

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 July 2021 in Dodford Church at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Rachel Jennings (Chairman), Lynne Griffin and Jonathan Shapiro

**In attendance:** Clerk Kay Stone and one member of the public

### **1. Apologies**

Cllrs Scott Fuller, Rory Lydon (Vice Chairman), Scottie Sanderson, Jennie Schuett, County Councillor Shirley Webb, and District Cllr Drew Beaumont

### **2. Declarations and Register of interest**

- i. None
- ii. Cllr Jennings for item 6ia

### **3. Dispensations**

None received.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public attending the meeting to raise matters of interest. As there were none, the meeting continued as follows:

### **4. Meetings**

Cllr Shapiro proposed, Cllr Jennings seconded, and all approved the minutes for the meeting held on 28 June. The minutes will be signed when current health restrictions permit.

### **5. Reports**

- i. County Cllr Webb's report had been received, circulated, and noted. Cllr Webb has reported Fockbury Road for patching or resurfacing and Yarnold Lane for resurfacing.
- ii. No report received from District Cllr Beaumont.
- iii. No social media report.
- iv. The Clerk has received a phone call from a former Dodford resident and an email from a resident about the work at Sumach with the resident requesting the Parish Council push for Article 4 which is already on the agenda. An email has also been received from a resident regarding the Motocross. Cllr Beaumont and the Clerk has obtained dates from the organisers which have been shared with the resident.

### **6. Planning**

- i. To consider planning application consultations:
  - a. 21/00885 – Lawnswood, Warbage Lane – Side extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation  
As Cllr Jennings had declared an interest, this application was not discussed as the Parish Council was not quorate for this section of the meeting.
  - b. 21/01111 – Prior approval – Parkgate Nurseries, Kidderminster Road – Proposed change of use of potting shed to dwelling house.  
The Parish Council has no objections but queried the number of parking spaces.
- ii. The application for Parkhill, Monsieus Hall Lane has been refused by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).
- iii. No planning appeals or decisions received.
- iv. No update on current enforcements and no new issues.
- v. The proposal of Article 4 to be postponed to the September meeting.
- vi. The Clerk proposed a planning committee meeting to be held on Monday 2 August.

### **7. Highways and footpaths**

- i. Cllr Webb has advised the Parish Council that she is awaiting road closure details and date of when the work will start.

- ii. The nettles at the back of Fockbury Mill Nurseries have been cut down.
- iii. The 2016 Perryfields application is still under appeal with the Planning Inspectorate. The 2021 Perryfields application is on hold until the outcome of the appeal. Cllr Beaumont suggested that the request for traffic monitoring should wait until the verdict of the appeal. The Clerk was asked to request that this monitoring does not take place during school holidays.
- iv. No responses from residents on the losing historic footpaths leaflet.
- v. No update on Slow sign to be painted on Priory Road outside Sumach.
- vi. The Village name signs should say "Dodford – Chartist Village" and include the trefoil.
- vii. The Clerk to contact PC Stone about Community Speed Watch.

## 8. Memorial Garden

Only one entrant is unable to meet face to face but is happy for others to do so if it cannot be done via Zoom. Cllr Sanderson is happy to host the meeting at Alpacafé and the Working Group to decide on a mutually convenient date.

## 9. New Residents Welcome Pack

Ideas discussed to include information on Dodford Conservation Area and non-Conservation Area; papers delivered; cess pit emptying; doctor's surgery; the Church; Parish magazine and distributor; Dodford School and Nursery; information on SmartWater kits; footpaths leaflet. The Clerk to ask residents via the email list, Facebook, and Parish Magazine what information residents would have found useful when moving into the Parish. To be discussed again in September.

## 10. Litter Pick Up

Dodford Holiday Farm is happy to host the Litter Pick Up. The Clerk to ask if it is possible to start this between 9 and 10.30am on their Open Day on 12 September. Cllrs Griffin and Jennings happy to attend. Cllr Jennings to store the equipment.

## 11. Phil Richardson Community Award 2021

No nomination forms received this year. Going forward the next one will be 2022 and then every other year afterwards.

## 12. Finance

- i. The acceptance of the first quarter reconciliation was proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Shapiro, and agreed by all.
- ii. The July Financial Report:
  - Deposit account as at 29 June 2021 - £19,189.39
  - Current account as at 29 June 2021 - £695.58
  - Payments to be made by bank transfer on 21 July 2021 – Acceptance proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Shapiro, and agreed by all:
    - a. Clerk's salary - £412.14
    - b. Clerk's expenses - £13.60 (Travel 8 miles @ 45p/mile £3.60; storage £5.00 and use of telephone and internet £5.00)
    - c. HM Revenue and Customs - £103.00
    - d. Lengthsman duties for June - £210.00

## 13. Correspondence received – for information

The only correspondence received other than that covered in the Clerk's Report was a Bromsgrove Street Theatre Poster.

## 17. Councillors items

No Councillor items.

The meeting was closed at 8.16pm.

Signed.....Chairman