

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 04/10/2023 @ 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

Mike Jordan North Yorkshire Council

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (May 2023)

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

Long Drax Finances – To date the balance is £2329.48. Clerks fees paid £422.02.

(5) Planning

- Application DN 2022/0711/EIA – Land to the East of New Road, Drax – outline planning permission – granted.
- Drax Power Station – (Lakeside Battery Storage) - Erection of portable relay room and associated work – Application granted.
- East Yorkshire Solar Farm (Boom power) - Statutory consultation started and it has been noted that the cable route has changed.
- National grid's proposed SELG 2/Eastern Link (EGL2) project – planning application for onshore elements approved, cable will come from the river to convertor station.

- RT made comments on the East Yorkshire Solar Farm project via the planning portal – RT was reassured that none of the trees would be harmed on Pear Tree Avenue.
- Drax Power BECCs EA procedure presentation – EA held a presentation available on line, through Gov.uk website.

(6) Correspondence

- Roger attended both the Drax Liaison meetings in June and September (minutes have already been distributed) RT did a brief recall of the meetings.
- Survey about CEP filled in for North Yorkshire Council resilience officer – It was discussed that for the interim County Councillor M Jordan would be our first point of contact in an emergency.
- Parish Council Insurance paid
- No CIL payments

- (7)** Long Drax PC noticeboard – It was agreed that RT would refurbish the noticeboard with new glass, seals, which will make it look better and watertight.

(8) Any other business

- County Councillor M Jordan explained that he had money left in his budget for any groups/clubs if needed.
- A new local plan is being developed and we will be able comment on it.

Meeting closed 20:23

Next meeting – Wednesday 17th January 2024 @ 7.30pm – Drax Sports & Social Club