

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 16 December 2010 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Richard Harper (Chairman), John Caldicott, Adrian Crump, Vic Dawson, Alwyn Rea, District Councillor Brian Lewis and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jill Silver and accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Personal interests – none declared
- ii. Prejudicial interests – Cllr Griffin declared an interest in Agenda item 6.ii.a – Planning application for Sumach

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

- i. Yarnold Lane, Church Road and Woodland Road have all received a makeshift filling in the holes. The Clerk was asked to write to Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to thank them but advise that the holes could have been dealt with better.

3. Age Well Partnership

Ian Anderson from Bromsgrove Partnership reported on the two pilot courses in March and June 2011 to develop ways to help people over 55 stay physically, mentally and socially active. A questionnaire was distributed which needs to be returned by end of January 2011. The Clerk was asked to mention this in the Parish Magazine and also on the Parish Council website.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18 November 2010

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

5. Reports

- i. The Clerk reported that the Winter Service Review 2010/2011 had been received and the Clerk was asked to advise WCC that Church Road has never been gritted and that the School would be happy to have a grit bin.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Badhams at Dodford Priory to thank them for opening their home to the Parish Council last month.

6. Planning

- i. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 24 November had already been circulated

- ii. 10/1118 –Sumach, Priory Road – Demolition of an existing outbuilding and wc, construction of a proposed single storey sunroom and bedroom annexe attached to existing dwelling, refurbishment of existing conservatory, internal room modifications and recovering of the existing roof
Parish Council is concerned about the scale of this development and object to over development in conservation area. Would also prefer natural materials to be used - timber not UPVC.
- iii. Crossroads Garage – The Parish Council had listened to residents views on future development during the open session of the meeting.
- iv. Dodford School – The Clerk reported that the library extension application had been approved by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).

7. Parish Plan Review

Following the Parish Plan Review meeting in November Cllr Rea has received reports back from the sub-groups and will summarise all issues and call another general meeting mid to end of January.

8. Speeding restrictions through the Parish

No response had been received from WCC review team and the Clerk was asked to take this item off future agendas.

9. Rosedene

The Clerk was asked to write to the National Trust advising them that the Parish Council is keen to maintain dialogue with them and also to offer support for their 'people experience' project but to ask them to be mindful of the parishioners. The Clerk was also asked to mention this in the Parish Magazine.

10. Proposed creation of an elected Police Commissioner in 2012

The Parish Council expressed a personal view of not being in favour of this proposed creation as they cannot see what advantage having a Police Commissioner would have. It was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Dawson and accepted unanimously that the Police structure stays as it is.

11. Finance

- i. The acceptance of the budget for 2011/2012 was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Caldicott and the BDC precept application form was signed by both the Chairman and the Clerk.
- ii. Approval of the payments due for December set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Caldicott and seconded by Cllr Griffin.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the lengthsman's start and finish times during the snow.

12. Correspondence received

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

- ii. It was agreed that the Clerk would request an electronic copy of the Register of Electors 2010/11

11. Councillors Items

- i. Ian McCoy is the new BDC enforcement officer based in Redditch and the Clerk was asked to write to him with all outstanding enforcement issues.
- ii. Cllr Harper reported that the first stage of the reduced lighting on the M5 would start in the New Year from midnight to first thing in the morning with the exception of the intersection with the M42

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed.....Chairman