

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club, on the Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.30pm

(1) Apologies for absence.

None

(2) Present

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

(3) Minutes of last General meeting and AGM (September 2021)

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 £2026.72

(5) Planning

- The Willows, Long Drax – No comment.
- Solar farm, Camblesforth – No comment. RT emailed Camblesforth Parish Clerk re this application and offered to work with them if our assistance was needed.

(6) Correspondence

- Update on request for defibrillator unit within the Parish – Awaiting decision from Rusholme Wind Farm Fund and a decision needs to be made on location.
- CEP – It was noted that there were no flood wardens for Newland Parish and so the plan would need updating.
- Feedback from EA re stone walls in riverbank. Reply from EA, they have accepted that repairs are required and will be allocating funding from central government for the 2023/24 financial year for the works to be carried out. They are reassured us that If the condition should deteriorate over the winter they will implement a contingency plan to ensure that the standard of protection remains.

- Sandbags – Correspondence from NYCC resilience officer re location of sandbags stored in Parish. This information was provided, action closed.
- Insurance for flood wardens - - Email sent to Zurich (Parish Insurer) who confirmed that the Parish Insurance does not cover for Flood Warden's Personal Liability Insurance.

(7) Meetings

- Drax Liaison meeting – RT attended on behalf of Long Drax Parish and updated the Parish Council. (RT emailed round the minutes from the liaison meeting). The next meeting is scheduled for 7th March 2022 @ 5pm and they are hoping to host the meeting in person on site.

(8) Parish Precept

- The precept for 2022/2023 is £1225.00.

(9) Street Names

- GH has asked a number of residents who are all in agreement that it is a good idea to put the road names on to maps. We will now progress with this and find out from the street naming department what the next steps are.

(10) Standing orders review and update

- MT & RT to go through and update and once completed to be displayed on the noticeboard.

(11) Any other business

- MT to email Drax Power re the horses on the Riverbank. They are damaging the flood bank and should not be on there in Winter. The grass needs time to recover in the Summer months. – Email sent and reply received.
- Concerns were raised about a fence encroaching on the public footpath – RT to investigate.
- It was discussed about obtaining some "no fouling" signs from the dog warden – to be investigated.

Next meeting – 25th May 2022 @ 7pm AGM and general meeting

Meeting closed 21:00