

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2018 AT 8.00 PM AT ST BARNABAS FIRST & MIDDLE SCHOOL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), Cllr D Proctor, Cllr T Pell, Cllr R Turner, Cllr L Wild, Cllr J Driscoll, Cllr F Mead, Cllr S Wynn, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr J Yeo & Cllr M Gardner

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk) & County Councillor R Adams

PUBLIC: Mr J Cooper, Mrs S Skilling & Ms L Wood.

1) APOLOGIES

Cllr M Griffith, Cllr M Ward, Cllr R Small & District Councillor P Middlebrough.

2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Wild & Cllr Proctor declared an interest in planning application W/18/00090/OUT

The Chairman then closed the meeting for members of the public to speak:

Mr J Cooper raised concerns over a second planning application for 10 houses in Walcot Lane. He advised members that he was in correspondence with the planning inspectorate at Bristol regarding this. He advised members that he and other residents of Drakes Broughton are unhappy with the level of new houses gaining planning permission and raised concerns regarding the effectiveness of the neighbourhood plan. The Chairman thanked Mr Coper for his comments and advised that the planning application was tabled for discussion under agenda item 12.

Ms L Wood was representing the Village Hall Committee and was there to give background to a formal request for a grant from the PC towards the new heating at the Village Hall. Ms Wood explained that the Village Hall had obtained quotes and had chosen a preferred supplier for the heating. There were two options 1. Heating for the main hall, kitchen and Lewis room at a cost of £12178. Option 2. Just install heating in the main hall. Ms Wood explained that the Village Hall would be applying for a grant from Wychavon towards the heating and Ms Wood had attended a meeting at Wychavon, she had been advised that a sizable grant from the PC would show the Village Hall Committee had PC support and the funding grant application would be made stronger by this endorsement. Ms Wood explained that due to the lack of heating bookings have dwindled and due to various other remedial works that had been required over the past 6-12 months the Village Hall funds were depleted, but they would still contribute £1000 towards the heating, they also have a pledge of £45 from Chatter Box and Ms Wood had spoken with the Village Events Committee who were happy to direct the £2000 originally pledged for a piece of play equipment towards the heating cost instead. Ms Wood confirmed she had 26 letters of support from users and potential users who would like to see the heating installed.

The Chairman drew members attention to the current PC financial situation, advising that over the past 2/3 years the PC had budgeted £3750 towards the hall that had not been spent, she also drew members attention to the current bank balance/surplus.

Cllr Wild queried if the heating would be a waste once the planned rejuvenation of the hall could take place, Ms Wood confirmed the supplier had been chosen as they had agreed to remove and store the heating during any refurbishment and then reinstall after, so that no money would be wasted. Cllr Wild asked regarding a clear time plan master document for the future plan for the hall. Ms Wood confirmed that this was required but not in place as yet. The Chairman confirmed to Cllr Wild that refurbishment was the preferred option due to cost. This being circa £75K with a new build hall being circa £700K. Cllr Wild asked regarding the subsidence and advised Ms Wood to look at the Hall insurance to see if there was a claim to be made.

The Chairman advised members that she thought that the PC should support the Village Hall Committee and advised that real progress had been seen since the committee was reformed just over 12 month ago.

Cllr Gardener asked if there was an additional cost if it was done in stages. Ms Wood advised each stage would attract an £150 additional cost due to a safety check.

Cllr Wild asked why the Hall Committee were not heating the foyer and the toilets, Ms Wood advised that it was likely that the toilets in the refurbishment would not be in the same position.

Cllr Wild stated his support for giving funds towards this, but he would like to see a costs plan for the whole works. The Chairman advised that there would be a separate committee for the NHB scheme.

Ms Wood concluded that the grant they were looking for would be £5133.81 with the WDC grants, the Village Events money, Chatter Box donation and the £1000 from the Hall fund they could get all but the toilets and foyer heated. This was proposed by Cllr Wild, seconded by Cllr Crouchman and agreed by all members.

The Chairman explained to members that the WDC grant should it be awarded would be paid in arrears and asked members if the PC would offer the £4000 as a loan to the VHC, all members agreed. Cllr Gardner asked re VAT and the Chairman explained that as the Village Hall was a registered charity and they would be able to claim all the VAT back.

The meeting proper was re-opened.

3) LOCAL POLICING

The Clerk read the police report for end of January/February:

On the 29th January a theft of car batteries was reported at a property in Shrubbery Road.

On the 15th February the police received two separate reports in Woodleigh. The first was criminal damage to a front door and the second was a break into a garage, though nothing was stolen.

Finally, there was a report of a burglary at a building site on Worcester Road where numerous power tools were stolen.

Cllr Wynn reported that the planter had been stolen from the green on Pirton and it had been reported to the police so queried why it did not appear on the report. The Clerk agreed to email the police contact and find out.

4) MINUTES

The minutes of the PC meeting of February 1st, 2018 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Driscoll, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5) MATTERS ARISING

- Maintenance of ditches

The Clerk explained that she had been advised by WDC that the writing of letters to the landowners had been seen as a formal approach and the PC do not have authority to make a formal request for the ditches to be cleared. Further to this advice the lengthsman will meet Ian White the land drainage inspector to ascertain the correct route forward regarding the three ditches identified.

- Walk about in Drakes Broughton with Rooftop – update from Chairman

The Chairman advised members that the Rooftop representative had confirmed the tidy up of the area would be completed first and that availability of any additional funding to improve the car parking in the area will not be known about until April. The Chairman will continue to lobby Rooftop for the needed improvements especially to the car parking.

- Static caravans

The Chairman confirmed she had been in contact with District Councillor Middlebrough and he was liaising with enforcement regarding this, Cllr Proctor & Cllr Turner confirmed there were lights on all through the night indicating residents on site.

6) REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- (a) County Councillor R Adams – on behalf of District Councillor Middlebrough said that with regard to the planning application for an additional 10 houses on Walcot Lane, he encourages the community to make comments on the application.

Cllr Adams confirmed that the new County Council CEO should be in place by the end of April and reported that sadly the interim CEO passed away unexpectedly. Cllr Adams confirmed the budget increase of 4.94 with 3% ring fenced for adult care. Cllr Adams passed to members an update on the County infrastructure. Cllr Adams advised that traffic lights would be in operation from Stonebow Road onto the A44 to fix the solar panel by the end of the week.

The Chairman reported her update from District Councillor Middlebrough also confirming the situation with the planning application on Walcot Lane, Cllr Middlebrough had confirmed he was working with the enforcement team regarding the ongoing occupation of the static caravans. Cllr Middlebrough was working with the Chairman and the legal team at WDC to ensure the 106 provisions from developers included Pirton. This has now been amended for the 110 houses behind the school but needs adjusting for Bovis 90 and the 32 on Walcot Lane, the Chairman explained this is so Pirton residents received equal rights on social housing as the rest of the Parishes.

(b) Members Reports

Cllr Wynn reported that the new planter at Pirton village green had been stolen and had been reported to the police.

Cllr Proctor reported a pot hole at the junction with Shrubbery Road and Walcot lane. The Chairman asked the clerk to photograph and report this to the WCC Hub.

The Chairman asked Cllr Proctor for an update on the DB notice board, Cllr Proctor advised she had been assured by the contractor that it would be back in situ by mid-March.

Cllr Pell reported that she had attended a meeting regarding the buses that morning, there would be further changes to the timetables. Cllr Pell will create an update for the Villager. Cllr Pell advised that a letter had been received about an additional late-night bus service from Worcester to the villages and that First Midland would look into the viability, they would be working with the Young Peoples council in Pershore to research the likely uptake.

Cllr Turner reported that the VAS sign did not appear to be operational. The Chairman asked the Clerk to report this to the lengthsman. Cllr Turner reported that the 30MPH sign at the bottom of Stonebow Road had been knocked around. The Chairman asked the Clerk to report this to WCC Hub.

Cllr Wynn asked County Councillor Adams for an update on the missing passing place signs at Stonehall Common. Cllr Adams confirmed he was chasing this with the appropriate department. Cllr Wynn asked regarding the extension of the 30MPH zones around Pirton. Cllr Adams advised that this was not deemed necessary and the advisory note from the Highways Department was passed to Cllr Wynn.

7) COMMUNITY MONEY – Agree date for public consultation event, discuss structure of the event and responsibilities.

The Chairman advised members that there was £30K to be spend on open spaces available now and that there had already been an extension to the time it was to be spend by. She explained that 106 monies can be accessed without public consultation but the NHB money must have a full public consultation to access the funds. A discussion arose surrounding the best date for the public consultation on the master plan for the open spaces and the long-term plans for the Village Hall. The Chairman explained that there is £500 in the PC budget to run this event and foresaw a need for tea/coffee/wine as well as advertising costs. The members agreed the date for the public consultation would be Friday 11th May and will run from 3-7.30pm. The Chairman asked for volunteers, Cllr Gardner offered to leaflet drop to Wadborough. Cllr Driscoll & Cllr Pell volunteers plan and organise the event. Cllr Wynn offered to do the tea/coffee at the event.

8) TASKS FOR LENGTHSMAN

In the absence of Cllr Small and nothing reported members agreed the lengthsman was up to date.

9) VILLAGER UPDATES

The Chairman advised members that she and the Vice Chair had discussed the need for more regular and more structured updates on a monthly basis to the Villager. The Chairman suggested that the Villager update becomes a regular agenda item to allow members to select what needs to be included. Members agreed. Members advised that for inclusion this month needs to be:

Community Consultation

Woodleigh and the Roof Top walkabout

Bovis homes update from the public consultation.

10) FINANCE

The monthly reconciliation of cash and other monies received was undertaken for February by Cllr Wild.

The Chairman updated members on the PC current financial position and suggested a finance review meeting be held prior to the PC meeting on a quarterly basis. She asked for volunteers to be part of this review meeting. Cllr Ward had agreed at the pre-meeting. Cllr Driscoll & Cllr Wild volunteered to be a part of this review committee.

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

a. Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerk’s Salary –February	£452.30
b. Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman –February	£220.00
c. Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields –February	£28.80
d. Taya Wilson – Topographical Survey of playing fields	£250.00
e. E.on Energy Solutions Ltd – Repair to column 6 at Lewis Close	£223.80

Remittance – The Clerk confirmed that the residents’ donations towards the solicitor’s fee for the Walcot Lane appeal were continuing to be received and this month the following had been received:

J Wild

C Hooper

Cllr Wild advised the clerk that he would furnish her with a list of all members of the residents’ group that were donating.

11) PLANNING

a) Public consultation event – Bovis Development

The Chairman confirmed that there had been good attendance at the event on the 7th February. She confirmed the consultation boards from the event were currently displayed on the PC website. The Chairman advised members that the biggest concern raised at the event had been concern about the junction from Stonebow Road onto the B4084. The Chairman raised the concerns regarding the B4084 having two large developments

building at the same time and the disruption likely to be seen getting into and out of the village with County Councillor Adams. Members also raised concerns regarding netting being used in the hedges to prevent bird nesting and that it might indicate a construction access off Stonebow Road which would not be welcomed.

b) Comments made to planning authority:

W/17/01954/HP Freshfields, 75 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, WR10 2AP. Ground floor rear kitchen extension. No Objection.

W/17/01943/FUL Applegrove, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AG. Erection of a three bedroom bungalow – outline permission – all matters reserved. Recommended Refusal.

W/18/00090/OUT Land to the South of, Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton. Outline planning application for the development of up to 10 dwellings and other ancillary works. Recommend refusal.

c) Applications Approved:

W/17/02286/HP Blue Gate, Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton. Two storey side extension creating extra bedroom and downstairs wc plus proposed loft conversion.

W/17/02403/FUL Thorndon Barn, Windmill Hill, Stoulton, WR7 4RR. Conversion of existing outbuilding to holiday let accommodation.

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.

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 two (drawing numbers) to amend position of side boundary to rear of dwelling.

W/17/02557/HP 2 Caldwell Cottages, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AG. Single storey extension to form ancillary accommodation in connection with 2 Caldwell Cottage.

d) Applications Refused:

W/17/02489/FUL Woodview, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AQ. Proposed new dwelling.

12) CORRESPONDENCE

WCC Highways Regarding the Culvert on Stonebow Road – The Clerk advised members that Highways Dept was aware of the broken-down culvert on Stonebow and it was on a schedule but there was priority to areas where homes were flooding.

County Council regarding grit bins – The Clerk advised members that there was a county wide review of the grit bin provision and that she had informed the review of the PC requests for additional grit bins.

Statement of Community Involvement

Letter from resident regarding field purchase for dog walkers on Stonebow Road – not something members wished to progress at this time.

Letter from K Skillern requesting the PC to support the residents committee in objecting to the planning application on Walcot Lane for a further 10 houses.

Letter regarding the netting in the hedgerows and access to development land from K Lloyd – as discussed under planning.

Telephone call from J Taylor requesting a 20MPH speed restriction past the school and advising of difficulties being caused by parking with the new access to the Kendrick development being near to the junction with Shrubbery Road – The Clerk would liaise with the police regarding parking and Cllr Adams advised he would liaise with Highways regarding both the issues.

INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5th April 2018 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Monthly Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman gave special thanks to Cllr Wild for getting the topographical survey done so quickly for the Open Space review committee and also for Cllr Pell for her work distributing the new local bus timetable to so many residents. She thanked everyone for their attendance especially considering the last-minute change of day and venue. The meeting closed at 9.35pm.