

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 23 May 2013 in Dodford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Alwyn Rea (Chairman), Vicky Churchill, Rachel Jennings, Richard Scott, David Valentine and Clerk Kay Stone, County Councillor Sheila Blagg, and ten members of the public. Also in attendance Police and Crime Commissioner West Mercia Bill Longmore and Barry Sheldon.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Dawson, Cllr Lee (until approximately 8.30pm) and District Councillor Brian Lewis reasons for which were accepted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 May 2012 was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Jennings after which they were signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

3. Parish Council Annual Report

The Annual Report was available at the meeting and had been circulated to all residents prior to the meeting.

4. District and County Councillors reports

The County Councillor's annual report had previously been received, circulated and was available at the meeting. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Sheila Blagg on her re-election who in turn said she was delighted with the support she had received from Dodford and Grafton. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Blagg for her informative monthly newsletters.

5. Dodford Village Hall Committee report

A report from the Chairman of Dodford Village Hall Committee was circulated at the meeting.

6. Neighbourhood Watch report

The Neighbourhood Watch Officer gave his report and Cllr Rea thanked Phil Richardson for his report and hard work.

7. Potential culling of Muntjac Deer

Cllr Rea informed the meeting that some residents had approached the Parish Council about the damage incurred in their gardens by Muntjac Deer. The Parish Council had sought advice from a deer management company and information was available at the meeting for residents to take away if they wished to.

8. Greenhill Farm – public footpath

Cllr David Valentine declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion. The owner of the land in question, who was present at the meeting, offered to meet with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Footpath Officer and the Parish Council to come to a mutually satisfactory outcome and the Clerk was asked to arrange this for a future Parish Council meeting.

9. Presentation by Bill Longmore, Police and Crime Commissioner West Mercia

Bill Longmore and Barry Sheldon gave enlightening report on the Police and Crime plan followed by a question and answer session. Cllr Rea thanked Bill and Barry for attending. During the presentation Cllr Lee joined the meeting.

10. Questions/Matters of interest to Parishioners

None were raised and Cllr Rea thanked Judy Richardson for the unexpected but welcome refreshments.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman