

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Drayton Parish Council held on MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1999

PRESENT:

Mr. Clough (Chairman)	Mrs. Cook
Mr. Killick	Mr. Cross
Mr. Matthews	Mr. Morris
Mrs. Morrison	Mr. Stimpson
Mrs. Mackenzie (County Councillor)	

APOLOGIES:

Mr. Knight
Dr. Wade and Mr. Ash were unavoidably delayed. They attended the meeting from 8.50pm and 8.45pm respectively

Dr. Wade being delayed Mr. Clough was unanimously elected Chairman of this meeting

160/99 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Painton suggested that when the Parish Council replace the hedge at the Burial Ground they should plant an evergreen hedge rather than a deciduous one.

161/99 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1st NOVEMBER 1999

The minutes of the meeting of the 4th October were signed as a true record after a small amendment.

162/99 MATTERS ARISING

a. PC Pedley reported that he had checked the Police records from 18th November and these showed that there had been 15 incidents. Of these five were traffic accidents. Other reports were about youths drinking alcohol near the Village Hall, one bicycle was stolen, one tree had come down, one car was abandoned. The problem of the youths at the village hall grounds might be alleviated now that there was a youth club there for them to attend. There had been no reports of any burglaries.

It was pointed out to PC Pedley that parking on footpaths continued to be a problem. PC Pedley said he would speak to the owners of vehicles which were regularly parked on pavements if their index numbers were reported to him. Otherwise the most efficient way of getting these matters dealt with was to report offending vehicles to the control room at Wantage Police Station (tel. 01235 776000) and ask if the local patrol could deal with it.

b. The proposed traffic calming measures in Henleys Lane were discussed and the Clerk read to the meeting the letter received from the County Council Highways Department. It was agreed that this should be a matter for the residents to deal with rather than a matter that the Parish Council wanted to get involved in. The Clerk will write to Mr. Bax and inform him accordingly. She

will also write to the County Council.

c. The Parish Council were of the opinion that the verges having been cleared and grass seeded they were satisfied with the enforcement. The Clerk will inform Sue Pearce. The Clerk told the Meeting that Ms. Pearce had informed her that in the near future complaints should be directed through the Parish Council.

163/99 **MANOR FARM**

Mrs. Cook having declared an interest at an earlier meeting took no part in the discussions and abstained from voting.

This matter was discussed briefly before it was put back to await the arrival of Mr. Ash and Dr. Wade. The Clerk reported that she had been telephoned by the Estate's agents who indicated that the offer was still open. When the discussion resumed Mr. Stimpson said that the Village had a lot to gain from the proposal put forward by the Earl of Plymouth's Estates in addition to the £100,000; a large field, a large area of land preserved as open space, some affordable housing, and a contribution to the Council's expenses. Dr. Wade said that whilst he accepted that it was a huge risk to delay further he felt that in the interests of openness the Parish Council could not just accept the offer. The two major concerns of the public were the safety of the proposed access to the Green and the loss of parking. The Parish Council must accept the Highways Department's views on safety, but the Parish Council must satisfy itself as to the question of the Green. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Estate's representatives and ask them to meet the Council at the earliest possible opportunity in order that these matters could be dealt with.

164/99 **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

a. Accounts for approval

Payments

Village caretaker	Claim for November	£	87.17
Copy Cat Services	Printing and photocopying (Nov.)	£	35.40+VAT
Clerk	Salary & expenses (Dec.)	£	416.93
Inland Revenue	Employer NI/Clerk NI/tax (Dec.)	£	16.16
Mr. Morrison	Expenses re ORCC meeting	£	10.50
Earl Haig Fund	Donation to Poppy Appeal	£	30.00

Receipts

Customs & Excise	VAT repayment	£	636.53
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The account received from Thames Water was likely to be for the Millennium Green. The Clerk would enquire.

b. Application for Disabled Facilities at Drayton Hall

Mr. Ash as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee reminded members of the Council that they had indicated their support of the project to install disabled lavatories and a loop system for the hard of hearing in writing to the District Council. The District Council had indicated that they would expect to see financial support coming from the Parish Council. he therefore proposed that the Parish Council should give the Village Hall

committee £100 towards this project. After discussion this proposal was amended to the sum of £25. The amended proposal was seconded. After a vote the proposal was passed. (Votes: for 6, against 2, abstention 1). Mr. Ash informed the Parish Council that much was being done to improve the marketing of the facilities at the Village Hall and that the relationship between the Village hall Committee and the Parish Council was much improved. Dr. Wade supported Mr. Ash in these comments.

165/99 PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Applications

<u>DRA/4600/2</u>	Forge Cottage 55 High Street	Replacement of screen block wall and gate with a brick wall and gates. Replacement of a timber shed with a brick shed.
-no objections		

<u>DRA/4465/1</u>	234 Steventon Road	Erection of extension and conservatory
-no objections		

<u>DRA/16114</u>	46 Church Lane	Retrospective application for erection of front fencing and driveway gate
-no objections		

b. District Council Permissions/Refusals

DRA/16065	7 Marcham Rd.	Erection of a single storey front extension
PERMITTED		
no objections		

d. Report on the Town and Parish Councils Planning Evening
Mr. Stimpson reported on behalf of the three members of the Parish Council who had attended this meeting. It was felt to be most useful and informative.

e. Licensing The Red Lion Public House, Drayton.
Application for a Transfer Order by Glenn Martin Woolley
No objections

166/99 LEISURE & GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP

a. Mrs. Morrison reported on the Working Group's most recent meetings. As far as the hedge at the Burial Ground was concerned she pointed out that it was felt that the hedge should be replaced as a matter of urgency. It had been decided that the northern hedge should be replaced with a double row using larger trees and saplings. The Clerk will get a further quote from Mr. Ringrose before the Finance Committee meeting next week. The work requested in the RoSPA report on the playgrounds had largely been carried out. The painting of the overhead bar on the swing should, in any event be delayed until the Spring.
The Village Caretaker has still not let us know the cost of the strimmer she

would like the Parish to buy. The Clerk will make further enquiries about this and the insurance position.

167/99 RIGHTS OF WAY & CONSERVATION WORKING GROUP

a. Mr. Killick indicated that the Village Environmental Improvements Grant Scheme was well worth considering if any committee wanted funding for any improvements to the Village.

Mrs. Cook reported on the meeting held between Thames Water PLC and the representatives of the Parish Council. The clerk informed the council of the letter received detailing the agreed work to be carried out by 10th December.

168/99 Millennium Trustees Report

The Clerk read the letter received from Mr. Hamilton to the meeting. Dr. Wade proposed that the Clerk's services be donated to the Millennium Green Trustees as part of the contribution of the Parish Council to the project. The proposal was seconded. After discussion and a vote the proposal was carried (Votes: for 4, against 3, abstentions 2). The Clerk will ask Mr. Hamilton to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to report.

169/99 Proposal for relocation of Parish Council meetings to the Village Hall

This proposal from Mr. Ash was withdrawn because the Hall Committee now had a regular booking from a youth club on Monday nights.

170/99 Communications received and noted

- a. OCC News
- b. NALC Local Council Review
- c. VWHDC News & meetings open to the public
- d. Speedwatch News
- e. Clerks & Councils Direct
- f. SPISE News
- g. Vale 30 mph speed limit - request for funding
- h. DAMASCUS - request for funding

171/99 Any Other Business

Mr. Matthews noted that horses have been using footpath 23 again. The Parish Council were thanked at the recent Carol Service for providing the funds for the use of the hall.

Dr. Wade informed the Council formally of the Youth Club now being held on Mondays at Drayton Hall. Dr. Wade and Mr. Stimpson passed on Mrs. Hornsby's thanks for her "retirement dinner". Mr. Stimpson passed a receipt on which £40 is owed to the Clerk for payment. Dr. Wade will forward his receipt. Mr. Clough asked the Clerk to investigate the position regarding the broken light at the end of Sutton Wick Lane.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.10pm

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2000 at 7.45pm at the CAUDWELL DAY CENTRE, GRAVEL LANE, DRAYTON.