

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Thursday 05/09/2024 @ 7.30pm

(1) Apologies for absence

GW

(2) Present

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

Cllr Mike Jordan

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (May 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 Finance/Clerks cheque to sign

Long Drax Finances – To date the balance is £3171.54. Clerk's cheque was signed for £449.45. It was agreed to add JS and GH on to the signatory form for Cheques for the Parish Council - MT to look into this.

(5) Traffic issues between Read School and Baxter Hall – Bursar from Read School was invited and accepted, but unfortunately did not attend. RT discussed the issue. RT/GH suggested that the Parish Council may be able to help in acquiring the suitable scalping for the verges, update Cllr Jordan has said NYCC do not have any scalping for us to use. RT/GH to look a pricing options and the Council were in agreement that we would pay for this.**(6) Planning**

- Land to East, New Road, EGL2 – Approved – Works to commence 26th September.
- Helios Renewable Energy Project – Application formally accepted for examination – This mostly affects Camblesforth with some cables into Long Drax.

- Consultation on the proposed demolition work at Drax Power Station - The usual comments were noted re noise/dust.
- CO2 pipeline route consultation presentation – RT discussed this and the route is still not decided.
- Prior notification – Erection of straw barn, field off Redhouse Lane (info only).
- Old School House – Planning withdrawn.

(7) Correspondence

- Defibrillator status check – This is checked every 2-3 months – all ok.
- August 2024 Parish newsletter was emailed from PCSO Annie Newbould – Email forwarded to RT.
- Email from North Yorkshire Council with resident complaint re condition of pavement along Langrick Road – RT updated the Parish Council.
- Email sent to resident re hedge overhanging pavement on Langrick Rd – This has now been done and MT to send thank you letter.
- Email re verge condition on Main Road Drax, between Read School and Baxter Hall – RT discussed this – See note 5.

(8) Matters Arising

- Update on flood defence work – PM – EA have visited site and done some investigation works, which included carrying out borehole samples. – This work is on-going and they are hoping to commence works next year.
- Possible extension of caravans to land adj. to The Old Nursery - JS – The Councillors discussed this and Cllr Jordan said he would bring this up at the next Planning meeting next meeting – Cllr Jordan to email MT with any updates from the meeting.
- Drax PS PC liaison meeting feedback – RT ran through the minutes (MT to email minutes once received to Councillors).
- Time to join up – Cllr Jordan – It was agreed by Councillors that we were ok as we are.

(9) Any other business

- Long Drax turning circle – JS to speak to landowner and we will try to sort as a Parish Council and look at funding. RT to raise with appropriate people.
- It was discussed about landowners still not clearing public rights of way on their land, it was agreed to contact Sharon Fox (Highways) for a letter to now be sent from NYCC Highways.

Meeting closed 20:52

**Next meeting – Wednesday 15th January 2025 @ 7.00pm – Drax Sports & Social Club
(subject to availability)**