

# DRAYCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Public Meeting 12 September 2019 – Traffic and Parking  
Consultation hosted by Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council  
Venue – St Mary’s Church Hall from 7-8.30pm

## Attendees:

Draycott Parish Councillors: Cllr’s Val Clare, Darren Gelsthorpe, Ben Timberley, Jenny Fletcher, Chris Wheatley, Martin Wilson, Sarah Gelsthorpe, Diane Dundas, Tim Scott, Roger Brown

Police: PSCO Karen Pykett and Steve Evison

Derbyshire County Councillors: Cllr Garry Hickton (representing Cllr Simon Spencer Lead Member for highways, transport and infrastructure) and Cllr Robert Parkinson (representing the residents)

46 members of the public

Sheena Butcher (Clerk / RFO to Draycott PC and minute taker)

**190/19** Cllr Val Clare opened the meeting and explained the housekeeping for the meeting such as fire exits and introduced the panel

**191/19** Cllr Darren Gelsthorpe introduced PCSO Karen Pykett and explained that the order in the agenda was changing due to the police being called to an incident. PC

## **192/19**

**193/19** SO Karen Pykett provided the police’s perspective on the results of the survey and advised all to report any speeding concerns to CREST (Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support Team) contact details are on their website <https://www.crestderbyshire.org/> Karen then spoke about setting up a Community Speedwatch initiative for Draycott and Church Wilne – please contact the clerk [draycottpc@gmail.com](mailto:draycottpc@gmail.com) who will co-ordinate a further meeting with the police. The community speedwatch group will use a non-enforceable speed gun which for anyone caught speeding will result in a letter from the police. The public then asked Karen the following questions:

- a. Could you describe Speeding?
  - i. Speeding is speeding
- b. A Victoria Avenue resident explained that between the hours of 8-10pm people speed along the main roads at 60-80mph, yet speed traps are conducted in the morning and catch people going minimally over the speed limit
  - i. Karen advised to report the issues to CREST – she believes that they can now operate in the dark
- c. A resident explained that he had previously sent a letter to DCC requesting fixed speed cameras to be installed along Market Street to deter people speeding when leaving work, DCC’s response to him was that the road did not fit the criteria (it has not had

enough reported accidents in a 3 year period) yet other areas such as Sandiacre have fixed speed cameras?

- i. Karen explained that the Police do not decide on fixed speed cameras – its DCC, however, if a Community Speedwatch is set up, the group can work on Market Street at the times to catch this activity and to also report it to CREST
- d. A resident of Cowslip Meadow asked if the police can enforce parking on pavements, across dropped kerbs, yellow lines etc
  - i. Parking on a kerb is not illegal, it only becomes illegal when it causes an obstruction and at the time of occurring, Karen advised people to call 101 when this occurs as once the obstruction is gone, its no longer an obstruction. Karen did say residents could take photographs, email the details with the car registration and times etc to the clerk to pass onto her and she would visit them

A resident refuted the advice provided by Karen and gave an example where he had reported a lorry on double yellow lines, causing an obstruction on Market St – the result of the 101 call was that the police said they could not do anything after him phone 3 times. Karen asked the resident to provide a copy of the email they sent to her (via the clerk) She re-iterated that the police have no powers re double yellow lines, this is down to the enforcement officers at Derbyshire County Council and their contact number is 01629 538671 or email [etc.parking@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:etc.parking@derbyshire.gov.uk).

The issue of parking across dropped kerbs on Market St was raised

- ii. This is DCC enforcement officer’s responsibility see above for contact details
- e. Issues of Anti-Social Behaviour at the Leisure Green were raised
  - i. Karen responded that the area is patrolled regularly and to please phone 101 when there are issues, if you cannot get through, you can report issues via email [longeaton.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:longeaton.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk) or online <https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/af/antisocial-behaviour/>

**194/19** Cllr Darren Gelsthorpe then explained the role of the Parish Council, their powers and duties, the role of the clerk and presented the results of the survey. He explained that although the Parish Council have NO powers with regards to highways matters, they will continue to lobby DCC Highways members to make representation to the officers on behalf of the residents. Where we own the land, the Council will and are actively looking to improve their offering such as increasing car park spaces at the Leisure Green, advertising the use the of Car Park, improve the line of sight to the car park and to liaise with DCC to request re-painting of road markings, pot holes, ask for a re-design of the car park spaces on Market Street.

**195/19** Cllr Garry Hickton (representing Cllr Simon Spencer, lead member for highways, transport and infrastructure) said that he would listen and note all issues and take this back to Cllr Simon Spencer for him to investigate and discuss with the Highways Officers. He understood that the methods of determining criteria for double yellow lines, VAS systems etc are very frustrating but that this the only way for the officers to decide. He asked that the residents and Parish Council work with Robert to produce a wish list for this area and that he was sure that Cllr Robert Parkinson would pass this on.

**196/19** Cllr Robert Parkinson explained that his role was to make representation to the County Council on behalf of the residents. He understood speeding was a major issue and he would push for more CREST activity in the area and lobby for fixed speed cameras and VAS system(s) He explained that he has been lobbying for a number of years for a pavement to be installed on Sawley Road (up to the Watersports Centre) and met with officers last year. They indicated that

the cost would be too high but they would consider clearing and levelling off some of the grass verges – he will keep pressing for this to happen. He has also campaigned for a village gateway on Sawley Road as a traffic calming solution. He has suggested and will ask for Rumble Strips. Fowler St / Sawley Road Junction – he has evidence that this has been approved (12 months ago) but has not yet been actioned – again he will lobby them to action this but is aware it is a long process to instigate due to notification / approval procedures. He felt that the Market Street resident parking permit idea would not fit the current criteria as defined by DCC but agreed that re-designing the parking options on Market Street is a very good idea and would lobby for officers to do this. He would also lobby for a review of Harrington St / Villa St / Elvaston St to have a one-way system / weight restriction.

**197/19** Open questions from the Public

**198/19** Tom Applin explained that he works as the Volunteer and Community Engagement Officer for the charity Sustrans and he was asking for volunteers to spend the day helping paint the Millennium Sign at the Canal (he can provide the paint and brushes etc) If anyone is interested in helping, please email Tom: [tom.aplin@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:tom.aplin@sustrans.org.uk)

- a. The chair of the newly formed Market Street Residents Association asked Cllr Hickton to respond to the survey, multiple suggestions had been made by members of the public and they want local solutions to local problems not just the standard criteria must be met, they don't want sympathy, they want action as they have been complaining about this issue for over 20 years
  - i. Cllr Hickton responded that he agreed Market St was is an issue and he would raise this to Cllr Simon Spencer
- b. A suggestion was put forward to re-design the Market St Square for more car park spaces and also put a road from the Leisure Green Car Park through the Mill which would ensure the Car Park is used – also why have the “Experts” / Officers not attended
  - i. Parish Councillor Darren Gelsthorpe explained that we had invited the officers and their response was that this meeting was outside office hours and they were therefore unable to attend. The Parish Council did not own the land at the Mill and therefore could not influence a road. He stated that the Parish Council would lobby for more enforcement officer visits to the area
- c. A resident spoke about the large lorries travelling at high speeds along Hopwell Road and the danger they pose to pedestrians and other vehicles – the road is too narrow for these large lorries and would like a weight restriction put in place
  - i. Cllr Gary Hickton said he would note this and ask for a weight restriction (Cllr Robert Parkinson has previously lobbied for this and it was rejected)
- d. A resident asked if there was different criteria for the various VAS systems / signs
  - i. The clerk responded that DCC Highways method of determining if a VAS system is required (6 personal injury collisions over 1 KM in the latest 3 years where either a trend can be identified or speed has been a factor in some of the collisions – plus other criteria) is the same for both the permanent VAS systems and the mobile solutions
- e. A resident of Wallis Close said that his car park is filled with commercial vehicles and that he was now registered disabled and could not always get parked

- i. Parish Councillor Darren Gelsthorpe suggested contacting DCC Highways to apply for a disabled parking space to be allocated / painted – another resident said this was a waste of time as anyone could still park there
- f. The clerk asked Cllr Garry Hickton about how the notes he was taking to discuss with Cllr Simon Spencer would be responded to and feedback provided to the residents
  - i. Cllr Garry Hickton would email Cllr Simon Spencer with the questions and points raised and he would forward any responses to Cllrs Parkinson and Clare who will ensure that this is put on the Parish Council’s Website, Facebook page and on the noticeboards
- g. Another resident re-stated his suggestion on the survey to re-instate the railway at Draycott
  - i. Parish Councillor Darren Gelsthorpe asked MP Maggie Throop’s representative to take this suggestion back to Maggie as the MP for Ilkeston successfully had the new station at Ilkeston installed
- h. A resident asked the parents attending to be more aware of what their children were doing when out as he recently witnessed 4 children climbing on the roof of the Scout Hall

**199/19** Cllr Val Clare thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for respecting the meeting rules. She again asked for any volunteers for the Community Speedwatch to sign up or email the clerk [draycottpc@gmail.com](mailto:draycottpc@gmail.com)

The meeting closed at 8.40pm