**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 declared a non-pecuniary interest in carrying out tree work within the parish.

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 from the Council Meeting:

 There were no matters arising from the Council meeting that were not

 not on the agenda.

1. Noise Level Draughton Heights Camp Site:

The clerk gave details of conversations with North Yorkshire Council to ensure that in future the Council were fully aware of any licenced events taking place within the parish; adding that if NYC Licensing could communicate with Environmental Health and the Police, they could include the parish council with this communication.

A member of the public mentioned that a music festival may be held next year but the Council would be fully informed of any plans. The Chair indicated that if a Music Festival was planned an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held to consider the implications of a possible music festival.

1. Clerks Report:

The clerk indicated that that filming would be taking place at Draughton Bottom giving details of road closures on Wednesday/Thursday/Fridays.

1. Temporary Clerk:

The Chair confirmed that there had been no interest in the post of Parish Clerk. After discussion it was 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 at the beginning of October 2024 with a closing date of 31st October 2024 for applications. It was hoped that an interview for the post could be held in mid-November 2024 with the successful candidate taking up duties on 1st January 2025.
2. To support this process Mr Ian Orton is hereby reappointed as temporary Clerk to the Council with effect from 1st October to 31st December 2024 on the same terms and conditions as his existing contract.
3. Planning:

Cllr Markham left the meeting while this item was discussed. Application Number: ZA24/26238/HH: Demolition of existing timber shed and erection of a new shed: Location Leardene House, Draughton, BD23 6EA>  *After discussion the Council noted the application.*

1. Draughton Village Hall Legacy: The clerk reported that a legacy of £5000 plus £181.55 had been left to Draughton Village Hall and had been paid to Draughton Parish Council by mistake. The legacy had now been transferred to Draughton Village Hall and the clerk apologised for the brief administrative error.
2. Bolton Abbey Master Plan: Cllr Markham gave details of the Teams presentation of the Bolton Abbey Core Visitor Area Masterplan attended by clerk and herself. Councillors asked about traffic implications, the impact of more housing and a hotel plus the planning implications arising from the masterplan. After discussion it was agreed to note the masterplan at this stage and review the next stage as and when presented.
3. Parking in the village: The Chair had asked that this item was on the agenda because of the increasing concerns about parking in the village. All members of the Council gave examples of thoughtless parking in different parts of the village particularly on the stretch of road from the Pines. After discussion it was RESOLVED: a) The clerk to -write to the Care Home re staff car parking and requesting the Care Home to review car parking facilities for it staff. b) The clerk to contact North Yorkshire Council Highways to outline the problem and request No Parking signs are placed adjacent to The Pines.

13.Climate Change:

 Cllr Neale gave details about climate change and Draughton Action

 To Zero community initiative emphasizing the increased need for

 more electricity.

14: Financial Accounts:

a) The clerk reported that on 13th September 2024 the Community Account had a balance of £27,289.63 and that a half year financial statement would be circulated to members of the Council. b) The clerk stated that North Yorkshire Council wished to have notice of the Draughton precept for 2025-26 precept amounts by 31st December 2024. It was agreed a draft budget should be considered at the Council meeting on 2nd December 2024. The Chair asked members for details of any projects that could be carried out in the next financial year. It was noted the current Band D precept was £80.36, which had been increased from £75.41 in the previous year.

1. Consultation and Correspondence:

 The clerk read out details in the Annual Report of Noth Yorkshire

 Citizens Advice & Law Centre in which 6 residents in Draughton had

 been helped with issues such as benefits and financial services. After

 discussion it was agreed Citizens Advice should receive a support grant

 of £100.

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 three 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 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