

DRAYCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Friday 9th June 2023 at 7.00pm in St Marys Church Hall, Draycott

Present - Chairman – V Clare, Councillors – R Brown, T Scott, D Dundas, J Fletcher, T Hickton, W Brown

Police – No

County Council – no

Members of the Public – 46

Minutes recorded by - Sheena Butcher

40/23 Cllr Val Clare welcomed all to the Annual meeting of the Parish

41/23 Cllr Scott provided housekeeping information covering, emergency exits, muster area, toilets and the format of the evening

42/23 The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting on 26 May 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record

43/23 There were no questions raised by the members of the public to the Parish Council

44/23 Cllr Scott invited members of the public to visit the community tables and the parish council tables, he explained that the parish council would like feedback, questions, suggestions for the different areas that we manage on behalf of the community. The questions / statements are collated below and any that cannot be answered or need consideration would be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting on the 11th July which all members of the public are welcome to attend.

45/23 Draycott Public Toilets on Victoria Road – Closure by EBC on 31st July 2023 Attendees were invited to support the Parish Council taking over the management of the toilets on a long lease from EBC (along with all costs) understanding that the Parish Council element of the Council tax would increase – 32 in support, non against. Comments from attendees were as follows;

- a. We need our toilets! Parish Council need to take on, hopefully with much better quotes. I'm sure the villagers would rather pay than loose them
- b. Draycott in Bloom need the loos to remain open
- c. Erewash Borough Council is taking the ****!
- d. Used by visitors, ramblers, cyclists, even bus drivers as well as residents. PC take them on!
- e. All avenues can hopefully be investigated so that the PC can take this on – we need them!
- f. As you get older, you have need to use the Loo's
- g. Been seen being used by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue
- h. Would support a small rise in Council tax for the toilets to remain open. The are frequently used by many people!
- i. We can not do without the toilets. Do we want people weeing everywhere??

- j. Plenty of people from the village and outside use the loos especially at times like the scarecrow festival
- k. The toilets are an essential part of the village as we have many visitors to the area e.g scarecrow festival and open gardens
- l. Once they have gone, they've gone. Its worth an extra amount on council tax if necessary
- m. Many people have medical conditions which mean they may need the loo urgently – where will they go?
- n. What will disabled people do without the toilets?
- o. Important that these toilets stay open. When I was gardening near them for 1 hour they were used by 2 people. They are needed.

46/23 Comments to be passed on to Erewash Borough Council

- a. EBC Grass Cutting not happening
- b. EBC Grass Cutting, street sweeping and clearing drains – not sufficiently taking place

47/23 Comments to be passed onto DCC Highways

- a. Cycle Route End signs on Derby Road are not sufficient – people cycle on the pavement past houses causing danger – there have been altercations from cyclists stating its part of the cycle route – needs painting on the pavement that the cycle route has ended

48/23 Comments about the new entrance to the park (galvanised steel kissing gates)

- a. Good idea!

49/23 Comments about the Teen Area on Hopwell Road – the BMX is nearing its end of use

- a. Turn it into a community orchard – would need larger trees

50/23 Cllr Tim Scott thanked all for attending and all those who contributed to the community booklet which is available on the website

51/23 The event was closed by Cllr Scott at 8.20pm