

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 17 November 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Vic Dawson (Acting Chairman), Rachel Jennings, Richard Scott and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Richard Harper, Terence Lee and Alwyn Rea gave their 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 Parish Council's attention that the hedges in Yarnold Lane needed to be cut. The Clerk was asked to request the Lengthsman put polite notices through resident's letter boxes
- ii. A resident brought to the Parish Council's attention that the hedge outside Hawthorn Cottage in Priory Road had been cut but the cuttings had been left on the footpath. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners and in addition mention hedges being cut and cuttings in the next edition of the Parish Magazine

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27 October 2011

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

4. Reports

The Clerk gave her report and was asked to invite Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) Tree Officer to the end of the next Planning Committee meeting to show him the overgrown Leylandii hedge in Priory Road. The Clerk was also asked to put the School and Nursery parking problem on the agenda for January.

5. Planning

- i. Minutes of the meetings held on 7 November had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting
- ii. It was agreed that the Planning Committee meetings would still be arranged on an ad-hoc basis
- iii. It was agreed to appoint Stewart Vick as the Planning Consultant for long term enforcement issues. Three Councillors voted in favour and one Councillor abstained
- iv. The Clerk reported that a phone call had been received from one of the Enforcement Officers at BDC to say that she had visited Kenwood and that the extensions were in accordance with permitted development
- v. The Clerk read out BDC and the Parish Council Chairman's comments on the installation of solar panels to resident's properties in the conservation area and it was agreed that

this would be mentioned to the Planning Consultant. The Clerk was asked to put the issue of solar panels on the next Planning Committee agenda.

6. Neighbourhood planning regulations consultation

The Clerk distributed the questionnaire and asked each Councillor to complete and return at the December meeting to be incorporated in to the response from The Parish Council by 5 January 2012.

7. Woodland Road

- i. The Clerk was asked to invite Richard Clewer to look at the surface in Woodland Road by the end of November. It was suggested that photographs should be taken before the bad weather breaks up the surface and Cllr Dawson volunteered to do this
- ii. The Clerk was asked to involve County Councillor Sheila Blagg regarding the change of priority issue in Church Road / Victoria Road and to add this item to the next Planning Committee Meeting agenda

8. Speed signs

The Clerk asked if this could be carried over to the December agenda as she had insufficient information to bring to the Parish Council at this stage.

9. Queens Jubilee and Olympics 2012

This item to be carried over to the December agenda.

10. Grant applications for 2011/2012

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Churchill and agreed that the following grants would be awarded:

- i. Dodford Village Hall - £500
- ii. Dodford PCC - £500
- iii. Citizen's Advice Bureau - £100
- iv. Dodford Children's Holiday Farm - £250
- v. WRVS Community Car Scheme - £50
- vi. Macmillan Cancer Support - £50
- vii. County Air Ambulance - £50

It was agreed to move £150 out of the contingency budget into the grants budget to cover the extra grants for 2011/2012. The Clerk was asked to write to HOPE Africa and Severn Area Rescue Association advising them that the Parish Council were unable to support them this year.

11. Finance

- i. It was agreed that the Precept would remain the same as last year and that £150 would be moved out of the contingency budget into the grants budget for 2012/2013
- ii. Approval of the payments due for November set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Jennings

12. Correspondence received

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted and the Clerk was asked to reply to Sajid Javid's letter that the Parish Council felt Kevin Dicks had not answered their query.

13. Councillors items

- i. The Clerk was asked to notify Worcestershire County Council (WCC) of the damaged kerb stones in Priory Road between Little Dodford Farm and the Church

- ii. The Clerk to ask WCC to check on the culvert bridges in the village due to potential damage caused by heavy lorries
- iii. To consider a grant to Bromsgrove Street Pastors in next year's budget
- iv. The Clerk was asked to find out more about the Untidy Land Act
- v. The Clerk was asked to advise the Parish Council when the Lengthsman was last in Priory Road and to ask the Lengthsman to clear up the leaves in Priory Road

14. Clerk's salary

This item to be carried over to the December agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed.....Chairman