

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Nellyfield Farm, on the 18th May 2022 following the AGM

(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 2022)

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

The 2021/2022 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 £60.00 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.

Long Drax Finances – The opening balance was £1588.78, we received the Parish Precept in April for £612.50. The closing balance is £2201.28.

(5) Planning

- Solar Farm, Camblesforth – Additional trees added but still is Camblesforth Parish – No change to cable – No extra comments to make.
- Baxter Hall – No comment
- Land off Hales Lane, Drax – Battery storage facility – No comment as mainly in Drax – Update – Planning Granted.
- P3P Energy Management, Brigg Lane, Camblesforth – Resubmission – RT has kept in touch with Camblesforth PC Clerk and offered any help if needed.

(6) Correspondence

- Request for donation to Jubilee celebrations – The Council agreed a £100 donation. Cheque was signed and dropped off with Jubilee Committee member.
- Email from Planning – Removal PFA from Barlow Mound as DPS – RT emailed and made comment on the consultation document. This is a scoping opinion application to include what is required in the Environmental statement and as the email states if and when the application is submitted we will be able to make further comment on it.
- Horses on Riverbank – Email from Anna Thomas – Anna was going to take a look and make contact with the owner and ask them to be removed – At the Drax Liaison meeting RT received feedback that they had asked the owner to remove them and they did and the area is going to be fenced off.
- Email from Rachel Barker, National Grid – Update on work to overhead electrical line between Thornton and Drax – RT discussed the email that he received back over concerns after work had finished, which was being added to their reinstatement activity plan which stated should be finished mid-late February 2022. To date no action has been taken as yet.
- Email from Planning Enforcement - Oakbank Farm – Email received from new Case Officer giving an update in February. MT to ask for another update – Email sent 24/05/22.

(7) Meetings

- Drax Liaison meeting – RT discussed the meeting he had attended.
- New road - speed reduction – It was a majority vote that the Councillors did not support this request – RT emailed JB of Drax Power to explain our decision.
- Webinar with NGC pipeline project – Discussed pipeline route on map in meeting.
- Post code change – GH discussed what he had been looking into. A letter has now been distributed to residents that are likely to be affected and some replies have been received already.

(8) Any other business

It was discussed about a proposal for caravans to be sited at The Laurels – RT looked into this and Drax PC objected and the application has since been withdrawn.

Next meeting – Wednesday 21st September 2022 @ 7.30pm