

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th April 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), Cllr M Ward, Cllr T Pell, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr R Turner, Cllr Yeo, Cllr S Wynn, Cllr R Small, Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr L Wild & Cllr D Proctor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk), District Councillor Middlebrough.

PUBLIC: Mr D Rhodes

1) APOLOGIES:

Cllr J Proctor-Nichols, Cllr J Driscoll & County Councillor Adams

2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

N/A

3) LOCAL POLICING

The Clerk read the local policing report for March:

There were two crimes reported on 18/03/19 and 11/03/19 both Burglary-Business at Bovis Homes, Worcester Road. Offender(s) have cut open a container and stolen tools. This offence took place over the weekend when the site was closed.

On 11/03/19 A residential property on Stonebow Road reported a burglary, Unknown offenders have approached the property and smashed a ground floor rear UPVC door using an unknown implement. Offenders have left in an unknown direction by an unknown means. Entry not gained, no items stolen

On 19/03/19 A residential property on Shrubbery Road reported a Burglary that took place between 27/02/2019 09:00:00 and 19/03/2019 17:00:00 offender(s) unknown have approached the rear garden, and used an unknown tool to cut off the padlock to the shed. Several power tools stolen from within.

On 20/03/19 We received a report of an Arson that took place between 19/03/2019 00:00:00 and 20/03/2019 00:00:00 at DRAKES BROUGHTON BUSINESS PARK. Offender(s) unknown have set fire to a skip. The fire was contained to the skip which was located 20 yards away from the main building

On 21/03/19 We received a report of a theft that took place between 19/03/2019 00:01:00 and 21/03/2019 00:00:00 on WALCOT LANE. Unknown offender(s) have stolen a green garden trolley worth £150 from an outbuilding with no door.

On 22/03/19 We received a report of a theft from motor vehicle that took place at 05:05:00 hours on SHRUBBERY ROAD. A white male, 50-60 years, 5'6", slim build, unshaven wearing a yellow Hi-Viz jacket, dark bottoms and boots opened the nearside front door of a vehicle and reached in to get cash and jump leads. When approached and challenged by owner, he handed cash back and walked off. Subsequent check revealed jump leads stolen

On 27/03/19 We received a report of a theft that took place between 01:00 and 05:00 at WALCOT LANE. Offender(s) unknown have climbed into a garden and stolen a fence and fence post.

On 29/03/19 we received a report of a Burglary on HILL ROAD. Between 1530-1730 hours unknown offender(s) have entered through a garage door and stolen a Porsche 911. An untidy search of rooms can be seen and laundry room door open, missing is the car with keys, a drone, camera and coin collection. Porsche has been tracked and later recovered a few miles down the road parked up no keys

4) MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7th March 2019 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Crouchman, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5) MATTERS ARISING

- Tracking 106 money and New Homes bonus

The Chairman advised members that Cllr Tanfield had volunteered to track this money IN/OUT as a special responsibility and as part of the finance subcommittee. Once the tracking is put into place and established, Cllr Tanfield will then also look for further grant/funding opportunities.

- Update on Parish council contracts – litter picking, bus shelter cleansing and Lengthsman

The Chairman advised that these had been issued and signed and were now in place for the next 12 months. Cllr Small advised that there was an increase in litter on the playing field.

- A44 Speed reduction petition

The members agreed to run a Drakes Broughton speed petition alongside Peopleton's speed petition for the same stretch of road namely the staggered junction between the two villages on the A44. It was decided that a few volunteers would door knock. Cllr Wild, Cllr Pell, Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Proctor and Cllr Crouchman volunteered. The PC will advertise the fact that there will also be an opportunity to sign the petition at the village shop in Drakes Broughton

- E.on update

The Chairman advised members that the work to column 32 has been completed and the safety checks for the other columns are still in progress.

- Highways reports

The Clerk advised that she had been told that the pot holes on Brickyards Lane had a 4 week works order. Cllr Small advised some, but not all, had been filled. The Clerk advised that damage reported to the pavement outside the shop had been inspected and was not seen as a safety issue so no work would be required.

6) OPEN SPACE REVIEW – Progress update including 106 money application up date.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Wild back from his leave. She advised that she had not heard from WDC regarding the releasing of the 106 money as yet. Cllr Wild advised members that unfortunately due to illness some preparation work from the Football club had yet to be completed. Now he was back he would move things forward and update members more fully in May's meeting.

7) VILLAGE HALL REFURBISH AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Chairman advised members that the architect had been appointed and work has now started. The Hall is gaining further booking and the Village Hall Committee are actively using the space to raise both awareness and additional funds via monthly Cake, Coffee and Chat events.

8) WADBOROUGH PHONE BOX

Cllr Crouchman advised members of the phone box's current state of repair as background to the funding request for £750 to refurbish the phone box in line with BT guidelines. There was a discussion around costs and the amounts that had been spent on Pirton phone box being considerably less. The Chairman advised members that this request was a larger sum than anticipated and acknowledged that the PC funds can

accommodate this, however no provision for refurbishing the Phone box had been made in the precept calculation. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that similar amounts of money had been spent on the notice boards for both Pirton and Drakes Broughton in recent years. Cllr Crouchman went onto explain that an additional £250 may be required to sort the electrics and lighting as the light wasn't currently working and advised that Wadborough Village Committee were considering using the phone box to house a defibrillator. The Chairman said that the decision about a defibrillator had yet to be made and suggested that the immediate focus should be on renovation to make the phone box both sound and tidy. The members discussed proportions of money spent on Wadborough and how much the village does unfunded. Cllr Small proposed the PC grant the full amount requested of £1000 and this was seconded by Cllr Proctor. Cllr Tanfield requested a revisit of the refurbishment in Pirton to ensure both boxes were in line with BT guidance.

9) NEW VAS

Cllr Ward confirmed that the new VAS had been ordered with a delivery lead time of 6 weeks. The Chairman asked Cllr Ward to update the lengthsman. She advised members that next month a decision about where each VAS was to be located would be necessary.

10) LANE & WINDMILL HILL PROPOSED 40mph speed limit. EGDON

Details of the WCC proposed speed change had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman asked members for comments. Members advised that they were in favour and the Chairman asked the Clerk to reply to the consultation on behalf of the PC.

Cllr Wild asked why Walcot Lane to the ford was not receiving the same speed restriction. The Clerk was asked to raise this with County Councillor Adams.

11) PARKING BY THE SHOPS IN DRAKES BROUGHTON – concerns raised by a resident.

The Chairman advised members that a resident had raised concerns about the shop becoming busier and that parking was becoming more dangerous. Cllr Small advised that he thought this was due to the state of the staff car park which resulted in staff for the units parking out the front in the customer parking all day. The Chairman asked members if there was anything the PC could or should do as the land is private property. After further discussion members asked the Clerk to write to the shop keepers and make them aware that is had been raised.

12) REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) County Councillor – Not present.

District Council

District Councillor Middlebrough advised members that he thought that the building contractor's road cleaning was now much more effective. The members agreed that the roads were much improved but said that there is still a fair amount of debris from the sites going onto the pavements. District Councillor explained that the choice for the name 'Stoulton Woodland' had been made to save confusion as there are actually two woodlands: Millennium Wood and Jubilee Wood and so the one sign saying "Stoulton Woodland" is to both woodlands and had been considered the best option. District Councillor Middlebrough wished members standing for office at the Parish Council elections in May the best for the next four years and thanked them for their support during his term of office.

b) Other reports as necessary

Cllr Gardener advised that a motorist had lost a mirror at the Wadborough/Abbotswood level crossing and asked the Clerk to report this to WCC to review if the road signs are making it difficult for two cars to pass there. Cllr Wynn advised that a Pirton resident had enquired about having a defibrillator in Pirton. The Chairman advised her to raise this at the Pirton Parish meeting. Cllr Turner reported that fly tipping he had reported after finding it on a footpath, had been swiftly removed by WDC. Cllr Pell advised members that the agreed re-routing of the buses during the 11-week Walcot Lane closure would see buses routed down Stonebow Road onto Shrubbery Road, down Beech Ave and back up Elm Road. This

would include the 51 service and the school buses (which means that children don't have to disembark) on the B4084.) A discussion arose about the Parked cars on this route and the difficulty large buses may have getting through. The members asked the Clerk to mention this in her report in the Villager. District Councillor Middlebrough advised that he will raise this to County Councillor Adams to ensure residents were informed via WCC.

Cllr Pell updated members on her attendance at the WDC enforcement summit. She advised that the department had now merged with Malvern Hills District Council and had initiated a first point of contact to direct queries more efficiently. The contact details for Maria Scott were passed to the Clerk. Overall the summit had been interesting and whilst the enforcement team recognised past errors, they were working hard to improve their efficiency.

Cllr Small advised that the varnish on the bench at the shop had faded in the recent inclement weather. Cllr Wild advised that he will give it a new coat of varnish in due course. Cllr Butterworth advised members that the Bovis 106 agreement had now been amended to give Pirton residents the same access right as Drakes Broughton & Wadborough residents for social housing. Due to another amendment to the 106 agreement from Bovis the change has been done at their cost rather than WDC.

13) TASKS FOR LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Small advised that playing field seemed to have more litter than in the past, despite members paying a litter clearing contract. The Clerk advised that the litter clearing was part time rather than daily and perhaps a notice in the Villager would help – members agreed

14) VILLAGER UPDATES

The members and the Chairman asked the Clerk to include A44 speed petition, Redirected Bus route, littering at the Playing field and play park. Cllr Pell asked to include a reminder of the new litter bins in Drakes Broughton as she is still seeing dog waste on Beech Ave.

15) CLERKS ANNUAL REVIEW – report back

The Chairman moved this to after the meeting closed as not for the public domain.

16) FINANCE

The monthly reconciliation of cash and other monies received was undertaken for March by Cllr Ward.

Insurance Contract - The Chairman and the Clerk advised that the SLCC recommended broker had come back with three tenders all with a considerable saving on Zurich for like for like cover. The AXA policy included a reduction for entering a 3-year agreement and came it at circa £850 a saving of £400PA. Cllr Butterworth proposed we move insurance to AXA, Cllr Wild seconded it with all in agreement. The Clerk advised Cllr Wild and members that she had checked there would be no charges for adding equipment during the open space upgrade. The Chairman asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

Neighbourhood fund (CIL money) – The Chairman advised members there was a requirement to do an annual return showing what money had been received and what had been spent, she advised that if funds remained unspent after 5 years they would have to be returned to the developer and to this end proposed that the recent VHC grant be taken from the CIL money already received. This was proposed by Cllr Proctor and seconded by Cllr Small and agreed by all.

It was proposed by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Ward to authorise the following payments:

To review and authorize the following payments:

a) Mrs N Nicholson – Clerk salary – March	£461.34
b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – March	£220.00
c) Mr B Arrowsmith – Litter Clearing Playing fields – March	£28.80
d) E.on – Street light repairs - Column 18 Elm Road	£109.20
e) Mrs T Pell – Replacement notice board keys	£6.50
f) Mr B Arrowsmith – Quarterly bus shelter cleansing	£30.00

17) PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon:
W/19/00576/OUT Masons Arms, Station Road, Wadborough. Erection of 1 no. dwelling. Recommend refusal, outside village boundary as defined in Neighborhood Plan.
W/19/00108/FUL Hyde Farm, Worcester Road, Pinvin, Pershore. Conversion of existing barn into 1 no residential property. Recommend Approval.
W/19/00246/FUL The Old Coal Yard, Windmill Hill, Stoulton. Demolition of 2no. existing cottages, storage building and coal bunkers. Construction of 2no. detached replacement dwellings with a detached garage block providing a single garage to each dwelling. Recommend refusal.
W/19/00554/ADV Land Adjacent, Langham, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. 6x Bovis Homes flags. Recommend Approval.
W/19/00406/HP Rowen Cottage, Windmill Hill, Souton. Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling. Recommend approval.
- b) Applications Approved:
W/19/00035/ADV Plough & Harrow, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. 2x Hanging signs, 2xAmentity Boards, 1x Fascia, 3x sets of signwritten displays, 1 x Transom Sign, 2x Post mounted signs.
W/19/00160/FUL Land Between 38 and The Old Oak Public House, 40 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton. Development of a single dwelling with associated car parking and single garage.
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) Applications Awaiting comment:
W/19/00666/FUL The Old Smithy, Mill Lane, Wadborough. 1 new detached dwelling in existing residential curtilage and replacement parking for the Old Smithy. Demolition of existing structure as approved under 18/01597/FUL – Variation of condition 2 to allow amendments to raise eaves on northern elevation, extend roof area on eastern elevation & revise floor plans.
- e) Appeals:
APP/H1840/W/18/3212206 Land to the south of Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton. Outline planning application for the development of up to 10 dwellings – awaiting outcome.
APP/H1840/W/19/3219858 Land adjacent to Wheelright Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton. Construction of 2no. Bungalows. – Awaiting Outcome.
APP/H1840/W/18/3209690 Applegrove, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. Erection of a three-bedroom bungalow - outline permission – all matters reserved. – Awaiting Outcome.

The Chairman advised Members that contact had been made to discuss linking up the Bovis play park with the other Open spaces as discussed previously with Bovis as part of the Open Space review subcommittee's findings. District Councillor Middlebrough advised It was important to clarify the maintenance agreement regarding the Bovis site play park.

The Clerk advised that the walk about with Bovis had been arranged for Tuesday 24th September. The Chairman and District Councillor advised this was important to ensure roads were adopted.

18) CORRESPONDENCE

- Resident regarding Community facilities – CCTV, members discussed this and decided it wasn't practical and that the policing reports did show small pockets of crime but not a significant amount for the maintenance and up keep of CCTV. District Councillor advised it may give the Village a feel of more crime than there actually was.
- Resident regarding branches on Village Green-The Clerk has asked the lengthsman to look and would contact WDC regarding the tree cut back if the lengthsman advised it was required.

- Resident regarding speeding on Stonebow Road – Members and the District Councilor discussed what further measures could be taken and it was decided to get the new VAS operational in the area and see what the data showed before further progression with WCC.
- X2 Residents regarding hedge cutting letters-The Clerk asked Cllr Turner to review the two hedges and advise if they were obscuring the pavement enough to warrant cut back during bird nesting season. The Pavement should be easily passable with a buggy and toddler at any time of year.

19) INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.00pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Drakes Broughton and Wadborough Parish meeting

Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton Parish Council annual meeting

Thursday 16th May 7.00pm at St Peters Church Pirton - Pirton Parish meeting

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.