

DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7PM IN ESCRICK
VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 25TH JULY 2022

A/Chairman: Cllr T Bartram

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Part 1

22140: Apologies/Attendance:

- a. Present: Cllrs Bartam, E Hale, Dixon, Lewis, N Hale, Clarke, Hartley, Ward Cllr Vassie and one member of the public.
- b. Apologies: None.
- c. All present were requested to sign the Attendance book.

22141: Welcome: Chairman welcomed Councillors and electors present at meeting.

22142: Chairman reminded members of the need to make any declarations of interest in any agenda items. None received.

22143: Minutes:

1. It was resolved to accept minutes of last meeting.
2. Chairman signed minutes as a true record.

22144: Elector's Comments: Council to receive elector's comments on agenda items, for information only. Comments to be noted.

22145: To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Ward Councillor. None.
- b) Police. None, however, Chairman reported that the police had recently been called to attend due to BB gun incident in Deighton.
- c) Clerk. None.

22146: Planning: The following were noted:

Applications: None.

Decisions:

1. 22/00617/PAAA: Enlargement of dwellinghouse by construction of 1no. additional storey with new roof height no greater than 3.5 metres above the highest part of the existing roof under Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class AA at Carp Lake Deighton to Crockey Hill Deighton. Approved.

Other: None.

22147: RFO reported on closing balances and recent payments.

- a) **Account balances**
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| 1) Current account balance as at 6 th April 2022 | £21,598.21 |
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- c) **Payments made since last meeting under Clerk's delegated powers:**
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| 1) Vision ICT | £161.26 |
| 2) YLCA (subs) | £132.00 |
- d) **Payments to be made:**
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| 1) Escrick & Deighton VHC | £50.00 |
| 2) YLCA (audit) | TBC |
- e) **Receipts:** None currently known as last bank statement held was up to 6th April.
Ward Cllr Vassie arrived at 7.15pm.
- f) **Other:**
- 1) . Audit:
 - (i) It was resolved that Deighton Parish Council was exempt from external audit for the fiscal year 2021/22.
 - (ii) The Annual Internal Audit Report for 2021/22 included at page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 was noted.
 - (iii) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 for Deighton Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 was approved.
 - (iv) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 for Deighton Parish Council on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 was approved.
 - (v) The publication of documents required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities was approved.
 - 2). Bank Mandate and contact information: Cllr Bartram advised that both he and Cllr E Hale were now signatories on the bank account and the address for statements is in the process of being moved over. It was resolved that the Cllrs Bartram and Hale obtain details and signatures of all Cllrs onto the bank mandate and the Clerk for admin purposes.
Cllrs Clarke and Hartley arrived at 7.20pm.
It was resolved to accept report and payments made/to be made.

22148: Minutes and Agendas: It was discussed whether Clerk to recommence printing out agendas and minutes on behalf of Councillors. It was resolved that only two sets would be needed per meeting going forward, as well as one or two spare agendas for visitors.

22149: Standing Orders: Amendments to Standing Orders were discussed and it was resolved that a procedure should be added regarding planning application procedures where the due date falls outside of the usual meeting schedule, also an emergency procedure (as recommended during the pandemic by YLCA) be adopted. Clerk to draft and circulate ahead of the October meeting.

22150: Defibrillators: Cllr Bartram advised the Council that weekly checks were being carried out on the defibrillators by Alan Henshall. Mr Henshall was invited to join the discussion in order to assist the Council's understanding of the current arrangements for the management of the defibrillators. It was noted that the defibrillator in Deighton was notified as having been removed from the housing recently, but a subsequent check revealed that it did not appear to have been used. It was resolved, agreed with Mr Henshall, that he will continue the weekly checks on both defibrillators and email the Clerk once done – this to ensure evidence of the checks being carried out – and to submit the 90-day return, when requested. Cllr Clarke to take over the checks if Mr Henshall is unavailable for any reason. Mr Henshall advised that 2 new pads were required, at a cost of £42 per set (batteries cost £268 and last for about 4 years) and the Council suggested that pads be purchased

immediately and resolved retrospectively against an agenda item at the next meeting. Mr Henshall said that the defibrillators last for about 8 years, at which time, they would have to be removed or repurchased. A further item to consider formally is a donation to the owner of the old church in Deighton, whose electricity has been used since the defibrillators were installed in 2020. Cllr Clarke reported that dialling '999' would direct people who need a defibrillator to the exact location and a sign was not necessary. Cllr E Hale asked that the thanks of the Parish Council to Mr Henshall for continuing to take on this ongoing responsibility be recorded.

22151: VAS sign update: Councillors discussed the cost of repairs to Deighton VAS sign because the solar panel had blown off. It was thought that the north VAS sign (the damaged one) was purchased by CYC and the one on the south (nearest Escrick) was purchased from Ward and Parish Council funds. Cllr Vassie to ascertain the facts and report back to the Parish Council and also said that the responsibility/insurance status of both should be ascertained. Cllr Dixon raised the question as to whether the VAS signs were fit for purpose, since one had been damaged by the wind. It was resolved not to purchase a VAS sign for Crockey Hill at this time, until it was established whether the existing ones were appropriate for the location.

22152: Crockey Hill notice board repairs: Cllr N Hale reported that repairs will be imminent to replace the seal around the Perspex at low cost. Council resolved that Cllr N Hale be given authority to progress this.

22153: Jubilee tree in Crockey Hill: Cllr N Hale advised the Council that he has sourced a 2m oak tree to replace the previously felled oak at a cost of approximately £110 + VAT, including surrounding posts for protection. He will also install this. Council resolved to approve this.

22154: Meeting start time: It was resolved to change the meeting start time from 7.30pm to 7pm.

22155: Overgrown hedges along Wheldrake Lane: Cllrs reported that a section of the hedging has been cut and it was anticipated that the remainder would probably cut back in September.

22156: Police Diversion plans: Clerk reported that 2 representatives from Highways and the (then) Community Police Officer attended a Parish Council meeting about 4 years ago and the Highways representatives guaranteed that they would address this issue. It has become apparent that nothing has been changed since, despite this guarantee, as every time an accident happens on the A19 between Deighton and Crockey Hill, HGVs are still being directed either along Moor Lane (which has a weight restricted bridge), or Howden Lane and both then directed through Naburn with a restricted height bridge by Police Officers with no knowledge of the local roads. This seems to cause significant issues because HGVs struggle to pass and there are no areas for U turns. Clerk to email Ward Cllr Vassie who has stated he will raise this issue.

22157: Footpath across from end of Wheldrake Lane: It was resolved that Clerk send an email to Cllr Vassie, so that he can ask about the possibility of reinstating the footpath which used to be in place from across the end of Wheldrake Lane (west side of the A19). A path to the designer outlet has been suggested numerous times, with no resolution.

22158: Crockey Hill Traffic Lights: Cllr Hartley reported that the sensor for the traffic lights has recently been knocked down as a result of a traffic accident. There are still issues regarding vehicles heading southbound jump into the right-hand lane of two lanes and speed past other traffic. Clerk to send email to Cllr Vassie so that he can ask when this will be reinstated.

22159: Lamp post on Wheldrake Lane: Councillors discussed a lamp post at the Wheldrake end of Wheldrake Lane in Crockey Hill. Cllr Vassie advised that this would alert drivers that they are entering a residential area. He further advised that a street light in situ at the Wheldrake end of Wheldrake Lane would help the police to deal with speeding vehicles in a built-up area. There are 4 lamp posts along Wheldrake already, but mostly obscured by trees/foliage – Cllr Vassie had driven along the road and seen only two, which highlighted the issues being faced by drivers and residents in terms of visibility. He suggested that replacing the current lights with LEDs might improve matters, but that the vegetation needs to be cut back first. Highways and landowners do not seem to have been keeping up with maintenance and safety. It was resolved that Clerk email Cllr Vassie to find out about how vegetation can be reduced and visibility improved with a view to installing an additional lamp post.

22160: Neighbourhood plan documentation: Cllrs Clarke and Hartley advised that all completed Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires have been added to a spreadsheet so that all are anonymous and the paper forms have been shredded. It was resolved that the results to be stored for use, should this project be resurrected. Cllrs Clarke and Hartley were thanked for collating all the information into a useable format for any potential future use.

22161: Items for the next agenda

1. Cllr Vassie stated that an issue had been raised regarding the status of a public right of way that goes from Wheldrake past the old Selby Mine site. There is some pressure to establish the validity or otherwise of a public right of way from the Government. Councillors discussed the actual route of what they believed to be a public bridleway and Cllr Vassie asked that Councillor’s understandings be expressed at the next meeting.
2. Cllr Vassie also raised that there was some discussion regarding the ownership of the Mine Road. Councillors to offer local knowledge. There are issues regarding caravan access along this road, particularly if an applicant tries to obtain round the year permission for static caravans.
3. A sign at the A19 end of Wheldrake Lane keeps being knocked by vehicles so that the 30MPH and 40MPH limits either side of it are not facing oncoming traffic.
4. Weed spraying in Deighton village – a contractor has been with a sprayer, but did minimal spraying and most of the weeds are now growing very tall as they haven’t been sprayed. Cllr Vassie advised that funding had been offered for weed spraying to Parish Councils who would take this on. Initial thoughts were that there was nowhere to store the equipment.
5. Road markings/cats eyes – to discuss the deterioration of these within the Parish.

22162: Noted future meetings for 2022: 3rd October.

8.20pm: Closure of meeting.

Signed: **Cllr Trevor Bartram**
Chairman, Deighton Parish Council

Date: ?????????? August 2022

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