

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 23 June 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vic Dawson, Rachel Jennings, Terence Lee, Alwyn Rea, Richard Scott and Clerk Kay Stone
County Councillor Sheila Blagg and District Councillor Brian Lewis were also in attendance

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Richard Harper gave his apologies which were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Personal interests – none declared
- ii. Prejudicial interests – none declared

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of interest/items for the next agenda:

- i. A resident brought to the Council's attention the new noise on the M5/M42 intersection due to rubber markers which have recently been adhered to the chevrons and are causing problems for residents when lorries run over them. The clerk was asked to write to the Highways Agency about this representation, copying in Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Senior Highways Engineer and Councillor Sheila Blagg.
- ii. Cllr Sheila Blagg brought to the Council's attention changes at West Mercia Police and also the news that it is looking hopeful that resurfacing and filling in pot holes in Victoria Road will happen.
- iii. Cllr Brian Lewis informed the Parish Council that Cllr Caroline Spencer is the new Civic Head of Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) and Cllr Janice Boswell is the Deputy.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 28 April 2011

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Dawson after which they were signed by the Council Vice Chairman as being a true record.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 19 May 2011

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Scott after which they were signed by the Council Chairman as being a true record.

5. Reports

The Clerk reported:

- i. Her holiday dates for this year are 1 – 15 July.

- ii. After discussing the weekly CALC updates it was decided that the Clerk would continue to receive these and only pass on relevant information to the Council.

6. Planning

- i. The meeting were advised that at the Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting, Cllr Vic Dawson was elected Chairman of the Planning Committee Meeting.
- ii. Minutes of the meeting on 31 May had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.
- iii. Bromsgrove District Council Enforcement Officer, Iain Mackay, has agreed to attend the next Planning Committee Meeting and this has been arranged for Monday 25 July at 10.30am.
- iv. A letter has been received from WCC Senior Highways Engineer following his recent visit to the village and he is hopeful that the work in Victoria Road will be carried out but not the work to the footpath in Priory Road as the cost for this work is estimated to be in the region of £30,000.

7. Parish Plan Review

Cllr Rea recently attended a Parish Council Forum and reported that we should go ahead with our Parish Plan review although this might take a different form once the Localism Bill is in force.

8. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Cllr Dawson proposed and Cllr Lee seconded that Phil Richardson should continue as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

9. Councillor co-option

Cllr Rea reported that there are two people interested in joining the Parish Council and he will invite them to forward a brief resume for the Council to vote.

10. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct does not need to be revised and so there is no action required.

11. Standing Orders

Revised Standing Orders were circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Dawson that they be accepted.

12. Worcestershire Agreement

- i. The proposed Worcestershire Agreement from WCC has been circulated and Councillors were asked to send their comments to Cllr Rea who will then liaise with the Clerk to send comments back to WCC before the next meeting.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to put a piece in the Parish Magazine about the vacancy of a Tree Warden.

13. Worcestershire County Council Consultation on “Landscape Character Assessment, Supplementary Guidance”

Cllr Rea will read through the proposals and was delegated to respond accordingly.

14. Finance

Approval of the payments due for June set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Dawson.

15. Correspondence received

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted – but which required no further action.

16. Councillors Items

- i. Cllr Rea reported on his recent visit to talk to the owner of the Chennai Restaurant regarding customers parking creating a safety issue at the crossroads. If the problem persists it was suggested the Parish Council could ask WCC to erect bollards on the grass verge.
- ii. Cllr Lewis reported on his recent visit with Cllr Rea to the owner of Crossroads Garage.
- iii. Cllr Jennings brought to the Council’s attention graffiti which had appeared on the road sign in Priory Road at its junction with Fockbury Road and asked if the Lengthsman could clean this.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Signed.....Chairman