

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 21/09/2022 @ 7.30pm

(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 (May 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/ Clerks cheque to sign

Long Drax Finances – To date the balance is £4511.78, we received the second payment of the Parish Precept this month of £612.50 and the Two Ridings Grant of £1998.00. Clerk's cheque was signed.

(5) Planning

- **Land of Sharp Hill Lane, Enforcement update** - Email received from Enforcement, the large white lorry body has now been removed and no further Enforcement action is required and the file has now been closed.
- **Helios Solar Farm, land off Wren Hall Lane update** – No comment
- **Drax Power – More cabins in contractors compound** – Granted
- **Drax Power – New cabin on Barry Kirk way application** – No comment, application Granted.
- **Selby Local Plan Consultation** – Nothing to comment on as nothing within our area on the plan.
- **Seg12 cable planning application consultation** – RT updated the Councillors. The Planning Application is from the Environmental Impact Statement – No comment

- **East Yorkshire Solar Farm** – RT discussed application – Comment to be sent in relation to preferring the underground cables as opposed to above ground.
- **Roundabout – Camblesforth to Drax Power Station, Camblesforth** – No comment.

(6) Correspondence

- Drax Platinum Jubilee celebrations – The committee thanked us for our donation.
- Jubilee fund offer, trees and crocus bulbs for community space – Email committee to thank them for their kind offer but as we do not have a community space within Long Drax, we will have to decline the offer and suggest our donation to be given to another Parish Council.
- Defib update – RT updated the Councillors, we have now received the Two Ridings grant money and contract which states we have to use the money by November 2022. The defib unit which was originally being looked into is out of stock so we either wait or look at an alternative unit.
- North Yorkshire Council update – RT updated the Councillors
- Option to opt out of SAAA (Smaller authorities audit appointments) – Emailed Mr Hopper who oversees our yearly audit and he advised we stay “opted in”.

(7) Meetings

- Drax Liaison meeting – RT discussed the meeting he had attended.
- Coal units 5&6 contract with NGC for grid support until March 2023 – RT updated the Councillors.
- New Road speed limit reduction – Reduced to 40mph.

(8) Postcode change update – This is now been done and letters will be sent to all people affected. A thank you to GH for his efforts into sorting this out.

(9) Standing orders update – RT ran through what needs amending and updating, to be sent to MT to update.

(10) Any other business

New Road and Sharp Hill Lane – roads are subsiding – to report to Highways through the NYCC Highways online system.

It was reported that the Redhouse drain has an amount of fresh silt blocking the drain above the height of the road crossing pipes, posing a serious flood risk. GH to email Selby Drainage Board.

Next meeting – Wednesday 18th January 2023 @ 7.30pm