

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th JUNE 2024 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chair), Cllr Pell, Cllr Grisdale, Cllr D Skeys, Cllr Maureen Williams, Cllr R Bessant, Cllr Turner, Cllr A Masters & Cllr Mark Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Robinson, District Councillor Liz Turier and Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk)

PUBLIC: None

1) APOLOGIES:

District Councillor Rob Adams, Cllr R Booker, Cllr S Roberts & Cllr L Abercrombie.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Planning application 00650/FUL. Cllr Butterworth advised she is known to a member of the applicant's family and Cllr Pell advised she is related to a member of the applicants family.

Public Participation: None

3) MEMBER CO-OPTION

Mr Adrian Masters was co-opted onto the Council to represent Pirton ward, members introduced themselves and welcomed Cllr Masters to the meeting.

4) VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS TO REPRESENT DRAKES BROUGHTON WARD.

The Chair advised that there remained two vacancies for Drakes Broughton Ward, Cllr Grisdale advised he is aware that a member of the public is interested in applying and would send contact detail to the clerk.

5) MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 2nd May 2024 were proposed by Cllr Mark Williams, seconded by Cllr Skeys, agreed by all and signed by the Chair as a true record.

6) MATTERS ARISING

Parish Meetings –The Chair advised that the format and timings of the Parish meetings had worked well, however it had since found out that the Annual Parish meeting cannot be held before 6pm.

Drainage Cover Walcot Lane – Cllr Grisdale advise that Severn Trent were undertaking a site visit with a view to addressing the noisy drain cover in Walcot Lane.

Pirton Grouping Order – No further progress.

7) FINANCE

The monthly bank reconciliation for May had been completed and confirmed by Cllr Skeys and Cllr Maureen Williams, and the reconciliation was signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Pell and seconded by Cllr Mark Williams to authorise the following payments:

a) Mrs. N Nicholson – Clerk Salary May – S/O	£600.00
b) Mrs N Nicholson – remainder of clerk salary May	£26.28
Note HMRC employee deductions £69.60 last month and £69.60 this month	
To be paid quarterly by 22 nd July.	
c) Mr. B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman Services – May	£280.00
d) SSE – Streetlighting monthly electricity	£404.18
Should be Direct Debit but wrong account number on confirmation letter, now amended.	
e) Smart Cut – grass cutting	£476.74
f) S Carlyle – Annual internal Audit fee	£80.00
g) Pirton PPC – Roome hire Annual Parish Meeting	£20.00
h) Wychavon District Council - New litter bin install & emptying	£302.01

Remittance: WCC Lengthsman reimburse April £280.00

8.) PLAYPARK and PLAYING FIELD.

The Chair advised that Smart Cut had quoted £800 plus VAT to install the 2 brake springs required on the zipline. Members discussed the price difference from the Sutcliffe SW price of £1706.66. The clerk was asked to ascertain that the quotes were like for like, and what if any, warranty either company was offering.

If the quote from Smart Cut was a like for like quote, it was proposed by Cllr Butterworth and seconded by Cllr Mark Williams to get the work completed by Smart Cut, all members agreed.

County Councillor Robinson advised that Peopleton had a zipline and it may be worth contact the Peopleton Parish Council regarding who they used for repairs.

Cllr Turner confirmed he was doing the weekly checks, there were no issues to report and the checklists were passed to the clerk for the records.

Cllr Pell advised there had been an incident the previous day at the Park with a man hiding in bushes who seemed to be taking photographs of children playing, she had been contacted by the parents and the police had been informed, the pictures of the individual had been retrieved from the Village Hall CCTV and passed to the police. The Police have agreed to increase their patrols. Cllr Pell has informed the School.

Play Park signage was discussed, there was a need to remove the Covid sign, include a disclaimer and add more NO DOGS signage. The clerk was asked to add a notice regarding the Play Park & Playing Field being NO DOGS in the Villager report.

9.) OPEN SPACE PHASE 2 UPDATE:

The Chair read the update from Cllr Booker as follows:

There have been two meetings of members of the PC and interested parties so far.

It is generally agreed that the priority will be the delivery of the path around the park before other works are considered.

There are differences of opinion regarding the far entrance of the park (on Walcot Lane) and if and what should happen to this entrance.

1. Close if off.
2. Relocate existing gate and then close off previous entrance location.
3. Leave gate as it exists and install a 'kissing gate' at far end, clear and tidy surrounding area ensuring maximum visibility for traffic on Walcot Lane which currently is extremely poor and a potential high-risk area.
4. To meet with Highways, request their advice on what is possible regarding gate relocation and what their requirements will be from the PC.

Costings are required before any action is taken on the above element of work. Whilst there is a phase 2 working party it is my opinion that it is the PC that will make the final decision on any works undertaken for phase 2.

The Path.

Members of the working party have visited other parks with a view to understand how other PCs have worked and delivered their park facilities. Particularly paths and pump tracks.

Cllr Maureen Williams has obtained an estimate (non-committal) regarding the costings of a path (approx. 500M) with other associated works (eastern boundary hedge clearance/thinning) that will require consideration as part of the delivery of phase 2.

Another estimate has been obtained (non-committal) from a local supplier which differs from the other estimate.

Cllr Butterworth has obtained estimates regarding the eastern end hedge work from our current field works contractors.

A meeting with Wychavon is being setup to take place in late June early July for discussion about the concept Master Plan for stage 2 of the Open Space program. This meeting will provide an opportunity for confirmation of the processes that will be needed to be followed by the PC in meeting Wychavon requirements regarding 106 monies etc.

10.) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Chair advised that the contract between Kirkwells and the Parish Council had been signed.

Cllr Grisdale advised that Kirkwells are currently reviewing our Neighbourhood Plan against the latest Government Legislation and best practice guidelines.

District Councillor Turier advised that she had asked the WDC planning legal team if there was a way to protect the green spaces whilst reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan but there wasn't.

11.) ROAD SAFETY – Speed watch & VAS

Cllr Bessant advised the Police and Crime Commissioner along with the Deputy Constable had attended a recent speed watch session, there was a photoshoot & a press write up as the OPPC is celebrating 10 years of Community Speed Watch.

Cllr Bessant advised she had taken the opportunity to raise the hurdles and frustrations that they had encountered setting up the speed watch including the convoluted vetting process. The discussion on the day was that it maybe wasn't necessary, which would be really welcomed, but she

hadn't heard anything since. She still had volunteers needing vetting, and some vetted requiring training.

Cllr Bessant had also raised speed limit reviews for bottom of Stonebow Road and B4084.

It was noted that any member of public can report dangerous driving such as running the red light on the B4084 via operation SNAP.

Cllr Bessant was hopeful that the mobile speed camera would be coming to Drakes Broughton, she was awaiting a date.

12.) COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

The Chair asked if members were happy for her to approach Sanctuary and Bovis regarding installing Community Notice boards in their developments to try get information more readily out to the new residents. Members unanimously agreed.

13.) REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

County Councillor Robinson - Report circulated prior to meeting.

Cllr Robinson advised that there was still a need for a New Secondary School at Worcester and although Pershore High was the catchment school for Drakes Broughton she was sure a number of pupils would access the new school for a variety of reasons.

Cllr Robinson advised the Worcester Royal Hospital had seen an improvement in its critical care figures, but still over requires improvement.

Cllr Robinson advised that the Red Arrows would be flying over on Saturday.

District Councillor Turier

District Councillor Turier advised that the planning application for 53 homes at Thornleigh would be going to Planning committee on 20th June, she advised that due to General Election preparation the Committee meeting would be held at the Town Hall and not be able to accommodate so many in the public gallery.

Cllr Turier advised that she had requested the street cleaner to Drakes Broughton, members thanked Cllr Turier and advised that it had been, however the number of parked cars often mean it can't complete a through clean.

Other reports as necessary:

Cllr Skeys acknowledged the D Day anniversary, 80 years when so many fought to preserve our democracy and freedoms.

Cllr Mark Williams advised that the Wadborough Village Association had held a meeting attended by a wide age range 30's – 90's, approx. 28 residents attended.

Cllr Bessant noted fly tipping on Stonebow Road – The clerk advised that this can be reported via WDC website and is usually collected very swiftly.

Cllr Turner advised of a SORN vehicle, potentially abandoned by the Rooftop Garages, it was thought to be Rooftop or residents of Rooftop responsibility to report and not something the parish council could readily address.

It was noted that the Hedge at the Play Park alongside Walcot Lane was very overgrown, this was due to the wet conditions meaning the winter hedge cut had not happened and once bird nesting season had passed it would be addressed.

It was noted that due to all the building work along Brickyard Lane lorries are often blocking the public Highway and were requiring road users to reverse up the Lane or wait prolonged amounts of time. This would be reported to WDC Planning enforcement and WCC Highways dept.

14.) HIGHWAYS MATTERS & tasks for lengthsman

Cllr Bessant asked if the grass around the VAS signs could be cut back.

A discussion arose regarding timing for moving the VAS on B4084 and the clerk was asked to request the move ASAP, and it was thought the rotations should be 12-weekly.

Cllr Mark Williams asked for the vegetation around the 30MPH Road signs to be cut back, from Littleworth to Wadborough.

The tree overhanging the VAS sign in Wadborough needed cutting back.

County Councillor Robinson advised that sewerage tankers had been seen again at the Sanctuary Estate.

County Councillor Robinson advised she was looking to use her Highways funding for some 'Dragon's teeth' for either end of the 40MPH zone of B4084 and Cllr Bessant suggested another location of the Railway bridge on Stonebow Road.

15.) VILLAGER REQUEST & SUBMISSION

The Chair advised that the Villager Committee had approached DBWPPC and Stoulton Parish Council regarding funding towards increased printing costs. Historically the costs were very cheap due to a Villager Committee member working for a local school. This deal was no longer available, and commercial printing costs were much higher than advertising revenue.

Cllr Mark Williams advised that this had been raised at the Wadborough residents' meeting with only 15-20% looking at requiring a delivered paper copy, indications were that an accessible online copy would be welcomed.

Cllr Mark Williams and Cllr Maureen Williams offered to gather some local information to pass to the villager and members agreed a hybrid villager with fewer printed copies maybe a good way forward. Pirton members undertook to collect information from Pirton residents about preferences for online or printed copies

The Chair and the Clerk would compile the Parish Council update for the June edition of Villager

16.) PLANNING

- Report back from WDC liaison meeting re Parkway
The Chair advised that the entire 'Parkway Town' proposal was delayed by circa 1 year.
- Worcestershire Parkway Development Joint Parishes Committee Petition "Healthcare and Infrastructure BEFORE Housebuilding"
The Chair encouraged members to talk to local friends, family and residents and encourage as many people to complete the petition as they could, hard copies were available at the Village Hall, Masons Arms and Phone Box, Pirton.
- Meeting with Director of Planning and Infrastructure – The meeting is arranged for 19th June to gather talk about Planning related issues, including the Neighbourhood Plan, Village recategorization, housing allocations in SWDPR . .
- DB – category 1 classification – The Chair advised that the village currently remained a Category 2 but there were recommendations for it to become a category 1. The Chair and the members reviewed the requirements of the Village regarding category 1 criteria, it was a point-based system, requiring 14 plus points to meet category 1 criteria, there were a number of facilities that could be inadvertently counted more than once or taken out of context. E.g. there is a cash machine, but it is within the shop, and it is only available when shop is open, and it is a chargeable facility.

- Report back from planning committee meeting re W/24/00473/PIP Chevington Mead, Brickyard Lane, Drakes Broughton. Permission in principle for the construction of 1 no. dwelling. The Chair advised that PIP applications can only be refused on limited criteria such as location and that the main detail of any application is addressed during the technical detail's application stage, there was not enough reason for the Committee to refuse this at this stage but there would need to look in detail and the technical application and decide more then.

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon: W/24/00407/HP Corner Cottage, Station Road, Wadborough. Replacement of existing shed/garage (retrospective). No objection.
W/24/00650/FUL Wheatlands Farm, Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton. Application for silage, muck store, slurry storage and effluent tank facility. Objection submitted.
W/24/00886/HP Woodland House, Mill Lane, Drakes Broughton. Detached tractor/workshop – no objection.
W/24/00950/HP 4 Greenfields Close, Drakes Broughton, Pershore. Single storey mono pitched roof front extension. No objection.
W/24/00938/TDC5 Greenacres, Mill Lane, Drakes Broughton. Application for technical details following grant of Permission in Principle (ref W/22/00540/PIP) for a self-build dwelling. Objection submitted; this is a large building for the plot size.
- b) Applications Approved: N/A
c) Applications Refused: N/A
d) Applications Awaiting comment: N/A
e) Appeals:

APP/H1840/W/23/3334104. Land at (Os 9215 4883) Windmill Lane, Stoulton. Permission in Principle for construction of up to 3 no dwellings. APPROVED BY INSPECTOR

APP/H1840/W/24/3336448 Land at (OS 9310 4833) Brickyard Lane, Drakes Broughton. Application for permission in principle for min of 6no dwellings and max of 8no dwellings. Reiteration of objections sent to Inspectorate.

Awaiting determination: 53 Houses at Thornleigh, as discussed earlier in the meeting is on the agenda for June Planning Committee.

17.)CORRESPONDENCE

- WCC Waste & Recycling information.

INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council Monthly meeting **Thursday 4th July 2024 at St Barnabas First & Middle School Hall.**
The meeting will start at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 21.40.