

**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Planning Committee
held on 3 August 2023 at 7.30pm in Dodford Church, Priory Road**

Present: Cllrs Scott Fuller, Rachel Jennings (Chair) and Lynne Griffin

In attendance – One member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Jenni Schuett and Rory Lydon (Vice Chairman)

The Clerk was unable to attend this meeting and Cllr Jennings, who chaired the meeting, was appointed to take notes, and submit them to the Clerk.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. None
- ii. None

3. To consider planning application consultation:

22/01432 – Sumach, Priory Road – To consider new Landscape Management Plan and a Proposed Landscaping Plan recently submitted to Bromsgrove District Council

Despite the submission of the Landscaping Plan the Parish Council still stands by its original comments, and remain concerned as to the structure, quality, and safety of the infill, which is a significant amount, as noted by the Conservation Officer, as it runs the entire length of the property, and drops over 10m height. Despite the proposals the Parish Council firmly believes that the change to the landscape harms the significance of the Conservation Areas as a Designated Heritage Asset, as well as harming the setting of Sumach, a Non-Designated Heritage Asset. The Parish Council also disagree with a three-acre area of field with which the property sits in being accepted as curtilage.

The Clerk to write formally to District Cllr Kit Taylor with the Parish Council's concerns.

4. To consider planning appeal consultations received - None.

5. To note any planning decisions and appeal decisions received - None

6. Enforcement/Environmental issues

No updates since the planning committee meeting on 13 June 2023.

7. Any other planning issues

Bromsgrove District Council has responded to the Parish Council's request regarding the draft minutes of the District Council planning committee meeting held on 3 July:

“I have spoken with the Legal Officer, who spoke with the resident on the night of the meeting. The Legal Officer noted and informed me that the resident had obtained an out of date and superseded copy of the BDC Planning Committee public speaking rules, which was still published and freely available for all to view via a Google search and not from the Council's website (which contained the correct up to date version).”

After discussion, the Parish Council felt the District Council planning committee meeting draft minutes should be correct and wish for all the facts to be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed..... Chair