

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), Cllr M Ward (Vice Chair), Cllr D Proctor, Cllr T Pell, Cllr R Turner, Cllr R Small, Cllr J Driscoll, Cllr S Wynn, Cllr A Crouchman & Cllr M Gardner

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk), County Councillor R Adams & District Councillor P Middlebrough

**PUBLIC:** N/A

**1) APOLOGIES**

Cllr M Griffith, Cllr F Mead, Cllr J Yeo & Cllr L Wild.

**2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

N/A

**3) LOCAL POLICING**

The Clerk read the police report for January:

On the 10<sup>th</sup> January it was reported that a Landrover Discovery had been stolen from a property in Walcot Lane. The vehicle was later recovered in Oxfordshire.

A report of damage to a vehicle in Woodleigh was received on the 13<sup>th</sup> January.

The Police are aware that a number of white vans have recently been seen in the area. It is believed that these vans are looking for scrap metal and the police are following up enquiries that they might have been responsible for the theft of batteries in the village. Enquiries are still ongoing to clarify this.

**4) MINUTES**

The minutes of the PC meeting of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were proposed by Cllr Crouchman, seconded by Cllr Gardner, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**5) MATTERS ARISING**

- Maintenance of ditches

The Clerk confirmed that the lengthsman had visited the Brickyard Lane ditch with Mr Eccles who confirmed it was not his land. It is thought to be Mr Ike's land, members asked the Clerk to write to Mr Ike. The Clerk confirmed that second letters, as requested at January's meeting, had been sent regarding the ditch on Beech Ave and the ditch on Stonebow Road.

- Vehicle activation sign location.

The Chairman confirmed the sign was now located on Stonebow Road. A discussion arose as to whether the sign was located on the correct side of the road and in which direction it should be facing. The Clerk was asked to check that it is on the right post. It was agreed that the sign should do a period of time facing in each direction.

- Walkabout in Drakes Broughton with Roof Top - Update

The Chairman confirmed the walk about had taken place on 17<sup>th</sup> January with representatives from Roof Top, the Parish Council and the County Council. Both the Chairman and Cllr Small reported that they felt it had been a

worthwhile meeting. since the walkabout an internal meeting has taken place at Roof Top to look into the suggestions, discussions and actions agreed on the day. These include tidying the carparking areas at the Top and bottom of Woodleigh and review of lighting in these areas and undertaking a review to see what can be done to increase roadside parking. The Chairman is hopeful to see progress.

- Wadborough walkabout

The Chairman confirmed that Highways had provided a works order regarding the pot hole by the level crossing. The Clerk confirmed the Sidings Road pot hole had been reported, but as yet had no response has been received from highways. The Clerk summarised the email from the Highways department regarding the state of the road from the level crossing to the Abbotswood junction. The highways engineers had visited the site and deemed the road from the level crossing towards Wadborough was in more urgent need of attention and that the outgoing road wasn't requiring work.

- Stonehall Common Parking

The Clerk confirmed she had written to Kempsey Parish Council on behalf of the Parish Council offering support to a parking scheme on the east side of the common.

- Precept

The Clerk confirmed the precept request has been sent to Wychavon and that the PC proportion of the council tax would actually be a reduction as the precept had remained the same however the number of households had increased.

- Stonebow Culvert

The Clerk explained that the lengthsman has reported that the problems with the culvert are a landowner issue. A discussion arose around this and it was decided the Clerk should report this via the hub in the first instance. Cllr Turner agreed to forward photos to the clerk.

- Grit Bins – Drakes Broughton

The Clerk advised she had been directed to WCC regarding this matter. Cllr Middlebrough confirmed there was a county wide programme to fill all the grit bins. Cllr Adams advised the Clerk to email his highways contact about the request for a new grit bin discussed at last month's meeting.

- Playing Field conifers

The Clerk confirmed she has written to the resident regarding this.

## **6) VILLAGE HALL ELECTRICS – Grant/Loan.**

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee had identified some problems with the electrics and although the electrics are safe work is required and it is likely that a request for a grant/loan will be submitted to the Parish Council. Cllr Proctor asked members if they would support the writing of a letter to support to a grant application that is being made by the Village Hall Committee. The Chairman asked that she request the Village Hall Committee to formally request this via the clerk.

## **7) REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- (a) District Councillor Paul Middlebrough – Cllr Middlebrough said that things were fairly quiet at the District Council at this time. Further to last month's meeting he advised that the District Council, council tax increase would be 0%. He also confirmed that the New Homes bonus scheme would continue but the

monies would only be available for larger scale projects. He confirmed that the County Council, Council tax increase would be circa 4% and the police and fire service elements would also see an increase on households. Cllr Middlebrough confirmed that good progress was being made on the Parkway station and that it would see its first trains stopping there in Easter 2019. He foresaw some road delays as the new roundabout was constructed. He confirmed this was to be located between the two existing railway bridges.

**(b) Members Reports**

Cllr Gardner reported the theft of a strimmer in Wadborough, Cllr Gardner also reported that all the drains had been recently cleared and jetted by the County Council.

Cllr Small reported a plethora of pot holes on Brickyard lane, from Upper Broughton farm all the way to the B4084. Cllr Small advised that the service road on the B4084 had been churned up by the recent building work and asked the Clerk to ask the lengthsman to undertake repair work.

Cllr Proctor reported that the static caravans were still occupied, and it was supposed to be 'off season' Cllr Middlebrough advised he would take this up with enforcement.

Cllr Wynn advised that the passing signs on Stonehall common were not yet in place and also asked for an update on the 30MPH extension. The Clerk was asked to raise this with County Councillor Adams. Cllr Wynn reported a black van taking photos outside Pool House in Pirton.

Cllr Pell reported that the bus times were changing again and that there were ongoing meetings with First Midland.

Cllr Crouchman advised that the masons Arms is being advertised for sale.

Cllr Butterworth advised that a meeting regarding fundraising for and with the Village Hall Committee had been arranged at 1.30pm 7<sup>th</sup> February in Pirton.

**8) COMMUNITY MONEY – Update on amounts available via New Homes Bonus, 106 and unilateral agreements.**

The Chairman updated members on the monies available now and into the future via 106 agreements and unilateral agreements, she drew attention to a recently circulated spread sheet outlining each development and the monies available and for what. The figures had been confirmed and verified by WDC. Cllr Wynn questioned that it appeared all to be allocated to open space and queried regarding funding towards the refurbishment of the village hall. The Chairman confirmed that the 106/unilateral agreements had strict criteria for its purpose. The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Wild was working closely with the Open Space Review committee and the consultants they had engaged. The Chairman then confirmed that there is currently circa £61,000 available via the New homes bonus scheme. This money is intended to be spent on larger projects £10K plus and that evidence of community consultation and engagement is required to release the funds. It is intended that the Parish Council host a public consultation event in April where the Open Space Review committee can seek opinion on the proposals, both for the long term and the short term development for the Open Spaces and where the Village Hall Committee can seek public opinion about refurbishment and re development of the Village Hall.

**9) TASKS FOR LENGTHSMAN**

Cllr Small confirmed that the lengthsman had cleared around the garages quickly and efficiently but would need access to the garages to finish the clearance. The Chairman requested the Clerk put the lengthsman in touch with Tony Gibbs from the football club to gain access to the garages

Cllr Small asked the Clerk to request the lengthsman dig grips on Brickyards Lane from the top down to the bend beneath Upper Broughton Farm. Cllr Small also advised that the drains on the service road adjacent to the B4084 required clearing out. Cllr Small advised the lengthsman has been asked to undertake some tidy up work on Woodleigh.

## 10) FINANCE

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

It was proposed by Cllr Pell and seconded by Cllr Driscoll to authorise the following payments:

a. Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerk’s Salary –January	£452.30
b. Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman –January	£220.00
c. Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields –January	£28.80

Remittance – The Clerk confirmed that the residents’ donations towards the solicitor’s fee for Walcot Lane appeal had started to be received and she had so far received 7 payments of £46.88 out of the 16 expected they were as follows:

R Lees  
D Saunders  
L Knowles  
I Spencer  
T Bradbury  
K Skillern  
S Williams

## 11) PLANNING

### a) Public consultation event – Bovis Development

The Chairman confirmed this was scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm – 7.30pm. Bovis have sent leaflets to households in Drakes Broughton. Posters were distributed at the meeting for the Parish Notice Boards.

### b) Comments made to planning authority:

W/17/02505/RM Land Adjacent, Glassier, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. Application for Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission ref: W/14/01611/OU for development of up to 110 dwellings, including 40% affordable housing, structural planting and landscaping, informal open space, children’s play area, surface water attenuation, a vehicular access point from Worcester Road and associated ancillary works. Following a meeting of the Drakes Broughton planning committee detailed comments have been submitted.

W/18/00024/HP Deerfold Cottage, Besford Road, Wadborough, Worcester, WR8 9HE. Implementation of planning permission W/16/02088/PP for two storey side/rear extension, new chimney and front entrance canopy to property. Construction of detached garage/store with games room above and detached summer house. Alterations to existing entrance area and gates and replacement of boundary fences without compliance with condition 7 (drawing numbers) to allow amended design of extension. Recommend Approval.

W/17/02403/FUL Thorndon Farm, Windmill Hill, Stoulton, WR7 4RR. Conversion of existing outbuilding to holiday let accommodation. No Comment as outside our NP boundary.

W/18/00093/FUL Woodmancote, Mill Lane, Wadborough, WR8 9HB. Implementation of planning approval W/16/02866/PN for a new build 4 bedroom cottage to garden area adjacent to Woodmancote, to include part removal of existing garage of Woodmancote and new vehicular access without compliance with condition 2 (drawing numbers) to amend position of side boundary to rear dwelling. No Objection.

### c) Applications Approved: N/A

### d) Applications Awaiting comment: N/A

## **12) CORRESPONDENCE**

Open Space Review Terms – Cllr Wild’s amendments & comments.

Parkway Stakeholder meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February – Cllr Crouchman confirmed she is attending.

WCC Snow guidance

Spring Parish Council Conference

Members confirmed that they had received this correspondence.

### **INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Monthly Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and for all the work they are doing on behalf of the local community. The meeting closed at 9pm.