

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Amenities Committee held on
Thursday 17th November 2011 at 7.30 pm
in the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Drayton High Road, Drayton

PRESENT

Mr K Morgan (Vice Chairman) Mr W Morgan Mr B Pike
Mr P Stanger Mr A Thompson Mr L Wilkinson
Mr J Gotts (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs S Atchoarena and Ms J Ramsey (Tree Wardens) Mrs V Sabberton (Draituna Trees) and Mrs H Smith (DALGA).

Mr K Morgan opened the meeting and welcomed those present

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs H Kisby

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Break for Parishioners to speak

Ms Ramsey reported that the Canhams Hill perimeter is now a public right of way by Order of the Ministry.

Mrs Ramsey queried the Gas marker still not being reinstated.

Mrs Ramsey queried if the Parish Council had adopted a policy for footpaths, due to Norfolk County Council not continuing the service. The Clerk reported that until the full implications of how it was to be funded, that for now, no decision has been made. Mrs Smith queried who held the shooting rights in the Drewary? The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Mr M Rogers, that he held the rights. The Clerk would find out if there was a written confirmation of this.

Mrs Smith reported that the next meeting of DALGA was to be the 23rd November at 7-30 p.m. at the King George Playing Field. Mrs Smith, also queried, if Reverend Wells had responded to Mrs Kisby's letter. The Clerk reported, as far as he knew he had not.

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4. General Matters

4.1) Suspend Standing Orders for Tree Wardens to Speak.

Mrs Atchoarena spoke on behalf of the Tree Wardens and reported the following:- There were to be two planting dates to plant trees at Longdale to help thicken the hedge on School Road. The dates were 26th November and the 3rd December start at 10 a.m. amongst trees to be planted will be native trees and some fruit trees.

Ms Ramsey queried if permission had been given for the roundabout at Badgers Brook Road to have a tree and shrubs in. The Clerk would confirm if permission had been granted.

Mrs Sabberton reported that Mr Chesney-Beales had repositioned a cedar tree in the Florence Carter Park and new straps and stakes had been renewed, Mr Mack was to put mulch around the tree. The plane tree had been dug round so that the grass cutter did not damage the tree. The Clerk would inform the contractors of this.

4.2 Allotments

As Mrs Smith had reported the relevant facts, this item was deemed to be discussed.

4.3 Burial Ground

The Clerk reported that Mrs Kisby had made contact with developers of Firbanks of some part of their land being used as Burial Grounds. A favourable response had been received and the Reverend Wells had been given the relevant contact to discuss. The question of funding was made. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had carried out their duty of right by finding land and it was up the Burial Ground Administrators, in this case the Diocese to organise funding. A meeting of the Burial Ground Sub Committee has been arranged for the 16th February 2012.

4.4 Budget 2012-2013

The Clerk after consultation with the Committee Chairman had circulated prior to the Meeting a draft budget. After various comments and queries made, Mr W Morgan proposed and seconded by Mr Thompson that the budget should be presented to the Finance Committee, this was agreed by all members.

5. Exchange of Information

Mr Wilkinson queried if all benches had been treated this year, the Clerk reported that the Handyman had a schedule which was being kept to.

6 Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Committee will be on the 16th February 2012 at 7 p.m.

The Meeting concluded at 8.03p.m.

Signed by Chairman of Committee.....

Mrs Hilary Kisby

Dated 8th December 2011