

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on 10th October 2022

**Present: Councillors: Richard Edmondson (Chair), Tim Moss, Michael Lambert, Janet Elnaugh,
Clerk: Michael Walton**

1. Apologies for absence for Christine Emery, Penny Otton and Peter Holborn were noted and approved.
2. Declarations and interests:
 - a. Richard Edmondson recorded a pecuniary interest in payment UT1 and Michael Walton for payment UT4.
 - b. There were no declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda their nature, including gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
 - c. There were no requests for dispensations.
 - d. There were no additions and/or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests.
3. The reports from District and County Council Ward Member and Portfolio Holders were received.

1. Cllr Penny Otton District and Council Ward Member
2. Cllr Peter Holborn Neighbourhood Plan Officer and Tree Warden
3. Cllr Tim Moss Parish Assets Officer

Cllr Moss reported that the playground equipment would be repaired this month

4. Cllr Paul Selvey Highways officer

It was noted that there was a need for white lines to be painted at Blacksmith Corner between Drinkstone and Beyton yet Suffolk County Council had rejected the request.

It was noted that responsibility for the cutting of the hedges on Cross Street rested with Suffolk County Council.

5. Cllr Elnaugh Planning Officer
6. Cllr Edmondson Allotment Trustee
7. Cllr Emery Community engagement
8. Cllr Lambert Footpath warden

It was agreed that Cllr Lambert would proceed with the purchase of a numbering system for the village footpaths.

9. Clerk report

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4. **Proposal: Cllr Edmondson:** The Council agreed that the Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th September 2022 are a true record.
5. There were no public comment or questions from the public.
6. Richard Edmondson updated the council on the planned activities for the Café Hub to be held on 15th October in the Village Hall. The event would be similar to that of a wedding fayre with various stalls offering advice on grants, managing the cost of utilities, cooking advice with slow cookers and general cost saving initiatives.
7. The following payments were approved:

	Description	£
UT1.	Richard Edmondson "Lest we forget"	700.00
UT2.	Drinkstone War memorial	20.00
UT3.	RSA insurance	331.67
UT4.	Clerk salary	375.00

The council noted the receipt of the second instalment of the precept:

	Description	£
UT1.	Precept 2 nd payment	4598.50

8. Parish land

It was reported that Lucy Blake would be returning the land on Rattlesden Road in November 2022. Mrs Blake will retain ownership and management of the ditch on the border of the land.

With reference to the re-letting of the land it was agreed that notice of the availability of the land would be advertised in the parish magazine. The council agreed that the land would be re-let following sealed bids from interested parties with a view to the land being re-let from April 2023. It was further agreed that a scoring mechanism be devised to evaluate the bids.

9. Application for listed building consent - DC/22/04894

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of side extension forming boot

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room, central orangery extension and internal works as stated within Design Access and Heritage Statement.

Location: High Barn, Chapel Lane, Drinkstone, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9TA

Cllr Elnaugh gave her report on the proposed application and it was agreed that there was no objection to the proposal and that the clerk update the planning portal to record this.

10. Fire contingency plan

It was agreed that a notice be put in the parish magazine to request volunteers to form a working party to produce a contingency plan.

11. The clerk submitted the accounts for the six months ended 30th September 2022. The accounts were approved.

12. It was agreed that a sub-committee of Cllrs Edmondson, Holborn, Selvey and the clerk meet in November to prepare a budget for 2023/4 to be submitted at the next parish council meeting.

13. The tender document for the parish's grass cutting contract was reviewed and agreed. It was agreed that two parties be invited to bid and the tender process would commence before the beginning of the next financial year but after the erection of the new village gates.

14. Public comment or questions on any matter of Council business.

15. To confirm that the scheduled date for the next meeting is agreed by Council as Monday 5th December 2022.

16. The meeting closed at 21.22 hours

Signed 

Richard Edmondson 5th December 2022

