

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD AND HARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MARKET CANTEEN 7:00 PM TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014

Present:	Chair	Cllr A. Whitaker
	Vice Chair	Cllr A. Norris
		Cllr B. J. Ford (John Ford)
		Cllr N. White
		Cllr Mrs A Lockhart
	CDC Councillor	David Fowles

One parish resident was in attendance.

**APOLOGIES**

GCC Cllr Parsons did not attend the meeting due to workload.

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING OF AUGUST 28th 2014**

All Cllrs confirmed the contents of the Draft Minutes as accurate record.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr White that: the draft is accurate record of the Parish Council Planning Meeting of August 28th 2014.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Action: Cllr Whitaker signed the minutes, Clerk to file.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

**REPORTS**

*CLERK'S REPORT*

My customary activities since the most recent scheduled Parish Council meeting of July 8th were augmented by requirement for preparation and attendance at the extraordinary PC Meeting to allow public comment and resolve decision on CDC Planning Committee notification: 14/03299/CLEUD.

The email of a signed scan and a Microsoft Word copy of the Summons/Agenda for this PC Meeting was emailed on Wednesday September 3rd to all Council Members. A signed hard copy of the summons/agenda was put on display on both parishes' notice boards on the morning of Thursday September 4th in observance of the obligation to publicly declare imminent PC Meetings. A copy of the agenda was also emailed to the list of parish residents.

The most recent bank statement for this Parish Council's sole account, issued the 7th August, shows funds at £2,956.89 in credit, with all but one issued cheques accounted for. The figure doesn't include deduction of the £600 cheque to Northcot Construction, or accreditation of the £125 Driffield PCC cheque and the £575 balance of annual precept paid in on 2nd September by CDC, as indicated by their remittance advice received 5th September.

*CDC CLLR FOWLES'REPORT*

CDC Cllr Fowles said there is no news of an Electoral Boundaries Commission decision, with indications split on boundaries remaining or being altered as in the current revision. Most planning application appeals are being won, with worry that housing development is altering the infrastructure to a point of threatening sustainability, with drainage and subsequent flooding a major concern. CDC are maintaining good control of its housing targets. No reaction has yet come from N. Wilts Highways over concerns about road markings at the Countrywide roundabout. Necessity for change in CDC's governance methods has led to the decision to reduce its inner policy structuring cabinet to eight members.



**FINANCE – RESOLVE**

*(i) Electronic Banking;* Cllrs discussed the appliance of online payments, primarily to oblige changes in HMRC requirements.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr White that: Council sanction Clerk to remit HMRC employee tax obligations online.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Action: Cllrs Whitaker and Norris signed the authorisation; Clerk to post to Lloyds Bank.

*(ii) Youth Activity Grant;* Cllrs were agreed that suitable arrangements can now be made by Cllr Whitaker with Karen Bishop, of Ampney Crucis, to combine the parishes' youth activities.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr White that: Both parishes' youth activities are amalgamated with those of Ampney Crucis.

Motion was carried unanimously.

*(iii) Clerk Expenses;* Cllrs examined claim for the Clerk's expenses outstanding at 9-09-14.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr White that: Clerk's claim for £32.21 expenses to September 9th 2014 is accepted.

Motion was carried unanimously.

**PLANNING – RESOLVE**

*Support for Preston against Belectric Solar Panel Farm.*

RESOLUTION Cllr Mrs Lockhart said these installations are liable to ruin good farming land; added the possibility of 'creep' into the Driffield and Harnhill parishes. Cllr Norris suggested the grade of local agricultural land excluded it from such developments. Cllrs decided no motion can be presented without details of an application and more information, that to be obtained by the Clerk from Preston PC and CDC.

**CORRESPONDENCE** A pamphlet outlining youth activity schemes in Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds was examined by Cllrs.

**REPORTS/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Cllrs Whitaker and Norris signed a cheque pertaining to: Joint; Clerk salary, nett, for period Aug/Sept/14 @ NJC approved SCP 18 substantive rate plus Clerk expenses to 09/09/14.

Cllr Norris said that the responsible parties need be made aware of the disorderly state of the overgrown hedge near Driffield Parish church.

Cllr Mrs Lockhart said steps should be taken to procure remedy for unsatisfactory broadband speed; make it a community commitment to lobby BT for improvement promised for the area.

Cllr Norris said the ACU were using facility provided by Cotswold Wireless.

Cllr Whitaker said that BT had been given specific funding for the vicinity and despite the continual complaints of many, it appeared dissatisfied users must wait on BT's programme.

To the Clerk's query as to identifying the location of Driffield Duck Pond, for public liability insurance purposes, Cllr White said it was best described as: 'adjacent to Pond House'.

CDC Cllr Fowles was neither able to elucidate on CDC's record of Harnhill Cottage 2010 planning application review details with Cllr Mrs Lockhart; nor answer Cllr White's question at the previous PC Planning Meeting regarding the diligence of scrutiny of the original application and its implications.

Cllr Fowles said he is awaiting response from Mr Moody.

Chair closed the Meeting at 8:03 pm; announced the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is to convene in the Market Canteen at 7:00pm on November 11th.

