# Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council (DDPC) Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm, at Dry Drayton Village Hall, High Street, Dry Drayton CB23 8BS

Present: Cllr J Granger (Councillor), Cllr T Houlihane (Vice-Chairman), Cllr E Pyle (Councillor), Cllr D

Smith (Councillor)

Attending: Mrs S Etherington-Meech (Clerk/RFO), Cllr C Garvie (District Councillor), Cllr E Murphy

(County Councillor), Clir R Stobart (District Councillor), 1 member of the public

Cllr Houlihane (Vice-Chairman) opened up and chaired the meeting in the chairman's absence

1. To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apology accepted from ClIr Aldersley (absent due to holiday leave).
 To Accept Parish Councillors Declarations of Interest for Matters on the Agenda No declarations of interest were declared by the councillors.

To Agree to hold a Public Forum
 No comments or questions were raised by the public.

4. To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 including confidential minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 RESOLVED (Prop Clir Houlihane, 2nd Clir Granger, unanimous) that all three sets of minutes of the meetings be approved and signed by the vice-chairman as a true and accurate record.

- Matters Arising from the Minutes, Report of any actions and Resolutions from last meeting See Appendix 1
  - 5.1 a) A meeting is scheduled for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January where DDPC, Cllr Murphy and Bar Hill Parish Council will discuss this matter onsite.
    - b) A contractor is scheduled to carry out works on the 11th/12th January 2023.
    - c) Cllr Murphy explained that the progress of the NMU is in a commercially sensitive phase. Therefore, she is unable to give regular updates until it ceases and becomes a matter of the public authority. Cllr Houlihane highlighted that DDPC, and residents were hoping for some plans of the NMU. Cllr Murphy explained that these cannot be provided at present because they have some relevance to the current discussions.
    - d) This item is on the list of outstanding matters for the new Local Highways Officer, and they will write to the parish once there are answers and will also rescheduled the meeting with local clerks that was cancelled before Christmas.
  - 5.2 No update on this matter.
  - 5.3 There is no further update on the LHI application for Oak Crescent. The LHI application for 2023/24 for speed buffers and weight restriction signage was submitted by ClIr Aldersley on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
  - 5.4 Cllr Aldersley is still investigating funding options. Cllr Houlihane highlighted that it is important for a location to be considered. Cllr Stobart explained government funding is available for defibrillators in publicly accessible places such as schools. DDPC agreed that further investigation is required into the conditions of the government funding for defibrillators.
  - 5.5 A public meeting is to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 which Cllr Houlihane will attempt to attend via Zoom. The public consultation runs until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.
  - 5.6 Lizzie Wood at Greater Cambridge Planning sent an email proposing that the neighbourhood planning team attend a discussion with DDPC and residents on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Councillors believe this is an important matter and agreed to this date. ACTION Clerk to book village hall for meeting and Cllr Granger to publish an article in the village newsletter publicising this event.
  - 5.7 Cllr Aldersley to chase.
  - 5.8 Item cover in 5.1 d)
  - 5.9 The clerk advised that she liaised with Lloyds and both Cllr Houlihane and Cllr Smith have been added as signatories to the account, although online access was not set up. Cllr Houlihane and Cllr Smith registered for online access and the relevant forms were signed during the meeting. ACTION Clerk to send forms to Lloyds.

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- 5.10 It was agreed by DDPC that the vacancies should be publicised through various channels.
  ACTION Clerk to provide a poster she produced for her CiLCA to be used for this purpose.
- 5.11 The clerk advised that on behalf of DDPC she had applied for one mature tree from the SCDC 'Six Free Trees' scheme. Following advice from a previous councillor, English Woodlands, and councillors, a 150cm-225cm oak tree has been applied for. Cllr Houlihane is to take delivery and plant the tree. ACTION Kings Coronation plaque required for tree later in the year.
- 5.12 Cllr Granger explained that from two pieces that were published in relation to village markets, four responses were received. Two positive, one neutral and one negative and the Village Hall Management Committee had mixed feelings on this matter. ACTION Cllr Granger will give residents to the end of January to respond and will then summarise fully at the February meeting.
- 5.13 Cllr Murphy advised that she had received an officer's report and would send what information she had to Cllr Houlihane. ACTION Cllr Houlihane to produce a letter for the February meeting.
- 6. To Accept a Report from County and District Councillors

EM - see Appendix 3 - no further comments

RS/CG – see Appendix 4 – Cllr Stobart suggested that further to the last parish council meeting DDPC should contact Peter Blake directly in relation to the proposed NMU route from Scotland Farm Park & Ride. However, Cllr Murphy believes there is dedicated staffing for this matter through the GCP. Cllr Houlihane said that he was happy to contact all involved to see if there is any progress of plans on this proposed NMU.

- 7. To Discuss Planning Matters
  - a. Applications received for consideration
    - 22/03729/FUL Dry Drayton Methodist Church Park Street, Dry Drayton Erection
      of a single storey side extension and a first-floor rear extension together with the
      provision of two parking spaces and eight cycle parking spaces and the creation of
      a vehicular access to the site Amendment Comments by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
      Also, to be discussed by the planning committee.

RESOLVED  $(Prop\ Clir\ Granger,\ 2nd\ Clir\ Houlihane,\ unanimous)$  that the original objections sent in September are resubmitted with the following comments:

- The updated location plan labels Warrington Farm as an open field.
  However, Warrington Farm is, in fact, number 65 and is immediately
  adjacent to the site. Therefore, there is no way that this application cannot
  possibly have an impact on the farm. There is a lack of detail in the
  conservation officers' comment on the application to justify the
  assessment that development will not give rise to any harm to the listed
- 21/02913/CONDA Land at Duck End Farm Park Lane Submission of details required by condition 3 (Surface water drainage scheme), 4 (long term maintenance arrangements), 6 (biodiversity enhancement), 8 (Investigation & recording contamination), 12 (contractors parking plan), 13 (CEMP) and 15 (Landscaping) of planning permission 21/02913/FUL – For information only
- b. Decisions received from South Cambs District Council
  - i. 22/04137/HFUL 7 High Street Dry Drayton Single storey side extension to enlarge the existing Living-Dining area – Permission Granted
- 8. Matters for discussion/correspondence received
  - 8.1 To discuss the letter ClIr Bridget Smith drafted to the minister in relation to EWR

    Clir Stobart highlighted before a resolution was made that there was an error in the letter as it should have said 15 metres and not 15 feet. RESOLVED (Prop Clir Granger, 2nd Clir Pyle, 3rd Clir Houlihane,

    Against Clir Smith) with a majority vote for DDPC to support Bridget Smith's letter to the minister in relation to EWR. ACTION Clir Granger with the assistance of the councillors to produce a briefing note for the February meeting that will highlight local concerns in relation to this matter.

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- 8.2 To discuss email from Cllr Granger in relation to a collapsed drain and water in ditch at the top of Madingley Rd
  - ACTION Clerk to email PX Farms to raise concerns over the drainage issue on their land and request an investigation into this matter.
- 8.3 To discuss the Cambridgeshire News article in relation to South Cambs being given new funding for EV chargers and email to ClIr Houlihane containing further information.

  Interest in this matter was highlighted by two residents on the village Facebook page. ClIr Houlihane followed up with the team promoting this scheme and typical set up costs are in the region of £8K with a contribution of £3K or more for installation. There would then be ongoing costs which are difficult to predict. It was discussed that high use would be required to justify costings and it is suspected that the level of demand in the village would not be great enough. ACTION ClIr Houlihane to provide some figures to show it is not a financially viable scheme for Dry Drayton and share the results on Facebook.
- 8.4 To discuss planting of tree applied for through the SCDC ZCC Six Free Trees grant for the coronation

  Discussed under 5.11
- 8.5 For info Greater Cambridge Local Plan Report about next steps published public webinar on 18<sup>th</sup> January
- 8.6 For info email from Cambridgeshire Constabulary with South Cambs Community meeting dates for 2023

#### 9. Consultations

- 9.1 For info Notification of made/adoption of Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan by SCDC on 24th November 2022
- 9.2 GSCP Consultation Joint Planning Compliance Policy comments by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 DDPC agreed that no comments were to be made for this consultation.

#### 10. Finance and Policy

- a. To accept account review to date and bank reconciliation
  The bank reconciliation (see Appendix 2) and account review to date were circulated to all councillors before the meeting, RESOLVED (Prop Clir Pyle, 2nd Clir Granger, unanimous) to accept and approve the accounts and bank reconciliation.
- To advise of payments received between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 No payments received
- c. Direct debits and standing orders paid between 1st December 2022 to 31st December 2022
  - S Etherington-Meech Clerks Salary/Expenses/Pension (Period 8 & 9) £781.62 (LGA 1972, s.112)
  - SSE Electricity Streetlighting Energy 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Dec £21.08 (Parish Councils Act 1957, Highways Act 1980, s.301)
- d. Online payments made between 1st December 2022 to 31st December 2022
  - S Etherington-Meech Part payment of Clerks Backpay for National Salary Award - £159.10 (LGA 1972, s.112)
  - ii. S Etherington-Meech Part payment of Clerks Backpay for National Salary Award - £161.17 (LGA 1972, s.112)
  - Brookfield Groundcare Cut 9 of 10 Inv No 1728 £360.00 (Public Health Act 1875, s. 164; Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9 and 10; Commons Act 1899)
  - Brookfield Groundcare Cut 10 of 10 Inv No 1787 £360,00 (Public Health Act 1875, s.164; Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10; Commons Act 1899)
  - v. CAPALC Planning Training for Cllr Granger & S Etherington-Meech £100.00 (LGA
  - vi. Dry Drayton Village Hall Hall Hire for 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (2 hrs Inv No 523) -£12.00 (LGA 1972, s.133)
  - vii. Dry Drayton Village Hali Hall Hire for 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (3 hrs Inv No 549) £18.00 (IGA 1972, s.133)
  - viii. Clerks Pension Backpay £343.44 (LGA 1972, s.112)

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- ix. HMRC Employers National Insurance Contribution for Period 9 £19.61 (LGA 1972, s.112)
- e. Payments to hand
  - i. S Etherington-Meech Mileage/Stationery (Period 9) £29.99 RESOLVED (Prop Clir Pyle, 2nd Clir Houlihane, unanimous) for payment to be made, payment to be approved online. (LGA 1972, s.112)
- For info Notification of external auditor appointment from 2022/23 to 2026/27 PKF Littlejohn LLP
- g. For info Precept Requirement for 2023/24 submitted to SCDC
- h. Requirements for Civility & Respect Pledge Dignity at work policy, training programme for councillors and staff

The clerk circulated a draft Dignity at Work policy document to the councillors before the meeting for their review, any changes to be made after the meeting, and the document to be presented for adoption at the February meeting. The councillors agreed that it would be very difficult to produce a detailed training programme for such a small council. ACTION – Clerk to investigate training intent documents and adapt accordingly to suit DDPC as a basic training programme.

- 11. To accept notices and matter for the next agenda Piease note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.
- 12. Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm at Dry Drayton Village Hall

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS** 

Meeting closed at 9.26 pm

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

No items to be discussed that exclude the public or press

Signed Chairman

### Appendix 1

## Action Report/Ongoing Issues

5.1	Update from Cllr Murphy in relation to the following matters:	SCA/EM
	a) The removal of posts at the drift	
	b) Time frame from Highways in relation to fixing of wigwags	
	c) Progress on the NMU	
	d) Erection of additional poles for MVAS	
5.2	Update of Townsland Trust Section 106 projects and parking investigations	SCA
5.3	Update on LHI application for Oak Crescent & 2023/24 LHI Application for buffer zones and weight restriction signage	
5.4	Cllr Aldersley to investigate defibrillator funding sources and request location ideas in newsletter	
5.5	Aircraft noise from Luton Airport stacking – update from Cllr Stobart and Cllr Tumi Hawkins inc. date for end of consultation	RS
5.6	Cllr Stobart to provide update for neighbourhood planning team attending a meeting	RS
5.7	Update on the progress of erection of the jubilee and slab benches	SEM/SCA
5.8	Clerk to attend quarterly Highways meeting with Cllr Murphy & James Broder at Highways	SEM
5.9	Update on adding Cllr Houlihane and Cllr Smith as bank signatories	SEM
5.10	Update on applications for the two councillor vacancies	SEM/DDPC
5.11	Update on clerks' investigations into sourcing one mature tree for the coronation through SCDC Six Free Trees scheme	SEM
5.12	Update from Cllr Granger with feedback from residents in relation to local markets	JG
5.13	Cllr Houlihane to produce a letter for February in relation to the partial closure of Cambridge Rd in Madingley	TSH



### Appendix 2

# DRY DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL December 2022 Bank Reconciliation

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Lloyds current account on 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	£30,523.84
Less payments presented from 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 to  31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022  online payments, direct debits and standing orders	£2,336.02
Plus, receipts presented from 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 to  31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022  No receipts received	£0.00
Closing bank account on 31st December 2022  Less outstanding payments not yet subtracted	£28,187.82
Clerks Expenses (Period 9)	£29.99
nce carried forward at 31st December 2022 £ 2	28,157.83

Notes: As of May 2022, outstanding Section 106 monies to be spent:

- Outdoor Meeting Space £3,002.13
- Indoor Meeting Space £40.31

Sarah Etherington-Meech

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9th January 2023

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