as recorded in the Register of Interests held and maintained by the Council's principal authority.

3. Disclosure of Interests:
There were no disclosures of items relating to item on the agenda.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16th September 2024:
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2024 were taken as read, and the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record. The notes of the DAZ meetings held on 28th October 2024 and 27th November 2024 were noted.
The Chair read out the recommendation of the Appointments Panel held prior to the Council Meeting to appoint Mr G I Orton as Parish Clerk and RFO and this was unanimously agreed.

5. Matters arising from the Council Meeting:
There were no matters arising from the Council meeting that were not on the agenda.

6. Public Participation:

A member of the public spoke positively about the ways the church worked with the community.

7. Clerk's Report:

The Chair confirmed that all relevant items were on the agenda for the current meeting,

8. Planning:

a) Application Number: ZA24/26238/HH: Demolition of existing timber shed and erection of a new shed: Location Leardene House, Draughton, BD23 6EA. *The clerk confirmed that this application had been approved by North Yorkshire Council. After discussion the Council noted the decision.*

b) Application Number: ZA24/26524/FUL Proposal: Partial change of use of domestic garage to form dog grooming facility. Location: Field House Farm, Draughton, Skipton, BD23 6ED. *Concerns were raised about access issues to the proposed dog grooming facility and if it were legally permissible to run such a business from a converted barn and it was agreed the clerk to ensure the new business could be carried out in the converted bar*

9. Consider Adopting a .gov parish council domain: The clerk gave details of why the Parish Council should adopt a .gov council domain and should also consider the introduction of a dedicated parish council web site, After discussion it was agreed the clerk should obtain costs and report the details to the next meeting of the Parish Council

10. Parking in the village: The clerk indicated that in line with the recommendations from the previous council meeting he had approached North Yorkshire Council and the Care Home to see if the anti-social parking could be reduced. After discussion it was RESOLVED:
a) The clerk continues to work with the Care Home, requesting the Care Home to review car parking facilities for it staff to avoid street parking.
b) The clerk contacts North Yorkshire Council to request no parking signs in the village.
c) North Yorkshire Police: The clerk to contact North Yorkshire Police requesting details of reported incidents within the parish and a Police Officer or PCSO to attend meetings of the parish around twice a year.

11. Climate Change:

Cllrs Neale and Markham gave details about climate change and Draughton Climate Change Programme confirming that the budget had been allocated and that the contract with a supplier had been extended. During discussion the future role of the Parish Council supporting the project was reviewed.

12: Financial Accounts:

a) The clerk reported that on 19th November 2024 the Community Account had a balance of £26,020.81 and during the period 13th September to 6th November 2024 invoices from Logen Consulting, Draughton Village Hall, Cowgill Grass Cutting, Locum Clerk, YLCA Advert, Cllr Markham Travel expenses and Microworld had been paid. Income had been received from North Yorkshire Council 2nd Payment Precept and a legacy sent to the Parish Council which should have gone to the Village Hall.

After discussion the financial details were agreed as an accurate record of the financial proceedings.

b) The clerk stated that North Yorkshire Council wished to have notice of the Draughton precept for 2025-26 precept by 31st December 2024. The Chair asked members for details of any projects that could be carried out in the next financial year. After discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED:

- a) That the current Band D precept was increased from £80.36 per year to £95.04 an increase of 28p per week.
- b) This would increase the precept income from £10665 to £12500 as members had identified projects to be considered and the clerk indicated that more hours may be required as a result of the local government organization within North Yorkshire Council.

13: Consultation and Correspondence:

14: Scheme of Delegation

It was RESOLVED:

- (1) "THAT decisions taken by the Clerk since the date of the last meeting under the Scheme of Delegation dated 7 June 2021, as reported to Council and published on the Council's website, be ratified."
- (2) "THAT the Scheme of Delegation dated 7 June 2021 remain in force until such time as the Council should determine otherwise."

15: VE Day: The clerk reported that Thursday 8th May 2025 was VE Day and that the parish may wish to commemorate the event. After discussion it was agreed that a BBQ on Friday 8th May should be considered. It was agreed this idea should be developed within the community and circulated for consideration.

16: Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Parish meeting of the Council would be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on 25th March 2025. The Chair adding that if required an Extraordinary Council could be held.

Chairman

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Date