

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 15/05/2024 @ 7.10pm

(1) Apologies for absence

No apologies

(2) Present

Roger Turnbull	(Chairperson)	RT
Geoff Haigh	(Vice-Chair)	GH
Paul Miles		PM
Gillian Ward		GW
Joseph Spetch		JS
Michelle Thorpe	(Clerk)	MT

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (January 2024)

Minutes were distributed to the Councillors via email prior to the meeting and were accepted as a true and accurate record at the meeting.

(4) Long Drax Finances/Accounts to sign

Long Drax Finances – To date the balance is £3008.08

The 2023/2024 Long Drax accounts have had an external examination carried out by Mr Hopper.

Mr Hopper was satisfied that that accounts are being well looked after.

His cheque for £70.00 was signed.

The accounting statement signed by the Chair and Responsible Finance Officer
Certificate of Exemption signed by the Chair and Clerk.

Annual Governance statement signed by the Chair and Clerk.

(5) Planning

- Application for Filter Unit, Drax Power Station - No Comment, Development well within the Drax power site – Planning granted.
- Solar Farm on Land South A645 (Carlton Solar Farm) – Planning granted.
- Eastern Green Link Cable 2 – Land to East of New Road, Drax – Reserved matters application is for matters of access, appearance, landscaping, scale and access

relating to construction of the converter station – No comment from Parish Council.

- Outline Planning application for 3 bedroom property adjacent to Old School House – No comment.

(6) Correspondence

- Defibrillator status check – This is checked every 2-3 months – all ok.
- Parish precept received of £1250.00
- May 2024 Parish newsletter was emailed from PCSO Annie Newbould – Email forwarded to RT.
- Cheque sent to Mooi Design for the yearly renewal of SMTP access.

(7) Matters Arising

- Drax PS PC liaison meeting feedback – RT ran through the minutes (minutes already emailed to Councillors)
- River embankment stone wall defects update – RT updated the council.
- Road name update – Signs replaced and address from the reallocation of post codes is now showing on Google.
- Village turning circle update – RT updated the Parish Council. Funding is possible from the EGL2 project and JS to make contact with land owner and start looking into possible options for the turning circle.
- Parish Council insurance due June 2024 – Cheque signed for £140.
- Eastern Green Link 2 meeting feedback – RT read the minutes from the meeting.

(8) Any other business

- It was noted about the amount of potholes on the length of Main Road between Read School and Carr Lane/ Redhouse Lane. MT to email Highways – Update – Emailed Sharon Fox and email was being passed on to the appropriate person to look into and if needed to repair.
- Footpath from Pear Tree Avenue to Derwent View Farm needs clearing – Not passable on foot. MT to make contact with NYCC and also send letter to landowner reminding them of their obligations to keep the public footpaths clear.
- Concerns were raised with regards to speeding cars around Drax Read School - MT emailed the PCSO Annie Newbould who suggested we contacted North Yorkshire Police and fill in their speed reporting form. MT to also email Head Teacher of Read School to express our concerns. Emails from PCSO forwarded onto Councillors.

Meeting closed 20:20

Next meeting – Wednesday 11th September 2024 @ 7.30pm – Drax Sports & Social Club (subject to availability)