**DRAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr R Binks - Chairman

 Cllr B Davies

 Cllr J Markham

Cllr R Neale

 Ian Orton – Clerk

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1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies from Cllrs Petty and Turner

1. Register of Interests:

 Councillors at the meeting confirmed their interests as recorded in the

 Register of Interests held and maintained by the Council’s principal

 principal authority.

1. Disclosure of Interests:

Cllr Davies

1. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th July 2024:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2024 were taken as read, and the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

1. Matters arising:

 Cllr Neale gave an update on the grass cutting of the verges. Cllr

 Markham requested that the additional grass cutting of verges could

 also include the church yard. A member of the public present indicated

 he would cut the church yard for the rest of the grass cutting season and the additional cuts were included in the grass cutting contract for 2025/6.

1. Noise Level Draughton Heights Camp Site:

The Chair introduce a report about noise from a music event recently held at Draughton Heights Camp Site. Several members of the public who were present complained about the noise. The promoter of the event explained the event was properly licenced etc. The clerk added that the event was certainly licenced by North Yorkshire Council, but the Parish Council had not had the opportunity to comment on the issuing of the temporary entertainment licence. After further discussion it was unanimously agreed that North Yorkshire’s Licensing Team should consult with the Parish Council prior to issuing any temporary events notices for events in the parish.

1. Clerks Report:

The clerk indicated that all relevant information was included within the agenda.

1. Temporary Clerk:

The Chair explained that despite the increase in hours to be worked and the increased hourly rate there had been no interest in the post of Parish Clerk. However, Ian Orton the temporary clerk had agreed to work for a further three months on the same contractual arrangements while further attempts are made to recruit a clerk. It was accordingly RESOLVED:

1. “THAT recruitment for the position of Clerk to the Council should take place in the form of advertisements on the parish council noticeboards, the parish council website and on the NALC website.
2. Mr Ian Orton is hereby reappointed as temporary Clerk to the Council with effect from 1st July to 30th September 2024.”
3. Planning:

Cllr Markham left the meeting while this item was discussed. Application Number: ZA24/26059/TCA Remove Cherry Tree to the rear of the property: Location The Pines, The Spinney, Draughton, BD23 6DU. *The clerk indicated details of the application had been circulated among councillors and no objections had been raised. The Council noted the application.*

1. Draughton Village Hall Legacy:
2. Bolton Abbey Master Plan:
3. Parking in the village:

13.Climate Change:

 Cllr Neale gave details about the climate change proposals confirming

 that Northern Power had been paid to carry out a survey and this was

 being chased. The next stage was to fully identify funding and then

14: Financial Accounts:

Cllr Neale spoke about finance costs for the tractor. The clerk reported that North Yorkshire Council wished to have precept amounts in by 31st December 2024. It was agreed a draft budget could be considered at the Council meeting on 16th September 2024 and ratified on

2nd December 2024.

1. Consultation and Correspondence:

 Cllr Neale gave details of a community event on Sunday 1st September

 2024.

1. Scheme of Delegation

It was RESOLVED:

1. “THAT decisions taken by the Clerk since the date of the last meeting under the Scheme of Delegation dated 7 June 2021, as reported to Council and published on the Council’s website, be ratified.”
2. “THAT the Scheme of Delegation dated 7 June 2021 remain in force until such time as the Council should determine otherwise.”

*The council noted a further four payments which have been made since the most recent circulation of the scheme of delegation, as reported by the clerk.*

1. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Annual and Parish meeting of the Council would be held in the Village Hall on 2nd December 2024 at 7pm and 25th March 2025.

Chairman

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Date