

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 9 September 2010 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies for absence

All Councillors were in attendance.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. None declared.

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

- i. Councillor Sheila Blagg attended the meeting and gave an update on Worcestershire County Council highway issues.
- ii. Two letters were handed to the Clerk from a resident regarding Severn Trent.
- iii. The next PACT (Police and Community Together) meeting on 13 September in Bournheath Methodist Church at 7.30pm was brought to the Parish Council's attention.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 15 July 2010

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Dawson 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. There is a briefing session for clerks who are preparing their CiLCA portfolios at WCC on 20 October. It was agreed the Clerk should attend this with the charge of £25 coming out of the training budget.
- ii. An unauthorised borrowing fee notice for July had been received and the Bank will be charging the Parish Council £15.
- iii. SLCC have sent an invitation for the Clerk to become a member. It was agreed by the Council that the subscription of £82.00 should come out of the training budget.
- iv. The Dodford Society Welcome Pack is now on our MyParish web site.

5. Planning

- i. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7 September had already been circulated.
- ii. More information on machinery being delivered to Foster's Pig Farm has been received from a resident for the Clerk to pass on to Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).
- iii. No decision has yet been made by the Planning Inspectorate on the wind turbines appeal.
- iv. The appeal lodged with the Planning Inspectorate for the Crossroads Garage has been withdrawn.

6. Parish Plan Review

Headings for various sections in the Parish Plan have been drawn up and it was agreed that one Councillor will work with one member of the volunteer steering group on each of the four headings. Cllr Harper will work on Quality of Life, Cllr Dawson on Transport and Roads, Cllr Rea on Environment and Cllr Crump on Education, Work and Retirement. Cllrs Silver and Griffin offered their support as and when it is needed.

7. Speeding restrictions through the Parish

The Clerk had received correspondence from Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Highways to say that the speed limit has been the subject of a recent investigation as part of a county-wide speed limit review. It has been recommended by the review team and accepted by members that the current speed limit through the Parish be reduced from 60mph to 50mph. It was felt that 30mph would be too low encouraging overtaking. The Clerk was asked to enquire at WCC if it would be possible for the speed limit to be 40mph and also to ascertain an address for the review team to enable us to liaise with them.

8. Polling Station Review

It was agreed that the Polling Station should remain at Dodford Village Hall.

9. Restoration of commemorative stone celebrating 150th anniversary of the Chartists first occupation of cottages in Dodford

The Clerk was requested to ask Dodford Society and Dodford Village Hall Committee if they have any comments to make on the restoration of this stone.

10. Parking Issues at School

Having received comments from the Nursery and School, it was agreed that the Clerk should contact them asking if they could write to the parents reminding them that they should be mindful of residents and also not to park adjacent or within 15 metres of the junction. The Clerk was requested to ask the farmer to cut the hedge down on the

corner of Fockbury Road and Priory Road to enable sight of oncoming traffic approaching the corner.

11. Finance

- i. There has been a change of signatory for the current account from Cllr Dawson to Cllr Rea. Two out of three signatories are required on cheques and the other signatories are Cllr Caldicott and Cllr Harper
- ii. Approval of the payments due for August and September set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Rea.

12. Correspondence received

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.

11. Councillors Items

- i. The Clerk was asked to write to BDC asking the bin men to push the bins to the back of the footpaths.
- ii. Cllr Harper reported on his attendance at the recent Parish Area meeting

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed.....Chairman