

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 10/09/2025 @ 7.30pm

(1) Apologies for absence

Joseph Spetch

(2) Present

Roger Turnbull	(Chairperson)	RT
Geoff Haigh	(Vice-Chair)	GH
Gillian Ward		GW
Paul Miles		PM
Jon Whiting	(Clerk)	JW

County Councillor Mike Jordan

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (May 2025)

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

Minutes signed by RT at meeting.

Due to an oversight the flowers to Michelle Thorpe were not sent by GH. This is to be re-arranged as soon as possible

(4) Finances / Audit report / Financial regulations/ Standing orders/ Payments

Long Drax Finances – as of 08/06/2025 the balance of the account is £3111.71

- A mandate was submitted to Virgin bank in May 2025 by JW to set up online banking. JW to contact bank for an update
- Precept request for 2026/2027 to remain unchanged
- Recommendations from 2025 audit report were discussed at length. A vote was undertaken for LDPC to purchase an ICO Registration. Purchase agreed (3 to 1 in favour)
- Audit documents have been received by PKF Littlejohn and exempt status for 2025 confirmed
- LDPC have adopted the National Association of Local Councils (nalc) 2025 model standing orders and an updated financial regulations document has

been obtained. Both are available to be viewed if required. These will be disseminated to the councillors via email via email in due course

- Invoices have been received and are to be paid for, from

Georgina Ashton (audit 2024/2025) - £60.00

JW (Clerks fee's) - £471.92

(5) Planning

- Land south of A645 Wade Lane Solar Farm (Changes to application)
No comment from LDPC
- Development of Battery Storage system off Stn Rd Carlton. Cable route in Long Drax
No comment from LDPC

(6) Correspondence

- Update from Eastern Green Link 2 (EGL2) regarding drain / borehole – Red House drain and Black Tom drain – no updates IDB aware
- Wren Hall Lane junction with Carr Lane damage to road – Reported to NYC by JW
- Defibrillator status check completed in June and September by RT
- North Yorkshire Council: Parish Precept Letter - monies received
- Defib unit Insurance – added to schedule of insurance albeit no cover for theft unless secured in a locked building.
- Precept Scam E Mail – reported online and to NYC. Also brought to attention of surrounding PC's at the recent parish council liaison meeting at DPS.
- Invite to attend seminar about Martyn's law – no applicable venues within LDPC – nil return

(7) Matters Arising

- Eastern Green Link 2 (EGL2) - North Yorkshire Local Community Fund Webinar Turning circle improvements update – remains in scope. Permission from land owner still needs to be obtained.
- Drax Power Station Council liaison meeting (June) and (September) both attended by RT and JW. The minutes from June's meeting have been distributed to the Councillors via email. The minutes from the September meeting will be disseminated to when they are received.
- Flood defence (BAM / Environmental agency) work continues, the piling is now complete which has reduced the noise levels and capping is now in process. An issue with vehicular routes to the site has been addressed with the placing of clear road signs and directions.

- Langrick Road pavement has been weeded and currently awaits NYC to resurface. No recent updates. NYC via Sharon Fox to be contacted for an update.
- Caravan in field adjacent to Wren Hall Lane – NYC principal enforcement officer has visited the site in September and agrees with that there is a breach of planning control. Awaiting further updates along with an update regarding the current position with the occupants of 'The Old Nursery'
- Vehicles contravening traffic signs when exiting Drax Power Station there has been two reported incidents to DPS. Currently awaiting a response from DPD
- Repeated fly- tipping (nitrous oxide canisters) in Carr Lane – there has been no recent occurrences to be monitored.
- New PC website – the previous website has been closed down by Michelle Thorpe. A draft of the new website has been created which includes a notice type board for the posting of meeting agenda's, minutes from meetings and other associated correspondence. Agreed that the website will hold an archive of documents for three years Draft to be forwarded to web designer.
- Community emergency plan remains in progress.

(8) Any other business

- Drax Power Stations application to NYC for the material handling entrance to be a high priority for gritting during the winter was rejected. Effectively the aforementioned entrance road will be divided into two parts to be gritted at levels 2 and 3 respectively. DPS are researching any previous incidents to support an appeal.
- An agreement was reached for JW to purchase a new laptop for clerks duties (current one owned by Long Drax Parish council and in excess of 10 years old) The cost of the new laptop will be financed (50/50) by Newland and Long Drax Parish Councils.

Meeting closed 20:57hrs

Next meeting – Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.30pm (Drax Sports & Social Club)