

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chair), Cllr Grisdale, Cllr Maureen Williams, Cllr Turner, Cllr Booker, Cllr Abercrombie, Cllr Bessant & Cllr A Clarke.

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

PUBLIC: None

1) APOLOGIES:

District Councillor Rob Adams, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Masters, Cllr Pell and Cllr Skeys.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

Public Participation: None

3) VACANCIES FOR MEMBERS TO REPRESENT DRAKES BROUGHTON WARD & WADBOROUGH WARD

The Chair advised that there remained one vacancy for Drakes Broughton Ward

The Chair advised that, Cllr Mark Williams had resigned during the month. It was noted how much Cllr Mark Williams had progressed items such as Finance and the Financial Regulations and his work on the submission for the Wain Estates EIA scoping application, all agreed he would be missed.

4) MINUTES

Cllr Williams asked for an addition regarding the wording about the Stoulton footpath/bridlepath. The amendment was made.

The minutes from the meeting held on 5th September 2024 were proposed by Cllr Grisdale, seconded by Cllr Clarke, agreed by all and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5) MATTERS ARISING

Wadborough VAS – Cllr Abercrombie would send the site location for the third pole to the clerk for a Highways site review.

Litter Bin – Walcot Lane – The Clerk advised she had visited the resident who was very happy with the twice a week emptying as a solution, the Chair confirmed this would cost an additional £188.60PA. Members agreed location was ideal for school children's litter as it was right where they got on the school bus.

Cllr Grisdale advised that a ditch needing the lengthsman's attention during the month had been addressed to a high standard.

Cllr Grisdale advised that he is still trying to arrange a meeting with J Hobbs of Worcester County Council Highways

There was a discussion regarding traffic monitoring strips on Brickyard Lane, County Councillor Robinson confirmed they were not there from WCC Highways and advised that there was no

restriction on developers or utility companies laying traffic monitoring strip and they did not require permission from Highways.

6) FINANCE

The Chair advised that all the signatories had applied for online banking, Cllr Bessant had successfully logged on, the other signatories were awaiting logging on details. Once all the signatories have successfully logged on a further mandate will be required. It was agreed the clerk should develop the flow chart for the authorisation process and members be asked to review it

It was noted that clerk had upgraded the Parish Council email storage costing £15.99PA which would be reimbursed via her quarterly OPE.

The Chair advised that a CIL payment for £6702.80 had been received from the Alley Garden development. The Chair proposed that some of this money be used to erect a community notice board on the Bovis estate and one on the Sanctuary Homes estate. Members agreed in principle, costings and permissions would be sought.

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

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

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| a) Mrs. N Nicholson – Clerk Salary September– S/O | £626.08 |
| b) HMRC quarterly employee deductions, less £15.53 credit | £193.57 |
| c) Mr. B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman Services – September | £280.00 |
| d) SSE – Streetlighting monthly electricity | £TBC |
| The Clerk explained a lot of credit notes had been received as SSE investigate and return account name to Parish Council after an error. | |
| e) Smart Cut – grass cutting | £651.91 |

Remittance: WCC Lengthsman reimburse August £280.00

WDC CIL Payment Alley Garden £6702.80

WDC Precept and precept grant 2 £14006.00

7.) PLAYPARK and PLAYING FIELD – Play Park inspection

Cllr Clarke advised that the work required to the double cable way as advised by the ROSPA safety report, namely: replace spring breaks, dismantle and inspect the travelator, raise the seats to correct height and tighten/replace all the structural bolts had been ordered from Smart Cut at a total cost of £1271.70.

Cllr Clarke advised that the safety concern raised regarding the proximity of the climb pole to the embankment slide platform had been submitted to Sutcliffe Play to comment and respond to. The clerk was asked to chase their response.

The Clerk was asked to email the school to see if they would like to borrow the litter picking equipment and do some litter picking with the pupils at the recreation ground.

8.) OPEN SPACE PHASE 2 UPDATE – Drainage on playing field.

Cllr Booker advised he had secured an access off Brickyard Lane for the CCTV survey, but Elan Homes would not give permission to dig the required hole. Cllr Booker was now looking for a footpath closure

and further CCTV survey quotes to check what they could of the pipe without a need to be on Elan Homes land.

The hedges had all been cut including the additional harder cut of the eastern boundary. Cllr Bessant advised that she didn't see it was 'hard' enough but Cllr Booker advised of metal fencing and trees within the hedge made cutting back any harder with machinery impossible. If further cut back was required it would need to be by hand.

Following the hedge cutting there was deemed a need to reduce height of trees and foliage at the pedestrian entrance onto Walcot Lane this was quoted by Smart Cut at a further £267.30. It was proposed by Cllr Bessant and seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all to get the works done.

It was then discussed the need to remove the existing barriers and replace with a kissing gate to stop children being able to run directly into the road when exiting. It was noted that buggies wouldn't be able to use a kissing gate, but it was agreed those with buggies can walk the few meters and enter the site via the main gate.

9.) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Gridale advised that the project was approximately a month behind. There was a meeting planned for the 10th October to divide the work up between the working group and ensure there was a consistent approach.

10.)ROAD SAFETY – Speed watch & VAS

Cllr Bessant advised that with the help of Cllr Clarke the VAS data from the B4084 had been down loaded and a raw analysis had shown the 85 percentile was under 40MPH but was still showing some high speeds at times. Due to technical issues the data was not split from when the VAS was moved and a process for that was discussed with the best option being PC request the VAS move and the lengthsman confirms the date he actually moves it so that Cllr Bessant can assess the data more accurately.

Cllr Bessant advised that there were now 3 locations safety checked and agreed for use for the Community Speed Watch on the B4084, the first session had been held and interestingly noted the physical slowing of vehicles seen just because the High Vis jackets were on.

Not data had been accessed from the Wadborough VAS due to firewalls on Cllr Abercrombie laptop.

11.)REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

County Councillor Robinson - Report circulated prior to meeting.

Cllr Robinson advised that there had been no reported issues at Walcot Ford so far this season.

Cllr Robinson advised that there were faults in the flooring at Worcester Royal A&E and it was non-operational causing much difficulties and huge waits in corridors etc.

Cllr Robinson advised that their will likely be minibus transport from 6 of her rural villages to access services at the Riverside Youth Club.

District Councillor Reports

District Councillor Turier drew attention to the WDC residents survey and the polling place review.

Cllr Turier advised the next round of the warm homes discount had opened.

Cllr Turier advised regarding Avon Vale River who are undertaking surveys on water quality and can include Bow Brook. Cllr Gridale advised that he and another resident had done some water monitoring via the Earth Wate survey and would be interested in getting involved. Cllr Turier advised that she had been informed that one of the foul water pipe taking sewerage towards Stonebow Road from Sanctuary Homes estate had been adopted by Severn Trent.

Other reports as necessary:

The Chair drew attention to the report circulated from Cllr Pell regarding the bus services and letter that had gone to the MP. The clerk was asked to forward this onto County and District Councillors.

Cllr Turner advised that flashing school sign was still not operational, the one on Stonebow Road, North of Walcot Lane junction.

12.) HIGHWAYS MATTERS & tasks for lengthsman

None

13.)REPORTS OF FLOODING IN GARDENS IN HOLLYBLUE CLOSE

The Chair advised that the Parish council had written to Citizen Housing cc Elan Homes to try and getting the flooding the gardens addressed.

14.)VILLAGER SUBMISSION

The Clerk and the Chair would prepare the submission for November edition.

15.)PLANNING

- Planning Application for 53 dwellings – Thornleigh (Passed by Planning Committee)
The Chair thanked Cllr Gridale for addressing the Planning Committee on behalf on the Parish Council. All members were aware of and discussed the lack of clear notice and reasons why this application had been refused in July by the Planning Committee, how the applicant had been allowed to make changes and have the application re-heard and ultimately passed. Cllr Bessant and The Parish Council had submitted formal complaints to WDC. It was thought a Freedom of Information request could be made or this situation could be referred to the Planning Omberdsman.
- Correspondence with Severn Trent/WDC about failing Infrastructure and planning decisions.
The Chair advised she had attended a meeting held between WDC Planners and Severn Trent representatives who acknowledge that the Drakes Broughton drainage system is inadequate but as they are under a statutory obligation this cannot be used as a reason to refuse applications. County Councillor Robinson advised that she has asked that sewerage capacity is raised to the Full WCC Council meeting
- Village Facilities Survey – Village categorisation, next steps?
The Chair advised that currently Drakes Broughton is a category 2 village but it is proposed to recategorise as a Cat 1 village in the emerging SWDPR. Cllr Butterworth will recirculate the information about data collection that might provide a basis to build a case to challenge the cat 1 categorisation. This is a need to consider how to object to this as the facilities have not changed enough to be classed as a category 1 village.
- NPPF Consultation
The Chair and members thanked Cllr Gridale and Cllr Clarke for compiling and submitting responses to the Governments proposed changes to the National Planning Policies.

W/24/01829/FUL Planning application for 12 dwellings on Walcot Lane.

The members agreed the Parish Council would once again object to this application, . Interested members agreed to stay after the meeting to assist in compiling the PC response.

W/24/01959/TDC5 Alley Gardens – change of Conditions – It was decided not to object as there was no other alternative route for the surface water drainage, but it was noted that the ditch would be taking more water than it had previously and may need deepening and widening further downstream.

PIP for 9 houses top end of Walcot Lane – The Chair advised this was tabled for Thursdays WDC Planning Committee, the PC had objected, and the residents were making a representation she asked if any member was available to make a representation on behalf of the Parish Council – Cllr Grisdale agreed that a PC representation should be made and he would deliver it if required.

W/24/01758/SCO request for EIA scoping – Wain Estate development, Wadborough. The Chair and members acknowledged that effort of Cllr Mark Williams whilst in Office researching and responding to the scoping request. It was noted that Chair of the Join Parishes Committee had also made a robust response to this.

W/24/01971/AGAR Mill Lane, application for a grain store – Members discussed their concerns regarding the need for a grain store where no gran was currently harvested and the need for a new access road/drive onto Mill Lane, but it was thought there were no material reasons to object to the application.

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon: as above 01758
- b) Applications Approved: W/24/01584/HP 4 Magnolia Close, Drakes Broughton. Erection of single storey front extension, garage conversion and new pitched roof.
W/22/02302/FUL The Firs, Wadborough. Change of use of annex to an independent dwelling as a subdivision of existing property.
W/24/00650/FUL Wheatlands Farm, Drakes Broughton. Application for silage, muck store, slurry tank and effluent tank facility.
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) Applications Awaiting comment: as above W/24/01829/FUL Walcot Lane and W/24/01971/AGAR Mill Lane, application for a grain store
- e) Appeals:

APP/H1840/W/24/3340903 Land at (Os 9259 4864) Stonebow Road. Outline permission for the erection of up to 30 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure (all matters reserved for access) known locally as 'Josies Orchard'
Awaiting Appeal result.

APP/H1840/W/24/3345732 Freshfields 75 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton. Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 25 dwellings.
Awaiting appeal result.

16.)CORRESPONDENCE

- WDC Peer Challenge 9th October – It was agreed for Cllr Pell & Cllr Bessant to attend.
- Reported Brickyard builders to Enforcement
- WDC proposed diversion of footpath 629
- Stoulton footpath/Bridleway – The Clerks initial request had been responded to by the WCC PROW team that the footpath in question was not on the definitive map as a footpath. Cllr

Williams and Cllr Turner would revisit the maps and grid references to check the correct path was being referred to.

- WDC Polling place review – It was agreed to submit that happy with 2 existing polling places. It was noted that no change had been recommended by WDC.
- Pershore Town Council Meeting re Walcot Ford – Members agreed a site visit be arranged with both County Councillors and interested members to discuss a way forward.

INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council Monthly meeting **Thursday 7th November 2024 at Drakes Broughton Village Hall.** The meeting will start at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 21.30