

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5th APRIL 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

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

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

PUBLIC: N/A

1) APOLOGIES

Cllr R Small, Cllr S Wynn & County Councillor R Adams

2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

N/A

3) LOCAL POLICING

The Clerk reported that no report had been received this month.

Cllr Gardner reported that a strimmer and other tools had been stolen in Wadborough earlier that week.

4) MINUTES

The minutes of the PC meeting of March 5th, 2018 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Proctor, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5) PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY - Drakes Broughton

The Chairman reported that after careful consideration Cllr Griffiths had tendered his resignation. All members agreed that Cllr Griffith had been invaluable and would be greatly missed. The Clerk was requested to put the vacancy in the villager report and the Chairman advised the vacancy would be advertised on the Parish Notice Board. The Chairman asked the members if they could make the community aware of the vacancy.

6) MATTERS ARISING

- Maintenance of ditches

The Clerk advised that she had had contact from the Land Drainage inspector regarding the ditches at Brickyards Lane and Stonebow. He advised that he would contact the landowner regarding Brickyards Lane ditch, however Stonebow ditch was not a land drainage issue and the purpose of the ditch was for highways drainage therefore it was a matter for WCC highways department. The Clerk advised she would contact WCC highways regarding this.

The Clerk advised members that the ditch at Beech Ave had been cleared by the lengthsman. A discussion arose around the litter in that area and it was suggested a new litter bin was purchased from Wychavon to be sited at the entrance to the foot path, further to that, Cllr Wild suggested that a litter bin was also required at Walcot Lane, near the stile/salt bin. The purchase of these two

additional litter bins was proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Wild and agreed by all members. The Chairman asked the Clerk to arrange the purchase with WDC.

- Static caravans

The Chairman asked District Counsellor Middlebrough for an update: Cllr Middlebrough advised that the 'off' season had now passed and reported that a case file remained open for the next 'off' season. He stressed that evidence and affidavits maybe required if action is to be taken as there is potential that the matter would have to be resolved through court action. The Chairman asked the Clerk to table as an agenda item for November.

- 106 Agreement Amendment - update

The Chairman advised members that new appointment Carol McDermot Roberts had made contact and would be amending the agreements in conjunction with the developers to facilitate equality in status for housing applications in the new developments. Cllr Middlebrough confirmed she had good background knowledge of the situation.

- Passing Places Stonehall Common – update

Members asked the Clerk to email County Councillor Adams for an update.

- Speed activation sign - Cllr Turner advised that the Speed Activation sign was not working. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the lengthsman
- Area opposite shops in Drakes Broughton – notice board, bench, phone box etc.

Cllr Proctor confirmed that the contractor had advised the notice board would be back in place by next meeting. A discussion arose regarding the bench and Cllr Wild volunteered to look at it to see if he can refurbish it. The Clerk advised BT had been asked to clean the phone box and Cllr Pell agreed to check if this had been completed; the Clerk agreed to rereport if it hadn't been done.

7) STONEHALL COMMON PARKING – Response from Kempsey PC

The Clerk read the response from received from Kempsey PC, who overall support the request for parking facilities to be created on the east side of the common, however at the current time Kempsey PC had no funds available to be used to fund any project for parking on the common.

Cllr Middlebrough, as County Councillor for Kempsey, offered to pursue this with the Highways department and keep members updated; if further action from the PC is required he will advise.

8) WOODLEIGH STREET SIGN

The Chairman advised members of a request from Miss Hayden for a "cul de sac" sign on Woodleigh. A discussion arose, and it was decided a tall cul de sac sign from County Council would be more beneficial than a new street sign with cul sac on it, especially as it is primarily required to deter lorries where their sat nav send them into Woodleigh incorrectly. The Chairman asked the Clerk to respond to County Councillor Adams.

9) REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- (a) District Councillor Middlebrough advised members that WDC had revised NHB arrangements and there would be a letter detailing this in due course. Everything already built up in the funding pot is protected and moving forwards there will be a 3 million community legacy fund established and made available for PC to request funds from for large projects with each Council able to make 2 bids per year. The projects must have proven community support. There will also be a team at WDC to help access funding from other areas.

Cllr Middlebrough was pleased to report that the Village Hall Committee bid for funding towards the heating for the Hall had been approved.

Cllr Middlebrough advised that Bovis have submitted their reserved matters application and that Sanctuary Housing were having to adjust theirs due to the housing mix put forward. It is now unlikely that building will start in the Autumn as previously thought.

Cllr Wild asked regarding the SWDP review, Cllr Middlebrough advised that many lessons had been learnt and that a preference for large full developments would be preferable to smaller additions to existing villages.

(b) Members Reports

Cllr Crouchman reported a team of WDC litter pickers had done an excellent job throughout Wadborough.

Cllr Wild updated members regarding the van seen letting dogs foul on Brickyards Lane after the Clerk had received a note regarding this from the local landowner Cllr Wild has been in touch with the relevant agencies and is awaiting further update from the rural crime officer at WDC.

Cllr Turner advised that the 30PMH sign on Stonebow still hadn't been repaired. The Clerk would chase this up.

Cllr Mead asked regarding broadband in Pirton. The Chairman advised that all meetings and agreements were in place and that the timescale was due to the poor weather.

Cllr Pell updated members regarding the buses – the x50 has had problems pulling into the bus stop due to builder's materials and this had been reported to First Midland Red. There had been reports of buses not turning up at some of the scheduled times and Cllr Pell was following it up with First Midland Red.

10) COMMUNITY MONEY – Public consultation event 11th May

The Chairman advised members that at the recent Open Space Review Committee meeting it had been suggested that there should be a meeting with all parties involved i.e. VHC and PC members along with the review committee and the Consultants, as custodians of the plans, prior to the public consultation event. This is scheduled for Thursday 19th April. Documents to review prior to this meeting will be circulated in due course.

11) LENGTHSMAN CONTRACT

Cllr Gardner advised the Cllr Small had allocated tasks and was happy with the completion. The Chairman drew attention to the advertising and review held last summer, of the role and person currently contracted. All members agreed they were happy to issue the current contractor a new

12-month contract for the lengthsman duties as well as the litter picking contract and the bus shelter cleaning contract. The Clerk will issue and arrange for signing with the contractor.

12) TASKS FOR LENGTHSMAN

Members from Wadborough and Pirton asked if the lengthsman could look at the ditches on the road between Wadborough and Pirton in light of heavy rain recently and water on the roads. The Clerk advised that the broken post at the Village Hall would be removed safely by the contractor.

Cllr Wild reiterated the need for a monthly sweep of the play park.

13) VILLAGER UPDATES

The Chairman advised members that she and the Clerk had pre-prepared the villager report from the Parish Council, She advised that key items included this month are, advertising of the Annual Parish meetings, Advertising and details of the public consultation event and of the PC vacancy for Drakes Broughton; all members were happy with this.

14) FINANCE

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

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

a. Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerk’s Salary –March	£452.30
b. Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman –March	£220.00
c. Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields –March	£28.80
d. Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Quarterly bus shelter cleansing	£30.00
e. DB Villager – Village Magazine grant	£100.00
f. St Barnabas Church – Church Grant	£150.00
g. One Creative Ltd – 1 st stage initial payment for open space review	£720.00
h. One Creative Ltd – 2 nd Stage Payment for master plan of open space review	£1440.00

Remittance – WCC £440.00 Lengthsman reimbursement.

15) PLANNING

a) Drakes Broughton Planning Comments – Process review

Cllr Wild advised members that the current process has been in place for 11 months and during this time the PC have responded to 34 planning application. Cllr Wild raised his concern that not all Drakes Broughton Councilors were responding for each application. A discussion arose around responding and Cllr Wild was thanked for the effort he goes to, to provide summaries for each application to help members make comments. The Chairman asked members to continue to use the agreed process for a further 3 months and asked for a review to be scheduled for then.

b) Sanctuary Development

The Chairman updated members regarding discussions over the name of the development. She advised that due to feedback regarding names of other developments Sanctuary are now considering 'The Old Orchard'

c) Comments made to planning authority:

W/18/00394/AGR Wheatlands Farm, Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AL.

Application for prior notification of agricultural development- proposed agricultural building for general store/workshop. Comments sent.

W/18/00320/HP Broadlands, Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton, WR10 2AL. Rear extension and raising the roof to create improved first floor accommodation, and garage extension, to dormer bungalow. No Objection.

W/17/02199/FUL The Old Coal Yard, Windmill Lane, Stoulton, Worcester, WR7 4RP. Amendment to original planning application – No additional comments made.

W/18/00504/RM Langham, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton, WR10 2AG. Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping layout and scale of the proposed dwellings forming part of the outline approval W/16/02429/OU. Comments made regarding layout and parking, drainage and the need for a passing bay.

d) Applications Approved:

W/17/01954/HP Freshfields, 75 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Wr10 2AP. Ground Floor rear kitchen extension.

W/17/02066/CU Lower Walcot Farm, Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton. Implementation of planning permission W/03/00921/CU for the conversion of agricultural outbuildings to extend residential accommodation and rebuild dilapidated building without compliance with condition 2 to allow amended design.

e) Applications Refused:

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

f) Applications Awaiting comment:

16) CORRESPONDENCE

VHC Grant – Thank you received from VHC

J Bugbird – Street Lights

The Clerk advised that an overhanging tree had been obscuring the light near J Bugbird's home, this had been removed by the lengthsman

A Fox – Woodleigh

R Eccles – Dog Fouling

J Webber – Woodleigh

The Clerk advised all had been responded to as per previous minutes or in the case of Mr Eccles as per the update from Cllr Wild.

SWDP Briefing slides.

INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7.00pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall - Drakes Broughton and Wadborough Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 3rd May 2018 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Monthly Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10th May 7.00pm Pirton Annual Parish Meeting – Pirton Church

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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