

Long Drax Parish Council General Meeting

Held at Drax Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 18/01/2023 @ 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

Cllr M Jordan

(3) Minutes of last General meeting (September 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 £2367.19. The Parish Council agreed a 4% pay increase for the Clerk from September 2023. The Clerk thanked the Council. The surplus money left from the Defibrillator grant will be earmarked for future maintenance for the Defibrillator unit.

(5) Planning

- Signs on roundabout near Drax Club – Passed
- East Yorkshire Solar Farm – RT sent letter making comments.
- 40mph Speed limit on New Road – Passed – The Parish Council discussed the provision of more signs on the road.
- Application for extension, Eastholme, Redhouse Lane – Passed.
- Public consultation on Carlton Solar Farm - Land South of A645 Wade House Lane, Carlton – RT attended meeting, the solar farm will not be visible from the road or houses. New footpath and screening from existing footpath. Panels will tilt and the land has been classed as grade 3.
- Humber Low Carbon Pipelines Project – RT attended meeting and updated the Parish Council, there were for 4 possible locations for the Above Ground

Installation (AGI) given for the pipeline. Preference sent for location D as close to the power station as possible.

- Proposed changes to Drax BECCS Development Consent Order – RT updated the Parish, no material changes that would affect the Parish Council.

(6) Correspondence

- Letter to IDB re silt on Redhouse Lane dyke – Dyke dug out and culverts cleared.
- SELG2 re information provided on interconnecting pipe between Redhouse and Black Tom dykes – RT sent photos as was told it was not on the drawings.
- 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”.
- Selby District Local Plan - Another opportunity to get involved, as stated on previous zoom meetings, it does not affect Long Drax.
- S106 and CIL 6 month statements – All NIL for Long Drax Parish.
- NYCC resilience offer of a week of webinars and workshop re flooding – We did not attend any of the webinars but have a handle on potential flooding in area.
- 20’s Plenty for North Yorkshire - Cllr Jordan updated the Parish Council on the 20’s plenty campaign.

- (7)** Parish precepts updates – The Parish Council applied for an additional £25 making the precept £1250.
- (8)** North Yorkshire Council, Does it affect us? – Cllr Jordan updated the Parish Council, it was discussed that the Parish Council does not need to do anything.
- (9)** AED Unit update including Siting agreement – No solution to letter received from resident of Long Drax asking for contact numbers for people to bring the Defibrillator unit in case of an emergency. The AED siting agreement was signed by the Parish Council and the resident.
- (10)** Reallocation of post codes update – Post codes already on Royal Mail website, can take upto 1 year to show on Google.
- (11)** Missing Sharp Hill Lane road sign – Frame knocked over and bent by the grass cutter, there is a spare sign which we just need to reinstate.
- (12)** Standing Orders update – This was updated and will be approved at the next meeting.
- (13)** NYCC Highways workshop report – RT attended the workshop and updated the Parish Council.
- (14)** Road near Drax Abbey/Pear Tree Avenue very uneven and subsided – When RT attended the NYCC Highways workshop, he was told that the Highways do not repair dips in the road. The roads within Long Drax were inspected in December by Highways.
- (15)** DPS PC liaison meeting report – No minutes received as yet, email sent to JB from Drax to send over the minutes. Email minutes out when in receipt of them
- (16)** Any other business - None

Meeting closed 20:52

Next meeting – Wednesday 24 May 2023 @ 7.00pm