

Meeting of East Drayton Parish Council

Minutes of **East Drayton Parish Council Meeting** held on the 28th Jul 2025 at East Drayton Village Hall; the meeting commenced at 7pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:	Cllr Stuart Manson Cllr Ann Stanley Cllr Ian Stephens Cllr Richard Bond Benjamin Knox 2 Emma Griffin	Chairman Vice-Chair Cllr Piers Darlow Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer Members of the Public District Councillor
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Also, Present

- 15/25 To Approve Apologies for Absence
Ian Stephens, Graham Small. Apologies approved unanimously,
- 16/25 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed
None.
- 17/25 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes
After discussion, Cllr Bond **Proposed**, Cllr Stanley **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 18/25 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports
Dist Cllr Griffin: Advised, that the rural grant fund has closed.

County Cllr Limber: Not in Attendance

- 19/25 To Discuss Footbridges/Public Rights of Way Matters with the County Councillor
Cllr Stanley gave an update regards footbridge and commented on the excellent work on the footbridges.
- 20/25 To Escalate Bonfire issues to the District Councillor
Cllr Manson gave an update regards bonfire issue as Cllr Stephens was not in attendance. Currently no issues with bonfires, this item to be added to the next agenda for a more detailed update from Cllr Manson.
- Adjournment – (10 Minute max) Public Forum
No comments from the members of public.

21/25 Finance:
Monthly Income & Expenditure
After discussion of the Financial Information, circulated during the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record.

1. To Approve Payments:
The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Previous Clerk	Final Salary Payment	£466.78
Previous Clerk	Clerk Expenses	£35.52
Total Payments		<u>£502.30</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None	None	£0
Total Receipts		<u>£0</u>

Bank Balances
The Current Account Balance **£4548.06#**
Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all **approved** unanimously. #£1,800 ring-fenced as reserves.

- 3. To note the budget:
The Council noted the current status of the budget.
- 4. To Transfer banking to Unity Trust Bank

After discussion, Cllr Bond **Proposed**, Cllr Darlow **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to open a new account with Unity Trust Bank, arrange to transfer all funds from the TSB to the new account once opened. The new Unity Trust Bank account to have 3 signatories, the Clerk Benjamin Knox, Cllr Ann Stanley, Cllr Stuart Manson, with any 2 to sign. Action, Clerk to arrange with Unity Trust Bank and transfer funds across once the account is open. One final cheque to be written to transfer the funds and then future payments will be made by internet banking. Once the Unity Trust Account is open, the Clerks net salary to be paid by Standing Order, PAYE Income Tax by Direct Debit and Direct Debits set up for the N-Power Phone Box Electricity and the Annual ICO fee.

5. To receive an application for funding from North Notts 1st Responders:

The Council paid £200 to North Notts 1st Responders in 2024/25. After discussion, Cllr Manson **Proposed**, Cllr Bond **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to donate funds to North Notts 1st Responders.

22/25 To note any Planning Responses to new planning applications and the One Earth Solar Farm National Infrastructure Planning Application

Since the previous meeting the parish council received the following applications:

- **25/00653/FUL Westholme Top Street East Drayton Change Existing Annex Building to a Detached Dwelling with Existing Double Garage** - The Council responded that: *"No objection."*
- **25/00682/LBA The Old Vicarage Low Street East Drayton Listed Building Application for the Removal of Internal Wall Kitchen/Pantry Corridor** - The Council responded that: *"No objection."*
- **Planning Inspectorate EN010159 Application by One Earth Solar Farm Ltd for an order granting development consent for the One Earth Solar Farm** – The Planning inspectorate held a hearing at the Double Tree by Hilton, Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln, LN1 1YW on Tues 8th July 2025. Cllr Stanley advised that no further developments.

23/25 To Receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Manson advised that the steering group has completed their plan, and the neighbourhood plan is waiting for the vote which will approve the plan.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the following agenda items the council voted to close the following item to members of the public due so that the Council can discuss information which is relating to an individual for example Contracts of employment, salaries, financial or personal business affairs of the individual. Minutes of the decisions made under this item will be open to the public.

135/24 To Sign the Clerk to the Council's Contract of Employment

The Council **resolved** to appoint the new clerk with effect from 1st July 2025. The Clerk and Chairman signed the employment contract. The Clerk will factor in the additional costs into the budget for 2025/26.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19:57pm. The next meeting will be Monday 15th September.