

# DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

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

Ian Orton – Clerk

Members of the Public: 1

1. Apologies for Absence:

NYC Cllr Richard Foster.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were taken as read, and the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

The Minutes of the Appointments Panel held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were taken as read and the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

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:**

No questions were raised by the member of the public who was present.

**7. Clerk's Report:**

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

**8. Planning:**

- a) The Local Plan: The clerk reported that the one Draughton site within the Local Plan was adjacent to Chelker reservoir and zoned for green/community/open space or renewable energy. The Council noted the proposed use for the site.
- b) Application Number: ZA24/26524/FUL Proposal: Partial change of use of domestic garage to form dog grooming facility. Location: Field House Farm, Draughton BD23 6ED. The clerk reported that application had been granted subject to the development beginning within three years and only one customer's dog(s) shall be kept on the site at one time which was in line with protecting the amenity of the site. The Council noted the decision.

**9. AGAR 2024-25:**

The clerk explained that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for Small Councils (budgets below £25,000) did not involve a fee if agreed by the Council. After discussion the Council agreed to request a discounted fee.

**10. Consider Adopting a .gov parish council domain:**

The clerk had circulated a report that included prices for six firms that would provide a 'gov.uk ' domain and/or a new web site for the parish council and the community of Draughton. After discussion it was agreed:

- a) The Parish Council would adopt a domain of *Draughton-pc.gov.uk* and in the first instance create email addresses for the Chair (*chair@draughton-pc.gov.uk*) and the clerk (*clerk@draughton-pc.gov.uk*) . The clerk was to claim the £100 government grant towards the cost of the new domain.
- b) The Council was to appoint Vision ICT to create a new web site for the Parish Council which would also include community information relevant to Draughton.
- c) The new domain would cost £125 to purchase and hosting would cost £20 a year per email address. The new website would cost £850 plus £180 a year hosting from year two.

**11. Parking in the village:**

The Chair outlined continuing concerns about anti-social parking in the centre of Draughton and requested the clerk to contact both North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Council to see if yellow lines, enforcement notices or occasion patrols through the police could be instigate

## **12. Climate Change:**

Cllr Neale introduced a report arising from the DAZ meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and a verbal update report produced by the financial advisor to the project. Cllr Neale was concerned that the after costings from Northern PowerGrid and the financial advisor the connection charges of £413k for a 500kw generator and £1.58m for a 949kw generator made the project more challenging, After discussion the Council agreed:

- a) To thank Cllr Neale and the DAZ Working Group for all their hard work
- b) Invite the landowner to become fully involved in the project
- c) Use the balance of the grant to request Locogen to attend a Village Event to help make a contribution to decarbonizing the National Grid. In addition the Council will allocate £250 towards the cost of the Village Event.

## **13: Financial Accounts:**

a) The clerk reported that on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 the Community Account had a balance of £25,385.55 and during the period 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 invoices from Chris Cowgill Grass Cutting and the clerks salary for January had been paid. Income of £64.60 was received from Northern PowerGrid for rental.

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

b) The clerk went through the draft expenditure and income for 2024-25 and draft estimates for 2025 -26.

After discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED:

- a) Note the draft estimates for 2025-26 and examine the audited accounts for 2024-25 at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

## **14: Consultation and Correspondence:**

a) A volunteer litter picker in the village had been asked at the recycling depot to confirm the 5 sacks of rubbish were not commercial waste. To avoid such issues in the future the Council agreed the could request a charity waste licence which litter pickers could use in future

b) The Council had been asked to support a campaign for fixed speed cameras as opposed to rotating speed cameras throughout North Yorkshire.

After discussion it was agreed not to support the campaign.

## **15: 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."

16: VE Day: It was noted the Village Hall were planning a VE Day event. The clerk offered to help if required.

**17: Council Meetings 2025-26:** The Council noted the report and agreed the Annual Meeting of the Council should be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 6.30pm Followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish around 7.15pm and then an Open Meeting exploring options to reduce Climate Change,

**18: Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Parish meeting of the Council would be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025. This meeting would incorporate the Annual Meeting(s) of the Parish and the Council.

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Chairman

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