

NOTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2022 AT 7.30 PM HELD ONLINE.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chair), Cllr T Pell, Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr R Bessant, Cllr J Murphy, Cllr R Roberts, Cllr M Williams, Cllr J Yeo & Cllr A Crouchman & Cllr S Cullen

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Linda Robinson, District Councillor Mark Ward & Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk)

PUBLIC: Ms K Cullen (Observing for CiLCA training)

1) APOLOGIES: Cllr Boniface, Cllr Small & Cllr Turner.

2) MEMBER VACANCY DRAKES BROUGHTON & PIRTON

The Chair welcomed Stephen Cullen to the meeting. Mr Cullen was co-opted to represent the Drakes Broughton Ward – The Co-option declaration was signed and was to be returned via post or email to the Clerk.

Cllr Cullen was welcomed to the meeting.

The Chair advised that there remained a vacancy for the Pirton Ward that was currently advertised.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4) MINUTES

The notes from the meeting held on 1st February 2022 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Williams, agreed by all and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5) MATTERS ARISING

None

6) FINANCE

Streetlighting Electricity Contract renewal – The Chair advised that prices cannot be obtained as the market is currently frozen due to the conflict in the Ukraine. The Clerk will confirm with the current supplier the contract end date as noted at the Annual Parish Council meeting as 4th June 2022 but the broker has suggested end date is 30th April 2022 and that variable rates could be very expensive.

Year to date accounts - The Chair advised that the accounts and year to date spend up to 25th January had been circulated. The PC was within the approved budget, and she asked if there were any queries. There were none.

The Clerk confirmed due to some adjusting and errors found within the financial ledger the reconciliation for February would be completed the following week.

Members noted the following payments to be made this month:

These were proposed by Cllr Tanfield and seconded by Cllr Pell

a)	Mrs. N Nicholson – Clerk Salary –February	£488.45
b)	Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman Services – February	£209.00
c)	Mr B Arrowsmith – Play Park grounds maintenance – February	£66.00
d)	OPUS Energy Ltd – Monthly streetlight electricity	£11.24

e)	OPUS Energy Ltd – Monthly Streetlight electricity	£230.03
f)	Worcester Container Hire– VH Container hire - monthly	£72.00
(Legacy Grant)		
g)	Paul Richardson -7 th stage Payment VH Building work	£94,279.32
(Legacy Grant)		
h)	Martyn F Harley – VH Tree stump grind out	£199.20
(Legacy grant)		

Remittance: WDC 106 payment - £39177.00

7) DRAKES BROUGHTON PLAYING FIELD ISSUES UPDATE

- a) Flooding on the Playing Field – The Chair advised that the PC had been advised that WDC legal team have been in touch with Elan Homes who have until 14th March to provide a firm timetable for the work that is required. The Parish Council continues to press to try and get this resolved; there is a continued concern about the impact that this absence of any action by Elan Homes is having on local residents and the surrounding land.
- b) Play Park Snagging List and Safety Check
The Chair advised Sutcliffe Play are returning to the site to repair/renew the wayfarer path, the work requires a frost-free period and therefore the work is booked in for late April/early May. This will mean that, although the playing field will remain open, the area around the path will be fenced off for the period it takes to complete the work. The work will be completed, and fencing removed by 20th May in readiness for the Queens platinum jubilee and Village Hall Big Lunch on 5th June.
- c) Trees – The Open space Group have reported that the trees on the playing field boundary are in need of attention. It is suggested that the landowner is asked to arrange for a tree survey to be done by a tree surgeon to ensure there isn't a danger of the trees falling on the public playing field.
- d) Litter Bins – There was a general discussion regarding the litter bin requirement at the Play Park, it was thought that the three bins installed by Sutcliffe Play were unlidded and perhaps could be replaced by lidded bins. The Clerk was asked to approach WDC and to see if they can install replacement, lidded, serviced bins.
- e) Signage – The Chair thanked Members for their responses and agreement to some additional signage at the infant play park reminding users of the age limit and to try and keep the older children off the equipment. The signs are in the process of being ordered and should be in-situ for the next PC meeting.

The Chair advised that the phase 2 drawings for the open space had been circulated and encouraged members to review and make comments – The Chair advised that once the proposal for the next stage of development for the Playing Field is agreed then this would go forward to public consultation. Cllr Bessant drew attention to the proximity of the trees discussed earlier to potential site for equipment in phase 2.

8.) VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT – progress update

The Chair advised that the work was progressing at quite a pace now and that the builder has confirmed the completion will be in time for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The financial tracking spreadsheet maintained by Cllr Tanfield had been circulated. Several things have been added to the works as they were identified as being needed, these works have been previously circulated for members to see.

The small, village hall build working party is continuing to work hard to make decisions about things linked to the building work as well as continuing to ensure that things are in place to ensure that when the hall

reopens things run smoothly and that the building becomes a real community asset. More volunteers are always required the Chair encouraged Members or others in the community to come forward.

There is a small working party who are making plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and Village Hall reopening event which will take place in the hall and on the Playing field on Sunday 5th June 2022. Volunteers again are required to help with organizing or on the day. Please contact the Cllr Butterworth.

9.) AREA OUTSIDE THE SHOPS – progress update

Cllr Roberts led a discussion on the best approach to improving the area around the shops in Drakes Broughton. It was noted that all owner/tenants had now been in touch and were willing to enter a discussion on how to improve the area. Cllr Roberts thought a professional body with experience of these types of regeneration maybe required. The Clerk had approached a builder for an initial price. The Chair thought a working party should be formed, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Pell, Cllr Williams and Cllr Butterworth volunteered.

10.)SWDPR

The Chair advised that she had attended a liaison meeting with Wychavon DC regarding the SWDPR and Cllr Pell had attended the subsequent Parishes Committee meeting to discuss the proposed development by Worcestershire Parkway railway station. There are still big concerns within the Parishes committee about the absence of information and in particular about absence of proposals for the road network. It was disappointing to note that there wasn't anyone representing WCC at the liaison meeting so there was no opportunity for any discussion about the road infrastructure. The Parish Councils want to share information with the communities that may be most affected during the building of a town ahead of the public consultation period for the SWDPR that will run through July/ August. To this end there will an article in the next edition of The Villager and information being made available on Parish Council websites. Additionally, the Parish Councils will be set dates for local presentations/meetings to provide opportunities to share knowledge so that people can participate effectively in the public consultation if they want to.

11.)VAS

The new Elan style VAS will be ordered once the fittings to the existing post has been confirmed by WCC highways liaison Officer.

12.)DRAKES BROUGHTON FORD

The Chair advised that another rescue had been made from a stranded vehicle at the Drakes Broughton ford in the past month and Members wished again to raise their concerns regarding the lack of warning signage. They remain concerned as although a new barrier system has been promised in the interim period before it arrives there is still danger to life. Cllr Linda Robinson confirmed that Drakes Broughton was still third in the list for the level crossing style barriers, and she had now been informed they would not be automatic barriers as have been previously thought and require manual closure. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted the WCC Highways liaison Officer following the report of this months stranded vehicle to appeal for improved approach signage ASAP and before the instillation of the new barrier.

13.)MEETING WITH DBFC

The Chair advised that representatives of Village Hall and Parish Council recently had a productive meeting with representatives of the Football Club. It was agreed that these meetings ought to take place at least 6 monthly to try to ensure that we are all working together for community benefit.

14.)PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Chair advised that celebrations are being planned in the communities for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. In Drakes Broughton celebrations will include a Big Lunch event on the Playing field and in the Village Hall on 5th June and in Pirton plans are being made for an evening event on Thursday June 2nd and a Big Lunch event on 5th June. Cllr Murphy advised that Wadborough are also organising an event, the date is TBC.

15.) PARISH MEETINGS 2022

The Chair advised that the Parish meeting were planned and would include consultation on the 2nd phase of the open space as well as briefings and information regarding the SWDPR.

Dates are Thursday 12th May Drakes Broughton, at St Barnabas First & Middle School 7:30pm & Thursday 24th May Pirton at St Peters Church, Pirton 7:00pm.

16.) REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Reports from County & District had been circulated prior to the meeting **County Councillor Robinson:**

Cllr Robinson advised that the dropped curbs at the Drakes Broughton shops were imminent.

Cllr Robinson advised that WCC had increased the lengthsman grant.

Cllr Butterworth thanked Cllr Robinson for her contribution to the community defibrillator for Wadborough.

Cllr Robinson suggested she request traffic monitoring for Wadborough following an email from a resident regarding speeding and increased traffic volumes, there was a discussion and Cllr Yeo suggested that monitoring should be actioned on both Mill Lane & Station Road.

Cllr Bessant suggested that the solar VAS currently on Stonebow Road could be relocated to Wadborough and data could be collected via that.

Cllr Crouchman asked regarding the monitoring that had been observed at the level crossings and asked could this data be shared. Cllr Robinson thought not as this was a network rail monitor rather than highways monitoring.

District Councillor Ward

Cllr Ward advised that the WDC bulky waste collection service had resumed.

Cllr Ward advised that the barrier installation at Abbey Park to stop travellers accessing the grounds had begun.

Members Reports

Cllr Couchman advised that she had attended a presentation about Pershore Wellbeing Hub and The Volunteer Centre. Sadly, despite extensive publicity turnout was poor, but the information about the two facilities was very helpful. The Hub is keen to engage with people from surrounding villages and younger residents and welcome those interested (or just curious) to 'pop in' to see what services and support is available.

Cllr Yeo noted that there had been some break ins in Wadborough and via his active 'Wadsapp' group there had been a call for CCTV to monitor vehicles coming into and out of the Village. Cllr Williams thought there were concerns regarding CCTV and GDPR which effect use of the information in court.

Cllr Tanfield noted that the Pirton bench still hadn't been installed – The Clerk would chase this up with the Highways liaison officer.

Cllr Bessant advised that the open space group planting at the play park were looking at hawthorn as it would be easily maintained and form a good barrier between car park and play park – she asked for volunteers for the planting day to contact her. The plan was to coincide the planting with the resurfacing of the wayfarer path.

Cllr Butterworth explained that Pirton were planning a 'Big lunch celebration and asked for permission for the playing field to be used for the event. Members gave permission to Pirton residents. The Members agreed.

Cllr Murphy noted that the Wadborough event would likely be outside the Masons Arms.

17.) PERIODIC HIGHWAYS REVIEW

The Chair thanks Cllr Roberts and Cllr Small for reviewing the Highways and reporting local issues. Cllr Roberts congratulated WCC on increasing the lengthsman payment.

Cllr Roberts advised that a suspicious vehicle had been observed in Drakes Broughton and had been reported it to West Mercia police.

Cllr Roberts advised that he had and could report suspicious vehicles to West Mercia police.

18.)VILLAGER SUBMISSION

The update had been submitted and included date and time of the Parish meetings and advice regarding the SWDPR consultations.

19.)PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon DC: 22/00236/AGAR Land At (Os 8815 4772) Swanbrook, Pirton. Proposed agricultural irrigation pool. No objection with comments, permitted development, now approved.
- b) 22/00237/AGAR Location as above, agricultural glasshouse. No objection with comments regarding a public meeting held by Pirton residents with concerns. Permitted development, now approved.
- c) 22/00176/HP 2 Sydgate, Mill Lane, Wadborough. First floor side extension, single storey extension and new porch. No Objection.
- d) Applications Approved: 21/021717/HP 62 Shrubbery Road, Drakes Broughton. Two storey rear extension.
- e) Applications Refused: 21/02996/FUL Thorndon Grove, Windmill Lane, Stoulton. Conversion of existing bans including link extension, to replace approved residential conversion. Resubmission of planning permission 20/01714/FUL to include two storey rear extension.
- f) Applications Awaiting comment: 22/0371/HP Fir Tree Cottage, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. Rear extension to replace conservatory, and alterations to side entrance
- g) Appeals: N/A
- h) Planning Correspondence: N/A

20.)CORRESPONDENCE

- PC to District Council regarding Oak Tree TPO Stonebow Road.
- Natural Networks Webinar
- WDC Community Flood support
- Wadborough resident regarding speeding.
- As one community project.
- Pirton resident regarding Glasshouse application
- Wadborough resident regarding speeding – replied to by Cllr Robinson.

21.)INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council will be meeting in person on **Thursday 7th April 2022** at 7.30pm at the school in Drakes Broughton

****Note the Queens Jubilee Bank Holiday 2nd June so the Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 9th June.**

Meeting closed 21.15.