

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 24 June 2010 in Dodford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Richard Harper (Chairman), Adrian Crump, Lynne Griffin, Alwyn Rea, Jill Silver and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Vic Dawson and John Caldicott and were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Cllr Silver declared a personal interest in item 8 on the agenda
- ii. There were no prejudicial interests declared

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of interest/items for the next agenda:

Residents brought to the Council's attention:

- i. Requested the speeding restriction on main Kidderminster Road should start from the Motorway changing the speed limit from 30mph coming out of Bromsgrove to 40mph through the parish. This item to be an ongoing minute on forthcoming agendas.
- ii. The hedge on the opposite corner to the Village Hall is giving concern and the Clerk was asked to contact previous Clerk to see if she had a phone number for the owner of the land.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20 May 2010

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Griffin and seconded by Cllr Rea after which they were signed by the Council Chairman as being a true record.

4. Reports

The Clerk reported that:

- i. she had written to Councillor Sheila Blagg with various dates and correspondence relating to roads and footpaths in the Parish
- ii. confirmed the Parish Council is now registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for Data Protection purposes until the renewal in June 2011.
- iii. 8 emails had been received in the new email address and this is as a result of the information cards circulated with the Annual Report and mention in the Parish

- Magazine as these are the only two places this email address is advertised to help with residents communication monitoring
- iv. her holiday will be from 29 June to 13 July inclusive

5. Planning

- i. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 June had already been circulated
- ii. The Clerk reported on an email received from the Principal Planning Officer of Bromsgrove District Council (BDC):
 - a. The conversion of a garage to a physiotherapy suite at Brook House only needs permission if the effect in terms of noise, parking, deliveries, effect on neighbours etc is significant. The Parish Council decided not to pursue this further.
 - b. The case officer for Woodland Road, Kath Burrell, will look to see what progress has been made on this and report back.
 - c. An enforcement order was served on Whynot Cottage to secure a more suitable dwarf wall and wrought iron gates. The Parish Council were advised this work has now commenced.

6. Parish Plan Review

- i. An outline draft will be ready for September.
- ii. One item that is being considered is the road restriction through the village. Difference of opinions as to whether 30mph signs would be unsightly versus danger to pedestrians. The Clerk was asked to contact Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Highways Department to see if there was any progress in relation to the Quiet Lanes Initiative.

7. Quality Parish Status

After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Harper, seconded by Cllr Rea and voted unanimously not to re-accredit ourselves with the Quality Parish Council Status as there were no advantages. The Clerk was asked to write to CALC informing them of the decision

8. Fosters Pig Farm

- i. It is still felt there is additional business being carried out, although not so many lorries as before. The Clerk was asked to write to the Principal Planning Officer at BDC asking if he can advise further action as we had written to Mr Foster some months ago about this but had received no reply.

9. Finance

- i. Cllr Harper proposed and Cllr Griffin seconded that the Community First membership should be renewed

- ii. Payments due for June set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were approved

10. Correspondence received

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted
- ii. The Clerk was asked to put the review of BDC Licensing Policy on the July Agenda and to circulate the papers from BDC with the July Agenda
- iii. The Clerk was asked to respond to the review of Winter Service for 2010/11 by WCC:
 - a. Warbage Lane, Alfred's Well, Dodford Inn, Flockbury Road, but in particular the School were all areas where there are particular problems in times of severe weather
 - b. Woodland Road/Victoria Road (where three cars had gone through the gate in the past Winter), Yarnold Lane (where Police were called to an accident) are areas requiring grit bins
 - c. The Parish will be able to assist with monitoring grit bins
 - d. Although the gritter goes down Priory Road it does not go down Flockbury Road past the School or Warbage Lane
 - e. Bob Jarvis has equipment to assist with snow clearing
 - f. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman if he would be available to help out in cases of severe weather
- iv. Clerk was asked to respond to Gordon Long's letter that we will be putting his request about the restoration of the commemorative stone on the July Agenda for discussion. Also in response to his request for a road sign to be placed on the crossing of Victoria Road/Church Road to be changed to Middle Road, the Clerk was asked to check with WCC Highways Department and report back.
- v. Clerk to circulate e-mail newsletters from The Energy Saving Trust to Councillors when received.
- vi. E-mail from Potterton Associates regarding design of play and recreation areas was passed to Cllr Crump for the School
- vii. Clerk was asked to send the e-mail received from the Droitwich Spa and Rural Council for Voluntary Service Worcestershire Rural Outreach Project Administrator to Cllr Griffin for the Village Hall

11. Councillors Items

- i. Clerk was asked to contact the Principal Planning Officer regarding signs attached to gates at Chelwood to ascertain if they needed planning permission

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed.....Chairman