

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 28 July 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Vic Dawson, Richard Harper, Terence Lee, Alwyn Rea, Richard Scott and Clerk Kay Stone. District Councillor Brian Lewis were also in attendance

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Rachel Jennings gave her 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 that as a neighbour of Rosedene, there was no consultation from Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) about the National Trust's application until he read the Parish Council's comments in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk was asked to write to Kevin Dicks at BDC about this representation.
- ii. A resident brought to the Council's attention that the hedge at Rosedene had been badly cut at 11pm one night by a contractor. The Clerk was asked to write to Rebecca Aubrey-Fletcher, Property Manager for North Worcestershire, at National Trust.

### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 23 June 2011**

Cllr Jennings asked the Clerk to make it clear that 6.iv. in the minutes should mention the work in Priory Road is to the footpath. This was amended to read – "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". Approval of the Minutes was then proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Scott after which they were signed by the Council Chairman as being a true record.

### **4. Reports**

The Clerk reported:

- i. The Lengthsman, Allen Farnsworth, will be on holiday 23 September till 3 October and will not be available by phone.
- ii. Worcestershire County Council (WCC) is asking for topics for the agenda and/or exhibition for the 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Conference on 18 October. The Clerk was asked to write to WCC putting forward the Council's suggestion for "Localism Bill and what it means to Parish Councils"; and also an "Update on wind turbines – does the Council have a policy yet?"

- iii. NALC and the National Training Strategy for Town and Parish Councils have launched an e-learning tool for councillors. It is intended for new councillors but also serves as a refresher for the more experienced. It is at [www.ntselearning.co.uk](http://www.ntselearning.co.uk). The Clerk is still waiting for dates for training sessions in September.

## **5. Planning**

Minutes of the meetings held on 27 June and 25 July had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.

## **6. Parish Plan Review**

This need to be dovetailed in to the new Worcestershire Agreement and the Localism Bill once finalised and so will be ongoing.

## **7. Councillor co-option**

Two residents have expressed an interest in being co-opted on to the Parish Council and this will be carried forward to the September meeting to discuss at the end of the meeting in a closed meeting to the public.

## **8. Worcestershire Agreement**

The Clerk was asked to circulate a hard copy of the Worcestershire Agreement to all Councillors and this will be discussed at the September meeting.

## **9. Worcestershire County Council Consultation on “Landscape Character Assessment, Supplementary Guidance”**

As agreed at the June meeting Cllr Rea read through the proposals and responded accordingly.

## **10. Finance**

- i. The Bank Reconciliation as at the end of June 2011 was noted
- ii. Approval of the payments due for July set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Lee
- iii. Approval of the August payments to the Lengthsman and the Clerk’s basic pay to be paid on 25 August 2011 was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Harper

## **11. Correspondence received**

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

## **12. Councillors Items**

The Clerk confirmed she had not received any feedback on our comments about the speeding on the A448

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed.....Chairman