

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 15/01/2025 @ 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

County Councillor Mike Jordan
Bursar from Drax Read School

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (September 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.

Update on flood defence work – Work to commence February/March 2025.

(4) Long Drax Finance/Parish Precept/Clerks Allowance/Clerks cheque to sign

Long Drax Finances – To date the balance is £2722.09. 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 – Update – Still to do. Parish Precept was increased by £50 to £1300. Full precept amount will be received in April.

Clerks Allowance was discussed and was agreed to be increased by 5% which will commence from September 2025. The Clerk thanked the Parish Council.

(5) Traffic issues between Read School and Baxter Hall – Bursar from Read School was in attendance and discussions were had. RT and GH updated the Council that the earlier verge repairs failed. The Bursar suggested another parent email was sent out to all parents/staff members about the importance of driving with due care and attention. We will keep in touch and see if anything changes.

(6) Planning

- Humber Carbon Capture pipeline – RT updated the Parish Council. The usual comments have been submitted for noise, mud on road, site lighting, and option for above ground insulation.
- Drax Power Station planning application – Demolition of existing flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) and coal handling systems – Granted.

(7) Correspondence

- Defibrillator status check – This is checked every 2-3 months – all ok. Cheque signed for £63 for the renewal of the defib pads.
- January 2025 Parish newsletter was emailed from PSCO Annie Newbould. RT discussed the newsletter.
- Foothpath access letter to Highways – Email and maps have now been sent to Sharon Fox – Highways.

(8) Matters Arising

- Should we consider introducing a speed limit of 30mph through the village (GW) – To be discussed at the next meeting in May.
- Drax Parish Station Parish Liaison meeting – RT run through what was discussed at the meeting. Minutes were already emailed to the Councillors prior to the meeting.
- Green Link 2 Ground breaking – RT discussed what happened at the meeting.
- NY Highways liaison meeting, New Road repair, Langrick Rd pavement (between Pebble Hall and Mr Ketley's. Highways to tidy up and sort issues. RT to liaise with Sharon Fox. New road repairs better than it was.
- Turning circle improvements – Turning circle update, JS to pursue consent from owner to possible update. Green Link 2 may be possible sponsor of update but would only donate to a "friends group" or a charity. RT to look into issues with setting up a group. A liaison meeting is due with Green link 2.
- Community Emergency Plan – Plan does need updating, but as previously stated at an earlier Parish Council meeting any emergencies we make contact with County Cllr M Jordan who is available 24hours, who would then make contact with Bronze Command. All Parish Councillors have County Cllr M Jordan's mobile number.

(9) Any other business

- Drax Power complaining about issues with gritting – Email to send to Sharon Fox – Update – email sent.

Meeting closed 21:00

**Next meeting – Wednesday 14th May 2025 @ 7.00pm – Drax Sports & Social Club & AGM
(subject to availability)**