

# DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Amenities Committee held on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.00pm  
in the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Drayton High Road, Drayton

## **PRESENT**

Mrs. H Kisby (Chair)                      Mr K Morgan                      Mr W Morgan  
  
Mr T Tidy                                      Mr L Wilkinson  
  
Mr J Gotts (Clerk)

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr A Thompson (Parish Councillor) and Mrs V Sabberton (Draituna Trees)

**Mrs. Kisby opened the meeting and welcomed those present**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Every member was present.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Nothing.

### **3. Break for Parishioners to speak**

Mrs Sabberton

Mrs Sabberton reported to the Meeting of bulb planting, with 500 at the Infants School and 500 at Suters Drive pond taking place at the weekend. These bulbs were from the Broadland Climate Range Officer. Mrs Sabberton also reported that on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, that Draituna Trees were going to Longdale to replant, where there were any tree gaps. Finally, Mrs Sabberton told the Meeting that Draituna Trees were trying to get as many Tree Preservation Orders made on the trees in Drayton and if there was anyone, whom, knew of any to report back to Mrs Chester-Kadwell.

### **4. General Matters**

4.1 –Standing Orders were suspended for the Tree Wardens to speak.

There were no Tree Wardens, present.

4.2 – Format for Best Kept Garden 2011.

An Email had been received from Mr Gallop, concerning the format for judging the Best Kept Garden. He believed the wrong criteria was being used and that there should be some changes made. (Mr Gallop's E-Mail is attached to these minutes). A long discussion took place on the matter and it was asked to be noted that, what Mr Gallop had suggested had actually been used in the picking of the Best Kept Garden, this

year. The Garden that had won was the same all the time and colour was not the main element.

Each Councillor had a view on the matter, but in the end Mrs Kisby proposed from the Chair that the criteria for choosing the Best Kept Garden should be as follows.

The criteria for judging should be the condition, design, mixture and variety, colour as an element and architecture of the garden. This proposal was agreed by everyone. The date for judging should be in liaison with Mr Clancy of Taverham Garden Centre, who was to organise the judging, after discussion in Committee.

#### 4.3 –Green Lanes

There was a discussion to decide if Green Lanes should be inspected every year. It was decided two years ago that every two to three years the condition of the trees should be investigated. On proposal of Mr K Morgan and seconded by Mr Wilkinson that Draituna Trees should be approached for them to inspect the trees in Green Lane and if any remedial work needed carrying out, for them to contact Mr Allaway.

#### 4.4-Extra Dog Bin at Longdale

At a meeting of the Playing Field Committee, Mr Ray-Mortlock requested the siting of a dog bin near to the exit of Longdale as there was a lot of dog excrement in that area. It was decided to ask the Handyman to move one bin from the Play-Area and move it to the School Road end. The Clerk reported of extra litter around the football pitches and recommended that an extra litter bin should be installed in the tree belt; this was approved by the Committee. The concern of dog owners using the King George for exercising their dogs on the field was discussed. Mr Wilkinson stated that he as before had recommended the signs, which state no dogs etc, should be repainted to highlight the by-law, that no animals were to be taken onto the field. It was also requested that this should also be highlighted in the Chronicle.

### **5. Exchange of Information**

Mrs Kisby reported on a letter and photographs received from a resident concerning the Public Footpath at Low Road and the iron fence and sign being knocked down (Letter with these minutes). The other concern was the sign put up by the Trustees of the Lind Trust. It was agreed that the County Council should be approached to reinstate the Footpath sign. The signs, it was decided, as they were encouraging people to use the land, were not a problem.

Mr W Morgan reported of the flooding problem behind his garage being worse. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Wade for an update.

### **6 Date of Next Meeting**

**The next Meeting of the Committee is the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at the Front Room of the Pavilion of King George the Fifth Playing Field at 7.00p.m**

**The Meeting concluded at 7.56p.m.**

**Signed by Chairperson of Committee.....**

**Mrs Hilary Kisby.....**

**Dated 4th November 2010**