

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 26 January 2012 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Vic Dawson, Rachel Jennings, Alwyn Rea, Richard Scott and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Richard Harper and Terence Lee 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. It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that chippings promised for the parking area outside the row of houses in Fockbury Road had still not appeared – Clerk to contact Cllr Sheila Blagg.
- ii. It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that the bent /damaged sign post at Church Road / Priory Road needed attending to – Clerk to contact Worcestershire County Council (WCC).

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 15 December 2012

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

4. Reports

- i. No report received from District Councillor.
- ii. County Councillor's report was circulated.
- iii. Cllr Rea gave a brief report on the Neighbourhood Planning meeting at Bromsgrove District Council which he, Cllr Dawson and the Clerk recently attended.
- iv. The Clerk gave her report, actions from which are:
 - a. Police Election is taking place in the Village Hall on November 15 and the Parish Council have been asked if they are willing to move their meeting to November 8. The clerk to ask Cllr Harper if the Parish Council meeting could take place in Grafton Manor on November 15. If this is not possible then the November meeting date will change to November 8 and the December meeting date will change from December 20 to December 13.
 - b. Following a discussion on Broadband in the village the Clerk was asked to:
 - i. Contact BT to ascertain when fibre optic cables will be installed in the village.
 - ii. Contact DEFRA to ask for an extension to the closing date for Expressions of Interest due to a difficult time factor.
 - iii. To ask for assistance from WCC in helping to complete the Expression of Interest form.
 - iv. To not invite representatives from Martley Web Mesh for the time being.

5. Planning

- i. Minutes of the meetings held on 4 and 23 January had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.

- ii. Following discussion on Stewart Vick's report it was agreed Cllr Scott would seek guidance from Roy Thomason on the wording of a suitable letter to BDC regarding Yarnold Lane Farm.
- iii. The Clerk to ask BDC to monitor the situation at Brae Side and to write to the owners.

6. Speed signs

The Clerk to once again contact WCC, copying County Councillor Blagg in, requesting an answer to the cost of speed signs.

7. Queen's Jubilee

- i. Dodford Inn will be organising entertainment on Sunday 3 June.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to send greetings and congratulations from the Village to HM Queen.

8. Parking issues in Priory Road and Fockbury Road

- i. Following a lengthy discussion the Clerk was asked to contact the Auction organisers for suggestions on how to avoid the parking issues on Auction days. Cllr Scott offered the Dodford Inn car park as an overflow for trader's vehicles.
- ii. The Clerk was also asked to contact WCC, copying in County Councillor Blagg, regarding the possibility of school zig zag lines in Fockbury Road and Priory Road on both corners. It was also suggested that the Road Safety Officer at WCC could be invited to speak to the children in the School.
- iii. The Clerk to prepare an open letter to the parents bringing the Highway Code to their attention.

9. Woodland Road

The Clerk was asked to contact WCC regarding the surface in Woodland Road and Victoria Road and to also point out that the kerb stones at the corner of Church Road and Woodland Road had still not been installed. Cllr Dawson is happy to meet with the Highways Engineer.

10. Bromsgrove Area CALC

Issues to be raised for the meeting between the CALC representative and the leader of BDC are Enforcement and the need for BDC to present their District Plan.

11. Finance

- i. Acceptance of the quarterly reconciliation was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Churchill.
- ii. Approval of the payments due for January set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Churchill.

12. Correspondence received

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.
- ii. BDC fly tipping posters were circulated to be placed at strategic points in the village
- iii. The Clerk was asked to:
 - a. Pass the information WCC Community based transport to Dodford PCC
 - b. To enquire further about Emergency Plans from BDC

13. Councillors items

None

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....Chairman