

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 28 June 2012 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Vic Dawson, Rachel Jennings, Alwyn Rea, Clerk Kay Stone and one member of the public. Mary Worsfield, Conservation Officer, Bromsgrove District Council was in attendance

1. Councillor Dawson's Declaration of acceptance of office

Councillor Dawson signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office with the Clerk adding her signature.

2. Councillor Dawson's Register of Members' Interests

Councillor Dawson updated and signed his Register of Members' Interest form and submitted it to the Clerk.

3. Apologies

Cllrs Richard Harper, Terence Lee and Richard Scott gave their apologies, reasons for which were accepted.

4. Declarations of interest

- i. Personal interests – none
- ii. Prejudicial interests – Cllr Rea declared an interest in item 9.x - Dodford Children's Holiday Farm planning application

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of interest / items for the next agenda

- It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that there are two triangles of grass at each end of Alfred's Well which were adopted by the Parish Council many years ago and which are not being maintained. The Clerk was requested to speak to the Lengthsman to see if he could take this maintenance on.

5. Mary Worsfield, Conservation Officer, Bromsgrove District Council

Lengthy discussion took place between the Parish Council and Mary Worsfield about the proposed Dodford Conservation Area Appraisal document. Public consultation is likely to take place in the Autumn. At the end of the discussion Mary offered to send the Clerk a copy of a previously drafted Article 4 for another District Council for the Parish Council to look at. The Chairman thanked Mary for taking the time and trouble to discuss conservation issues with the Parish Council.

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 26 April 2012

Following the addition of two sentences, approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Jennings after which they were signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

7. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 24 May 2012

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

8. Reports

- i. County Councillor Sheila Blagg's report was circulated.
- ii. The Clerk gave her report:
 - a. The Head Teacher at Dodford First School has recruited another Governor to their board but will keep the Parish Council in mind should another vacancy arise.
 - b. A reminder that the previous Clerk, Katie Limm, will be the Clerk at the July meeting.

9. Planning

- i. Minutes of the meetings held on 12 June had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.
- ii. Planning application 12/0105 – West Lodge Barns has been granted by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).
- iii. Planning application 12/0168 – Westview has been refused by BDC.
- iv. Planning application 12/0143 – Meadow Bank has been refused by BDC.
- v. Access in the sandstone wall in Alfred's Well is being investigated by BDC.
- vi. LJ Hills Yard in Yarnold Lane – BDC are waiting for the landowner to send confirmation in writing from a neighbour that the yard has been used for the storage of plant and materials in excess of ten years.
- vii. Park Gate Inn – demolition of the wooden structure is permitted but as the planning application has not yet been determined if work starts on construction then enforcement will investigate.
- viii. A revised information leaflet for installation of solar panels in a conservation area has been received and the Clerk was asked to mention this in the next issue of the Parish Magazine should any residents wish to receive a copy.
- ix. A decision from the Planning Inspectorate on The Stable Appeal is expected early July.
- x. Cllr Rea left the meeting at this stage due to prejudicial interest. Planning application 12/0519 – Dodford Children's Holiday Farm – Agricultural notification – The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

10. Queen's Jubilee

Cllr Rea rejoined the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the Jubilee Grant had not been paid to the Dodford Inn prior to its closure. The Clerk advised the Parish Council that she is in touch with Dodford Jubilee who received a Jubilee Grant regarding receiving an audited account or receipts which will be required for the Council's Auditors.

11. Code of Conduct

- i. The adoption of the Worcestershire model Code of Conduct was proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Churchill with powers delegated to the Clerk to amend the document as needed when a final version is made available.
- ii. Cllr Rea proposed and Cllr Dawson seconded that powers be delegated to the Clerk to make any changes needed to Standing Orders to allow the Council to comply with procedural changes resulting from adopting the new code.
- iii. Councillors present at the meeting submitted their Registers of Interests to the Clerk for onward submission to BDC.

12. Finance

- i. Approval of the payments due for June set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Dawson.

13. Correspondence received

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

14. Councillors items

- i. Nettles in the hedgerow are encroaching on the pavement in Priory Road resulting in parents and children walking in the road and the Clerk was asked to write to the owners of Chelwood and Little Dodford Farm requesting they be cut back for safety reasons. The Clerk was also requested to put a piece in the next issue of the Parish Magazine about cutting back hedgerows if they present a danger.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to add the change of use at Owens in Warbage Lane on the July agenda.
- iii. There are still ongoing issues with Braeside.
- iv. Cllr Rea reported on issues that residents in Swan Lane are having with the granting of a license and change of use at Manor Hill.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Signed.....Chairman