

## DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Monday 24 January 2022 in Dodford Church at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Scott Fuller, Lynne Griffin, Rachel Jennings (Chair), Rory Lydon (Vice Chair), Jonathan Shapiro, and Jenni Schuett.

**In attendance:** County Cllr Shirley Webb, District Cllr Drew Beaumont, Clerk Kay Stone and two members of the public

#### 1. Apologies

Cllr Scottie Sanderson

#### 2. Declarations and Register of interest

- i. None
- ii. Cllrs Lydon and Sanderson for item 9

#### 3. Dispensations

The acceptance of the dispensation requests from Cllrs Lydon and Sanderson for item 9 were approved.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public attending the meeting to raise matters of interest.

A resident reported mud on Priory Road the previous week and also asked why the 30mph speed limit did not start at the entrances to Dodford.

The meeting continued as follows:

#### 4. Meetings

- i. Cllr Griffin proposed, Cllr Shapiro seconded, and all approved the minutes for the meeting held on 22 November. The minutes will be signed when current health restrictions permit.
- ii. After discussing possible venues, a vote took place between Dodford Church and sharing the Village Hall on a Monday evening for the next four meetings. Two Councillors voted for the Village Hall and four voted for Dodford Church. It was proposed by Cllr Lydon, seconded by Cllr Schuett to pay Dodford Church £30 for the meeting hire.

#### 5. Reports

- i. County Cllr Webb reported:
  - a. the surface dressing will take place in Fockbury Road and Yarnold Lane around 22 February 2022;
  - b. traffic strips will go down within a couple of weeks to monitor traffic before and after the Perryfields development. These will record speed and number of vehicles and Cllr Jennings requested the size of the vehicle would be helpful as well;
  - c. a business case has gone forward to the Department of Transport for the development of the A38, and
  - d. she will introduce Richard Clewer's replacement as soon as she is able to.Cllr Webb was asked why the repair to the Priory Road footpath was outside Whynot Cottage and not The Old Post Office. Cllr Webb will chase up with Worcestershire County Council (WCC).  
Cllr Jennings highlighted the sheer drop off the road surface between Nutnalls in Warbage Lane down to the junction with Dordale Road and also in Yarnold Lane.
- ii. District Cllr Beaumont reported:
  - a. Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) Environmental Services will be looking at changing waste collection;

- b. BDC is in partnership with Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) for installing CCTV cameras to catch fly tippers;
  - c. a working group will be set up to look at getting BDC to net zero and the decarbonisation BDC service vehicles. Also looking at solar panels on all BDC buildings;
  - d. cashless payment system in BDC car parks. The Churchfields Multi Story to be long term parking with permit only;
  - e. empty homes will be charged more the longer they are left empty, and
  - f. BDC applied for a Levelling Up Fund and received £14.5m which will be spent on developing the Windsor Street site as a residential mixed use site and also upgrading the Bird Box on the former market hall site. Both developments to be completed by 31 March 2024.
- iii. No report on the CALC Area Meeting held on 8 December as no-one was able to attend.
  - iv. No report on social media.
  - v. The Clerk reported:
    - a. a resident contacted Cllr Webb about a safety concern on the gates on a bridle path through Randan Woods by Highwood House. Cllr Webb responded to say she has been advised that this is in hand and as it is part of the Royal Hunters Walk it will be dealt with by an officer soon;
    - b. a resident has complained about dangerous dogs at High Wood House jumping up at the fence and scaring walkers. The Clerk has been instructed to contact the Police;
    - c. there were issues the previous week regarding mud on Priory Road. The Clerk reported this to WCC and contacted the owner of the property where the mud was coming from. The owner reported back that the contractor had ordered a sweeper for later that afternoon and the following afternoon. WCC reported back that they had received other complaints about the state of the road and would be sending an inspector out and put up mud on road signs; and
    - d. Bournheath Parish Council do not look after any dog poo bins and the nearest BDC one to Valley Road is on Tuppenny Cake at the junction of Valley Road, Rocky Lane and Doctors Hill.

## 6. Planning

- i. The Parish Council has no comment to make on prior approval planning application 21/01834/CUPRIO – Spout House Barns, Fockbury Road – Change of use of agricultural building into three dwellings.
- ii. No planning decisions received from BDC.
- iii. No planning appeals or appeal decisions received.
- iv. Enforcement and Environmental
  - a. The case is closed on the alleged branch of an extension to right of Muffins Hill.
  - b. Cllr Shapiro received an update from the owner at Sumach which he shared with the Parish Council.
- v. No other planning issues.

## 7. Highways and footpaths

- i. Priory Road footpath issue covered under item 5i..
- ii. Bridleway issue in Randon Wood covered under item 5a.
- iii. Resurfacing issues has been covered under item 5ia.
- iv. Cllr Webb has forwarded the suggest village signs wording to WCC Liaison Manager and will report back as soon as she can.

## 8. Grants

No grant requests received.

## 9. Memorial Garden

The Clerk to send the collaborated design to WCC Highways, via Cllr Webb, for approval by the end of February. Once received the Clerk to seek quotes from landscape contractors by advertising in the Parish Magazine and the Dodford Residents Facebook page. The quote to be for total work and also

to be broken down in pieces. Cllr Shapiro wished to formalise thanks to the working party and to remove conflicts of interest on this item.

**10. Councillor Emails**

The Clerk to source each Parish Councillor having a Parish Council email.

**11. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

No grant requests received. A suggestion was made to rename the Memorial Garden to mark the Jubilee.

**12. New Residents Welcome Pack**

Councillors were reminded to send their contribution to the Clerk by the end of January.

**13. Finance**

- i. Cllr Jennings proposed, Cllr Griffin seconded and all approved the acceptance of the quarterly reconciliation as at the end of December 2021.
- ii. The December Financial Report:  
Deposit account as at 29 November 2021 - £22,020.38  
Current account as at 29 November 2021 - £236.07  
It was acknowledged that payments were made by bank transfer on 20 December:
  - a. Clerk’s salary - £412.14
  - b. HM Revenue and Customs - £103.00
  - c. Lengthsman duties for November 2021 - £105.00
  - d. Parish Magazine Printing - £34.70
- iii. The January Financial Report:  
Deposit account as at 29 December 2021 - £21,779.56  
Current account as at 29 December 2021 - £41.23  
Payments to be made by bank transfer on 25 January – Acceptance proposed by Cllr Jennings and seconded by Cllr Griffin:
  - a. Clerk’s salary - £412.14
  - b. Clerk’s expenses - £115.40 (Travel, 12 miles @ 45p per mile £5.40; Storage £10; use of telephone and internet £10; and Membership of Town & Country Planning Association by credit card £90.00))
  - c. HM Revenue and Customs - £103.00
  - d. Lengthsman duties for December - £210.00
  - e. Worcestershire CALC – 2 online training sessions for Cllr Fuller - £72.00
- iv. The Precept request was signed by Cllr Lydon as Vice Chairman as Cllr Jennings had broken her right shoulder.

**14. Correspondence received – for information**

None received that had not already been covered in the meeting.

**15. Councillors items**

None.

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Signed.....Chair