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**Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Tuesday 8 January 2019**

**Present:** Cllr R Stamford (Chairman), Cllr D Wyatt, Cllr F Northrop and Cllr E Pyle

**In attendance:** County Cllr L Harford; District Cllr D de Lacey; A Cullum, Clerk & RFO; 17 members of the public and 2 Madingley Parish Council representatives

- 19/01/1 To note apologies for absence - Apologies were noted from Cllr C Jenkinson-Dix
- 19/01/2 Declaration of interests and Dispensations: Members to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed - None disclosed
- 19/01/3 Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to address the Council
- The Chairman began by telling those present that the Parish Council (PC) was desperately short of Councillors, in case anyone was interested in "hopping on board". He added that it was not onerous and was quite interesting, but the Parish Council needed more "bodies" to function effectively.
- David Ousby, Chairman of Madingley Parish Council, addressed the Council regarding his Parish Council's Local Highways Initiative (LHI) application for permanent closure of The Avenue in Madingley, which would be considered at the LHI panel meeting on 14 January. It has been closed temporarily since March 2017 for the A14 improvements, but through-traffic was already a problem for the village before then, and extensive consultation has been going on since 2014. Concern had been raised about the impact of this on Dry Drayton Road, and Madingley Parish Council paid over £1k for a traffic survey, which indicated no significant increase in traffic at peak hours.
- David Ousby pointed out that if The Avenue were connected to the new local road, traffic would be coming through Madingley that was not there previously, and this would adversely affect Dry Drayton as well.
- In response, one resident said that there had been a huge increase in traffic along Park Lane, and another resident said that a survey was required along Scotland Road, because vehicles were coming from that way through Dry Drayton instead of Madingley. It was also pointed out that, once the local road was completed, the cars that couldn't get to Huntingdon Road would come through Dry Drayton instead. Someone else questioned whether it was premature to close The Avenue before the A14 work was completed, when it would be clearer what the traffic patterns would be like.
- County Cllr Harford stated in no uncertain terms that she was very cross that Madingley Parish Council had left it so late to consult Dry Drayton Parish Council on this occasion, and on the previous occasion, when they were looking into temporary closure. It was noted that David Ousby had not been Chairman for long and he said he was sorry that previous Chairmen had not done this. County Cllr Harford praised him for coming along and "putting his head in the lion's mouth"! She said that Dry Drayton was recognized to be the village most adversely affected by the A14 construction works, in terms of increased traffic volumes, and as a member of the H&CI (Highways and Community Infrastructure) Committee, she would be reflecting back residents' concerns at the meeting. David Ousby said this was fair comment, and that he hoped to come back with a full plan, rather than the two-page feasibility document that he had at the moment.
- Discussion moved on to the proposed cycleway. Residents said that they had been concerned, after the previous meeting, that the Parish Council might not give their full

backing for the £5k contribution. Cllr Stamford replied that the project had been conceived and supported by the Parish Council from the outset.

County Cllr Harford said that Dry Drayton was still second on the list for LHI funding. She was cautiously optimistic that the village would receive the £175k funding in 2019-2020, conditional upon the Parish Council contributing £5k. She was adamant that the village would not lose the £175k everyone had worked for, and Councillors agreed that the £5k would be raised somehow, whether it be from the Parish Council, or through fundraising, or another source.

Cllr Stamford said there was usually nobody but Councillors at the annual budget meeting and told those present that the Parish Council did not function in isolation and that it relied on villagers to let it know what projects it wanted. A resident suggested that the Parish Council see the big turnout this evening as positive support for the Council.

19/01/4 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018 - Council noted the amendment to item 18/12/9 i.e. that the changeover date for the new Parish Clerk would be 16 January 2019 (rather than 1 January 2019). **Council resolved to accept the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.** Cllr Stamford signed the minutes.

19/01/5 To receive County and District Councillor reports - Sent in advance and taken as read

19/01/6 Matters for information only:

- i) **Tree Safety Management** - Street light shrouded by trees (Minutes item 18/12/8): To note that Cllr Stamford will need to do a survey of the area in question, before the Clerk contacts Balfour Beatty to ask them to cut back overgrowth. Noted.

19/01/7 **Finance & Policy:**

- i) **Council resolved to approve the following payments to 8 January 2019:**

No	Payee	Purpose	Gross £	Net £	VAT £
1161	Dry Drayton Village Hall Hire	Oct to Dec 2018	54.00	54.00	-
1162	Red Shoes Accounting Services	Payroll Service, Dec 2018	14.40	12.00	2.40
1163	Staff	Salary, up to 16 January 2019	175.00*	175.00*	-
		<b>Totals:</b>	<b>243.40</b>	<b>241.00</b>	<b>2.40</b>

\*New Clerk to be paid £175 for second half of January 2019 (see 19/01/4 above)

- ii) Council noted the latest current account balance of £17,563.83 at 19 December 2018
- iii) Council noted the latest bank reconciliation for December 2018
- iv) Council noted receipt (on 16 August 2018) of VAT refund for £168.25

19/01/8 **Finance and Policy:**

- i) To approve the budget for 2018-2019

There was some discussion about using the Parish Council's S106 reserves (held in its Cambridge Building Society account) to fund the £5k for the proposed cycleway. County Cllr Harford reminded the Council that there was an expiry date for this, usually ten years after the money was given, after which time the money would need to be returned to the developers if it hadn't been used. She also pointed out that the money needed to be spent on the right things. If it had been given for open space uses, then it might be possible to use it for the cycleway; if it had been given for community facilities, it was for indoor

projects, and the PC wouldn't be able to use it for this. **The Parish Council resolved to approve the budget (which included £1k for the cycleway and £500 for a new laptop for the new Parish Clerk).**

- ii) **Council resolved to approve setting the precept for 2019-2020 for return to South Cambridgeshire District Council at £11,304**

- 19/01/9 **Roundabout at Pincushion Corner: Council resolved to approve consulting residents about the naming of the new roundabout** (at the Oakington Road end of the village)
- 19/01/10 **Proposed Development behind 65 Pettitts Lane: Council resolved to approve consulting residents (via the newsletter and website)** about the naming of the new road to the rear of 65 Pettitts Lane (application ref. S/3447/18/RM etc) and noted that the name favoured by a number of residents on Pettitts Close was Swifts Close.
- 19/01/11 **Funding for Proposed Cycle Link (see minutes items 18/12/3 and 18/12/6i):** Subject to further consultation with the village, and to it being proper practice (which the Clerk confirmed that it is), to approve funding the £5K contribution from accumulated reserves and unspent money; or to approve underwriting the £5K, so that other funding options can be pursued first. **Council resolved to approve underwriting the £5k.**
- 19/01/12 **Planning Applications:**
- i) **S/4592/18/FL** Courtlands, 40 Oakington Road, Dry Drayton: Change of use from agricultural to garden land. **Council resolved to object on the basis that it was in the Green Belt.**
  - ii) **S/2942/18/DC** Cambridge City Crematorium, Huntingdon Road: Discharge of condition 6 (Surface water drainage) pursuant to planning permission S/3237/17/FL [For information only] - Noted.
- 19/01/13 **Next Meeting of the Parish Council:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12 February 2019

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: