**DRAKELOW PARISH COUNCIL**

**South Derbyshire District in the County of Derbyshire**

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| To:  Chairman and Members of Drakelow Parish Council  Ward Members - South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council | Email: clerk@drakelowparish.gov.uk  [www.drakelowparish.gov.uk](http://www.drakelowparish.gov.uk)  3rd Sept 2025 |

Dear Councillor

The next meeting of Drakelow Parish Council, to which you are summoned to attend, will be held

In the Immanuel Church, Stapenhill, 7pm, on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

The Public and Press are welcome to attend.

Yours faithfully

**Paula Nankervis**

Clerk and RFO

The public and press may view the agenda on the councils’ website at [www.drakelowparish.gov.uk](http://www.drakelowparish.gov.uk)

**AGENDA**

**1 Apologies**

To note or accept any apologies for absence.

Cllr Rogers unable to attend.

Cllr’s Wheelton and Tilley shall be late due to other meeting commitments.

**2 Declaration of Members Interests**

To enable members to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest they have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the Parish Council code of conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

**3** **County Council**

To consider any matters to be put before the County Council and receive any

reports from the Councillor

**4 District Council**

To consider any matters to be put before the District Council and receive any

reports from the Councillor

**5 Public Speaking**

A period of not more than 10 minutes will be made available for members of the public to comment on any matter. Comments should be directed to the Chair. It is not possible to debate matters in this session. The Council may respond to your comment on email (within 2 weeks of the meeting)

**6 Police**

To consider any matters to be reported to the police and note the crime figures and any other matters from the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

July: 2 Assault, 1 Burglary, 1 Attempted Burglary, 1 Vehicle interference, 1 Domestic Incident, 1 Theft, 1 Harassment, 1 Attempt of Vehicle Theft, 1 Vehicle Theft and 2 Drug Supply/Possession.

August: 1 Assault, 1 Traffic Offence, 1 Burglary, 1 Theft, 2 RTC, 2 Harassment, 3 Public Orders, 1 Criminal Damage and 1 Theft of Vehicle.

Following July’s meeting, the Clerk contacted Andrea Thompson PCSO, to enquire regarding the reporting of conviction rates alongside the crime stats, as per a suggestion from Cllr John. Unfortunately, this cannot occur. Email response forwarded to councillors 14th July.

**7 Minutes**

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Councils meeting held on 9th July

2025.

**8 To determine which items, if any, on the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.** If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms:- “That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, to consider a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the item.”

**9** **Chairmans announcements**

**10 Clerks repor****t**

To receive the clerks report

**11** **Finance**

1. To authorise payments as set out below. Any additional payments received since the agenda was issued will be reported at the meeting

**PAYMENTS**

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| **Cheque No.** | **Payee** | **Detail** | **Net Amount**  **£** | **VAT**  **£** | **Total**  **£** |
| BACS | Payroll | Clerk & Clerk Mentor Wages – July & August (PAID) | £1356,13 | NIL | £1356.13 |
| BACS | HMRC | Clerk & Mentor – July & August (PAID) | £82.86 | NIL | £82.86 |
| BACS | Walton Parish Council | Room Hire 9th July 2025 (PAID) | £24.00 | NIL | £24.00 |
| BACS | Immanuel Church | Room Hire Wednesday 10th September & 8th October (PAID) | £64.00 | NIL | £64.00 |
| BACS | CES | Poling Card – Printing (AWAITING REFUND) | £400.37 | £80.00 | £480.37 |
| BACS | Unity Bank | Service Charge – July & Aug | £12.00 | NIL | £12.00 |
|  |  | **TOTAL** | **£2019.36** |  | **£2019.36** |

**INCOME**

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| **Date** | **Received from** | **In respect of** | **Amount** |
| 04/07/2025 | SDDC | Precept | £3,350 |
| 11/07/2025 | SDDC | Precept remainder | £2150 |

1. Internal audit report completed and sent to external auditors for exemption as signed by chairman at 9th July meeting.Submitted 16th July and chased 3rd September as received no response, ready for display on 30th September.

**12** **Planning**

**DMPA/2025/0779 -** The installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels with associated infrastructure and works, including substations, converters, inverters, access tracks, security fencing, boundary treatment and CCTV at land north of Lullington. Appeal Ref: APP/F1040/W/22/3313316

**DMPA/2024/1643 -** Erection of a Battery Storage System (BESS) together with substation, transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements on Land to the North of Main Street / Drakelow Road, Walton upon Trent, Swadlincote. Appeal Ref: APP/F1040/W/25/3370609

**DMPA/2025/0766 -** Change of use from a hay barn and machinery store to a vehicle body workshop at Barn Farm, Cauldwell Road, Drakelow DE15 9TX

**13 Outside meetings, training and councillor updates**

To receive reports from any members who have attended meetings/training or have

items to share with the council since the last Parish Council meeting;

Cllr Cummings

Cllr John

Cllr Bidder

Cllr Kenney

Cllr Treacy

Cllr Rogers

**14 Items for Discussion/ Decision**

**a Newsletter**

**b Working groups of volunteers**

Agreed at last meeting that notices would be shared with residents by councillors

**c SDDC Invoice for polling cards**

Payment loaded onto bank 11/8 by clerk. Printing company need to refund this as SDDC had paid them directly. Then a payment to SDDC will be made.

**d Unity Letter amendments**

Deferred from July’s meeting. To change authorisations, remove and add signatories.

**e Boundary Signage**

Chairman was discussing with volunteer, who is investigating

**f** **Budget plan**

Clerk and Clerk Mentor to present this information

**g Trees and verges in between Dracan and Drakelow Park and Coneygreave Drive**

Chris Midson (volunteer) speaking with SDDC planning, Stephen Saunders, enforcement and Cllr Tilley(reporting in to the Chairman and Clerk)

**h Adoption of Council logo**

Adopted and amended to Parish Council by Clerk, 14th July

I **Post boxes**

**j Battery storage plants & Solar farms**

**k Roundabouts at Dracan width query**

Email sent to Richard Hanbury 10th July. No response rec’d. Chased 27th August.

**l Rising number of social housing on Dracan**

**m PCC secures extra £1M for anti-social behaviour**

Cllr Kenney to report findings following July meeting

**n Review Risk Register**

**o Review Asset Register**

**p Agree Co-option policy & recruitment of new councillor**

In progress

**q Parish Council New Vice Chairman**

**r Questions to raise with Steffan Saunders**

**s Items for next agenda:**

**15 Items for information only**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 8th October,**

**2025, 7pm**, at the Immanuel Church