

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 22 September 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vic Dawson, Rachel Jennings, Terence Lee, Alwyn Rea, Richard Scott and Clerk Kay Stone.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Richard Harper gave his apologies post meeting.

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 the height of the hedge at The Woodlands in Priory Road was causing concern to neighbours. Action – Parish Clerk to ascertain more information on regulations about acceptable height of hedges in the Conservation Area.

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

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

4. Reports

The Clerk updated the Council on replies to correspondence and as a result was asked to:

- i. Request a speed survey from Worcestershire County Council (WCC) on a Sunday morning on the A448.
- ii. Request a sign be erected by WCC warning of farm vehicles turning outside Park Farm.

5. Planning

Minutes of the meetings held on 5 August, 1 and 20 September had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Scott that representation is made to Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) asking for all consultations, including revised planning applications, are sent to the Parish Council for review.

6. Parish Plan Review

It was proposed by Cllr Dawson that all work on the Parish Plan Review be deferred until more is known about the impact of the Localism Bill.

7. Worcestershire Agreement

The Clerk was asked to advise WCC that under 5.3 businesses should also have a say regarding planning applications.

8. Worcestershire County Council Winter Service 2011/2012

The Clerk was asked to ascertain from WCC that the charge for grit bins was for additional bins and that WCC would still maintain existing grit bins.

9. Finance

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

10. Correspondence received

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted from which the following required further action:

- i. Cllr Rea and the Parish Clerk will assist with the Raffle at the Dodford Village Hall Autumn Fayre.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to place the information on WCC Broadband Plan on the MyParish web site, Village Hall notice boards and Parish Magazine.

11. Councillors items

- i. Action is required on the overhanging trees on Niblett's Hill and a fallen tree in Alfreds Well.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of Chennai Restaurant about the increasing safety concern with regards staff parking in Fockbury Road

12. Councillor co-option

The public were asked to leave the meeting to enable the Parish Council to discuss the co-option of an additional Councillor to fill the vacancy following the May election. It was proposed by Cllr Dawson, seconded by Cllr Scott and unanimously agreed by Councillors that Mrs Vicky Churchill be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....Chairman