

DRAFT MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD AND HARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MARKET CANTEEN 7:00 PM TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2015

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

Three parish residents attended.

APOLOGIES

GCC Cllr Parsons did not attend due to commitment elsewhere.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 11th 2014

All Cllrs confirmed the contents of the Draft Minutes as concise record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Norris that: the draft is precise account of the Parish Council Planning Meeting of November 11th 2014. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Whitaker asked CDC Cllr Fowles for the reason for rejection of the planning application presented by the owners of Watershard, Driffield. Cllr Fowles said there was confusion over the aspect of Driffield's recognition as a sustainable community, though there would seem grounds to reapply.

Cllr John Ford's questioned CDC's objectivity in the Planning Committee's deliberations when they deemed it necessary to send notice of specification changes to that which they already saw reason to classify as an unsustainable application; to which Cllr Fowles had no adequate answer for members or Mrs Karen Ford, who was present.

Cllr Whitaker got no news from Cllr Fowles on improvement of signage at Countrywide.

Cllr Whitaker asked Cllr White for update on contacts made with the local constabulary in regard to acquiring information on forming a Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr White said the matter was in hand with assistance from parishioner Mr Peter David, who, present, affirmed.

REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT

I have performed no additional duties and attended no other meetings since the Parish Council meeting of November 11th. In executing certain of those duties, it is impossible not to notice the condition of the notice boards is worsening. While some people in the locality appear to think they are, especially the board at the church, a lost and found announcement facility, with little or no regard for significant information their material obscures. With due respect to recent increased liability for PC's to observe codes of practice regarding publication of information, members might be advised to consider course of action to alleviate the problem.

A signed scan and a Microsoft Word copy of the Summons/Agenda for this PC Meeting was emailed on Wednesday January 7th 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 January 8th as required in order to publicly declare details of PC Meetings. A copy of the agenda was also emailed to the subscriber list, and GCC and CDC councillors.

The most recent bank statement for this Parish Council's sole account, issued November 27th, shows funds at £2,773.51 in credit, with all receipts, issued cheques and standing order payments accounted for. In accordance with the PC's affiliation with Local Government Association and National Association of Local Council employment agreements, I did, on December's salary, include the agreed non-consolidated, pro-rata award and thereafter, the allotted hourly increase to take effect as from January 1st 2015; the details of which were forwarded by email to all members on 29th November 2014.

CDC CLLR FOWLES'REPORT

CDC Cllr Fowles said a circular is being sent to all households outlining the Local plan for the Cotswold area. An green award is being initiated by UBICO and some overnight and weekday car parking charges are being scrapped. The 2015/16 Council Tax is estimated to be reduced by 3%, due to a 20% reduction in overall costs, including £1.5m job-share savings.

AMENITIES – RESOLVE

(i) Appoint Freeschool Foundation Trustees;

Cllr Mrs Lockhart said in order to find replacement for Mrs Kirwin, retiring after many years of good service she would try to find someone with fresh opinion willing to serve.

Cllr John Ford, a PC appointed trustee along with Mr George Philips, said there was no legal requirement to appoint a trustee from Harnhill.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lockhart that: Council approves existing membership of the Driffield and Harnhill Freeschool Foundation. Motion was carried unanimously; Cllr John Ford withdrawing his voting right as courtesy.

(ii) Appoint Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator;

Cllr Mrs Lockhart suggested Mr Peter David as excellent candidate for the responsibility.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Lockhart, seconded by Cllr White that: Council appoint Mr Peter David as Driffield and Harnhill Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCE – RESOLVE

Clerk Expenses Outstanding; Cllrs reviewed claim for Clerk expenses to 13-01-15.

RESOLUTION It was proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr White that:

Clerk's claim for £17.32 expenses to January 13th 2015 is accepted.

Motion was carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE None

REPORTS/ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Cllrs Whitaker and Norris signed a cheque pertaining to: Joint; Clerk salary, nett and expenses for period Dec/2014-Jan/2015.

Cllr Mrs Lockhart said **Mr Kinch had cleaned the Driffield signage; also reported the necessity to clear the Harnhill village junction of debris from previous vehicle accidents.**

Cllr White said dog-fouling is still prevalent in the parishes and suggested investigation of more measures of preventative action.

Chair permitted members to take note of Mrs Karen Ford's report of continuing flood risk on Tank Lane, with particular reference to a blocked drainage channel at Can Court.

Chair announced the next scheduled meeting for Tuesday, 10th March 2015 and closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

