

**DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL
(BROMSGROVE DISTRICT)**

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**Dodford with Grafton Parish Council Meeting to be held on
Monday 22 January 2024 starting at 7.30pm
in Dodford Village Hall (large hall), Priory Road, Dodford**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** – Council to receive apologies and approve the reason for absence
2. **Declarations and Register of Interests** – Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests and to declare:
 - i. any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) on the agenda and their nature;
 - ii. any Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) on the agenda and their nature(Councillors who have declared a DPI or an ODI which falls within the terms of paragraph 12 (4) (b) of the Code of Conduct must leave the room for the relevant items. Failure to register or declare a DPI may result in the commission of a criminal offence.)

3. **Dispensations**

To approve any dispensations from Parish Councillors who may have a DPI or ODI to allow them to stay / speak / vote in the meeting during consideration of the item

The meeting will be adjourned for public question time

The time allocated is at the discretion of the Chair. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this Agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chair. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be included in the minutes as an aide memoire.

4. **Meetings**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 November 2023

5. **Reports – for information:**

- i. County Councillor's report
- ii. District Councillor's report
- iii. Social Media report
- iv. Clerk's report on items not otherwise on agenda

6. **Planning**

- i. To discuss any further comments on 23/00896/FUL Foxwalks Farm following correspondence with the planning officer (information circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting)
- ii. To approve the minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 6 December 2023
- iii. To note any planning decisions received
- iv. To consider any planning appeals or appeal decisions received
- v. Enforcement/Environmental issues and update on current enforcements
- vi. Any planning issues – for information

7. **Memorial Garden**

- i. To discuss a request for a Chartist Information Board and quotes received

- ii. To discuss a request for money not being used on the Memorial Garden to be put towards maintenance of the Church and Village Hall
8. **Highways and footpaths**
 - i. To discuss mud and debris on village roads
 - ii. To update on applications for Footpath Warden
 - iii. To update and discuss any footpath / bridleway issues
 - iv. Cllr Kit Taylor to update on contacting Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) Planning on vehicles stored on land below Chennai Restaurant on Kidderminster Road as reported at the November meeting
 - v. Cllr Kit Taylor to update on contacting BDC Planning on the encroachment of woodland and blocking of stream in Yarnold Lane as reported at the November meeting
 - vi. Cllr Shirley Webb to update on contacting Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Countryside Team and North Worcestershire Water Management (NWWM) on the encroachment of woodland and blocking of stream in Yarnold Lane as reported at the November meeting
 - vii. To update on bin request in the Church grounds
 9. **Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation**

To discuss draft recommendations for division boundaries in Worcestershire and to consider a response by 18 March 2024 (information circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting)
 10. **Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service**

To discuss Resource Review consultation documentation and to consider a response by 4 March 2024 (information circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting)
 11. **Worcestershire County Council Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)**

To discuss the consultation document and to consider a response by 23 February 2024 (information circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting)
 12. **First Aid Courses**

To update on costings
 13. **Dodford Village Hall**
 - i. To update on issues or questions already raised
 - ii. To consider raising any issues or questions to be discussed at the next Dodford Village Hall Committee meeting
 14. **Finance**
 - i. To approve the 2024/2025 budget and agree and sign the Precept request to be submitted to Bromsgrove District Council by 31 January 2024
 - ii. To approve Q3 reconciliation and budget
 - iii. To acknowledge payments for December 2023
 - iv. To approve payments for January 2024
 15. **Correspondence received – for information**

To note correspondence received since the last meeting and any items for a future agenda
 16. **Councillor's items**

Councillors to report items of information and to raise items for a future agenda

Meeting to be closed to the public to discuss the early stages of a potential dispute