

# DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 2nd December 2010 at 7pm  
in the Pavilion at the King George Fifth Playing Field, Drayton

## **PRESENT**

Mrs H Kisby (Chairman)

Mr J Anderson Mr L Goodrum Mr K Morgan Mr W Morgan

Mr P Stanger Mr P Stebbing Mr A Thompson Mr T Tidy

Mr J Gotts (Clerk)

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr T Adams (County Councillor) Mr R Nash (Councillor Drayton North)

1 Parishioner and Sgt Bedder Taverham Police

### **130 Apologies for Absence**

Mr D Mack, Mr V Ray-Mortlock Mr L Wilkinson and Mr T Watson  
Mr R Foulger (Councillor Drayton South)

### **131 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

The minutes, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the  
Chairman.

### **132 Declarations of Interest**

Mr K Morgan (Drayton Village Hall), Mr J Anderson, Mr P Stebbing,  
Mr A Thompson, Mrs H Kisby and Mr T Tidy (Bob Carter Management Committee)  
Mr J Anderson (Thorpe Marriott Village Hall) and, Mr W Morgan (Drayton Drewary)  
Mr A Thompson (Handyman) and Mr P Stanger (Drayton Youth F C)

### **133 Break for Parishioners Questions and Comments**

Mr Gallop

Mr Gallop asked if the story in the newspaper concerning amongst others Mr Foulger  
and Mr Adams would affect their work for Drayton. Mr Adams replied it was an  
internal Conservative matter and made no difference about their work for Drayton.  
Mr Gallop queried the Big Conversation; Mrs Kisby stated it was to be discussed in  
Items 9.3 and 9.4.

Mr Gallop queried the new Lind Trust application and what is Class d and c1. Mr  
Adams stated he will find out and report back to the Clerk who will contact Mr Gallop.

### **134 Report from Police and Crime Report.**

Sergeant Bedder attended on behalf of the Police. The Crime figures were read out (a copy of which, is held in the Parish Office) Sergeant Bedder went through the report in more detail, the main observation was the reduction in Crime. He reported that due to the cutbacks that Norfolk Police had to reduce by 360 officers next year, but he will not know till April 2011, if he was to lose any personnel. Mr Stanger queried if there had been any news on the stolen JCB from Drayton. Sergeant Bedder reported no, not on the Drayton one, but the Police Helicopter had spotted one in Reepham and this led to £300,000 of stolen equipment being located. Mrs Kisby queried if there was to be a loss of any PCSOs in the cutbacks, as they had done a good job in Drayton. Sergeant Bedder reported that they would be one of the last areas of reduction.

### **135 Report from County Councillor**

Mr Adams was present at the Meeting, but had not sent a report. Mr Adams reported on the street light in Taverham Road, which he had been told could not be moved due to there being several cables behind the post. This had been the same since 2003, and there was surprise, that this had not been pointed out before? Mr Adams reported that the Clerk, Mr Mayes and himself were meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> December to see some problem points in the village. Mr Goodrum queried the 125 bus and the rumours of it being taken out of service. Mr Adams would investigate and report back. Mr K Morgan stated that surely the lamp post could be moved further down, but Mr Adams replied that all lamp posts must be a minimum distance apart and could not be moved. Mr Anderson queried if the streetlights were still to be switched off during the night. Mr Adams replied yes in the new year. Mr Stanger said originally streetlights were put in to stop crime and this will surely increase crime. Mr Adams will try to find out which areas were being not switched off.

### **136 Report from District Councillors**

Mr Nash

Mr Nash had, prior to the Meeting sent a report; this report is attached to these minutes. Mr Nash gave a broader outline of this and reported on how there were quite a few discrepancies in the document, which before it is made public, he would get rectified. Mr Tidy commented on the costing of preparing the document and it was not satisfactory, when so much had been spent on the project. Mr Anderson queried why the Parish Clerk had not been approached to help.

Mr Foulger

Mr Foulger had sent a letter of apology as he was in London and stated if needed before next meeting he would be available for any query.

### **137 Finance Committee**

8.1 Verification of Vouchers- Mr Thompson confirmed the vouchers for the month had been verified.

8.2. Mr Goodrum confirmed to the Meeting, the bank statements for October 2010 were correct.

### 8.3 Approval of Accounts

The accounts for November 2010 were asked to be confirmed. The figures were £2085.01 for receipts and £28144.11 expenditure including VAT. On proposal of Mr Anderson and seconded by Mr Thompson and agreed by all, the figures were approved.

## **138 General Matters**

### 9.1 Parish Plan

Mrs Kisby said there was nothing to report as the last Meeting had been cancelled.

### 9.2 Request for Donation by Thorpe Marriott Village Hall

A letter had been received from the above, which had been circulated, prior to the Meeting. On proposal of Mr W Morgan and seconded by Mr K Morgan it was proposed that a donation of £500, as per Budget figures, should be allocated to Thorpe Marriott and Drayton Village Hall. It was pointed out that as Drayton Village Hall was not on this agenda, it could not be approved. Drayton Village Hall was to be put on the next Finance Agenda to approve their allocation.

### 9.3 Changes in Footpath Maintenance

### 9.4 Maintaining Street Scene and Public right of ways

These items were both discussed together, letters explaining the changes had been circulated, prior to the Meeting. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Mr Adams to explain the implications of both items. Mr Adams said at this time Norfolk County Council carried out around 20% of items; they did not have a statutory need to do. This 20% included Lollipop Personnel and Youth club provision. As the funds were no longer available, they were now looking at ways of Parish Councils to carry out some of the work themselves. £155 million had to be saved and this is why the decision to look at ways of saving money. Various questions were asked by Councillors on the matter, and the final decision was to agree to be interested but not to commit till we know final ideas.

Standing orders were reinstated.

## **139 Environment and Amenities Committee**

### 10.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010

The minutes had been circulated prior to the Meeting and on proposal from Mr Thompson and seconded by Mr Tidy that they were correct, this was agreed by all.

## **140 Highways Committee**

## **141 Planning Committee**

### 12.1 Planning Applications

None at all.

### 12.2 BDC Planning Decisions received.

The Clerk reported that none had been received.

12.3 BDC Planning Enforcements

No report had been received, prior to the Meeting.

12.4 Minutes of Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

The minutes of the Meeting of the above had been circulated prior to the Meeting. There was one amendment, Mr Anderson attended and was not listed on the Minutes. His name was added and on proposal of the Vice Chair and agreed by all they were correct.

**142 Playing Fields Committee**

13.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the 11th November 2010

The minutes had been circulated prior to the Meeting, and on proposal of the Chairman, and agreed by all they were correct. Mr Anderson queried if the next meeting should be relocated due to the coldness of the room. This will be decided later.

**143 Newsletter Committee**

14.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the 18th November 2010

The minutes had been circulated prior to the Meeting, and on proposal of the Chairman and agreed by all they were accurate.

**144 Staffing Committee**

15.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

The minutes of the above meeting had been circulated prior to the Meeting, but as they were deemed to be Confidential, they are in a separate part for all queries raised.

**145 Exchange of Information**

Mr Stanger queried, if anything could be done about the 125 bus route into Badgers Brook Road, as it cannot get down the road at school times due to bad parking.

This item is to be put on the next Highways agenda.

Mrs Kisby read out a letter of thanks from Drayton Village Hall. Mrs Kisby informed the Meeting, the office would be closed on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

**146 Time and Venue of next Council meeting**

**The next meeting of the Council will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7pm at the King George Fifth Playing Field, Drayton.**

Signed by.....

Mrs Hilary Kisby

Chairperson to Council

**Dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011**