

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Amenities Committee held on
Thursday 23rd June 2011 at 7.04 pm
in the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Drayton High Road, Drayton

PRESENT

Mrs. H Kisby (Chair)	Mr K Morgan	Mr W Morgan
Mr P Stanger	Mr A Thompson	Mr L Wilkinson
	Mr J Gotts (Clerk)	

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Atchoarena (Tree Warden) Mr V Ray-Mortlock (Parish Councillor) from 07.35 hrs.

Mrs. Kisby opened the meeting and welcomed those present

1. Apologies for Absence

Everybody on the Committee was present.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr A Thompson (Handyman) Mr W Morgan (Drayton Drewray)

3. Break for Parishioners to speak

Mrs Atchoarena gave her report in this section not in 4.1. The first point raised was that the Plane tree on the Florence Carter had been wounded and needed some work carried out. The next matter raised was the strimming in the old David Rice site of the gorse and oak saplings causing damage.

With reference to the second point raised by Mrs Atchoarena it was decided to write to Mr Dacre.

Mr Wilkinson queried with Mrs Atchoarena if the catalogue of mature trees had been organised by Draituna Trees. Mrs Atchoarena reported back that they were waiting for Broadland Council to send their representative to the Parish to give her views.

4. General Matters

4.1) Suspend Standing Orders for Tree Wardens to Speak.

This was not needed as the Tree Warden had reported in Break for Parishioners.

4.2 Litter and Dog Bins on Longdale

A communication had been received from a resident near Longdale concerning the dog bin keep being full and seemingly not being emptied as set up. The Clerk had already

been in contact with Broadland Council and they had chased their contractors up re the emptying. It was decided to write to Broadland Council complaining about this service. The rubbish bins at Longdale were continually being full before their emptying. Mr W Morgan proposed and Mr Wilkinson seconded the Council should buy three extra bins at Longdale and put in the best place for proper use, this was agreed by members.

4.3 Larger notice on KGV re by-law

As per the last meeting, the Clerk had received an estimate from SSAF to supply a larger notice, the price being £49-60 plus VAT. Mrs Kisby proposed from the Chair this should be accepted, which was agreed by all. Mr Wilkinson said that the iron notices should be repainted and put back as soon as possible.

4.4 Overgrown vegetation on roads and from gardens

The main problem on this matter had been referred to the Highways for their action.

4.5 Flooding in the Village

There had been no further communication from Mr Ogden on this matter and it was decided to discuss at the next meeting any update.

4.6 Drayton Drewray

There has been a problem with the tenant of the above Trust and it was felt the Parish Council should look at all options what to do about the charity. At this point Mr Ray-Mortlock (the Secretary of the Trust) arrived and he brought the members up to date, what had been happening. Mrs Branson had not paid rent for four years and was evicted in September 2010. Reverend Wells had been approached for a copy of this notice. The Police had been called as Mrs Branson had allowed horses to graze on the land after this date and this had been sorted. The Solicitors had put a claim in for the overdue rent. The Clerk had given recovery advice over two years ago, which could have got a quick conclusion to the problem, but this had been ignored by Reverend Wells. Mr Ray-Mortlock said because of the delays there had been two other interested parties. There was to be a meeting on the 1st July 2011 at 7 p.m. to discuss the next step.

4.7 Green Lanes Boardwalk

One of the boardwalks had broken at Green Lanes and it was decided to contact Norwich Fringe Project to repair. A question of a handrail had been raised by a Parishioner at the site and it was agreed to ask for a price to install.

4.8 Best Kept Front Garden

It was reported that the judging forms would be handed out at the next meeting on the 7th July 2011. Taverham Nursery was sponsoring the event.

5. **Exchange of Information**

Mr Thompson reported of a request by businesses in the village to organise Christmas Lights. This to be discussed at the next meeting. Mr Thompson also raised the question of a sign outside the King George pointing out the new offices when in use. Mr Thompson also queried having two new seats in the Florence Carter Grounds, it was decided to discuss next meeting.

Mr Wilkinson queried Memorial trees and Mrs Kisby stated a meeting was to be held with Mr Allaway next week to discuss

6 Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Committee will be on the 22nd September at 7 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.07p.m.

Signed by Vice Chairperson of Committee.....

Mr Keith Morgan.....

Dated 7th July 2011