

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 28 February 2013 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs, Vicky Churchill, Rachel Jennings, Terence Lee, Alwyn Rea (Chairman), Richard Scott, County Councillor Sheila Blagg, District Councillor Brian Lewis, Clerk Kay Stone and four members of the public

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Vic Dawson gave his apologies, reasons for which were accepted.

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

- i. None
- ii. None

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

It was brought to the attention of the Council that cars are still being parked on the double yellow lines on Priory Road

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

#### **3. Possible culling of Montjac Deer**

Nathan Hadley from West Midlands Deer Management attended the meeting and gave information and advice. After discussion it was decided that Nathan would give the Parish Council approximate costs and that this item will be put on the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda in May as information to pass on to residents.

#### **4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 24 January 2013**

Cllr Jennings reported that item 17.iii should have read: "Cllr Jennings reported that some residents had been challenged by the new owner at Greenhill Farm about footpaths in his field." The Minutes will be amended by the Clerk for signing at the March meeting. Approval of the Minutes, after amendment, was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Lee as being a true record.

#### **5. Reports**

- i. The February report received from County Councillor Sheila Blagg had been received and already circulated to Parish Councillors. Copies were available at the meeting for members of the public. Cllr Blagg brought to the Parish Council's attention the new Electoral Review further consultation.
- ii. District Councillor Brian Lewis brought to the Parish Council's attention the application for a new processing plant at Sandy Lane, Fairfield.
- iii. The Clerk reported that she had received acknowledgement from Bromsgrove Train Station Transport on the consultation; Police Crime Commissioner on his plan and budget – finalised plan will be on their web site by 31 March; MP Sajid Javid on requests for dispensation to discuss budget and precept and the problem with co-opting a Councillor due to new legislation. She also reported that she had asked Worcestershire County Council (WCC) for a reason for the traffic counters in Cockshutt Lane.

## **6. Planning**

- i. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting
- ii. Any other planning issues – for information:
  - a. Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) Enforcement Officer confirmed he had visited one building at Little Yarnold Farm and the Clerk was requested to ask the Enforcement Officer if he knew how the old asbestos roof had been disposed of and also requested that he returns to the site and satisfies himself about the extent of the work.
  - b. 12/0962 – Woodcote Green Farm, Woodcote Lane – Certificate Existing Lawful Use / Dev - Permission granted by BDC

## **7. Bulk Fuel Procurement**

There is someone who already organises this in Dodford and the Clerk was asked to put the resident who enquired about this in touch with them.

## **8. Assets of Community Value – the Community Right to Bid**

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Scott, seconded by Cllr Churchill and agreed that the Parish Council will register the Dodford Inn.

## **9. Highways and footpaths**

- i. Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council voted against the 50mph speed restriction on the A448 and their Clerk has this item on the agenda for their March meeting to re-open the discussion
- ii. The Clerk was asked to obtain a User Evidence Form from WCC regarding Right to Roam
- iii. The Clerk confirmed she had reported the parking on double yellow lines in Priory Road to the local Police who will take a look
- iv. The Clerk reported she had taken photographs of Yarnold Lane and submitted them to WCC
- v. The Parish Council would like to see a sign on Valley Road warning of the bend. Clerk to contact WCC
- vi. The Clerk has reported all the flooding issues and pot holes to WCC. It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that there is a flooding issue in Priory Road opposite Rose Lane which resulted in ice forming and the Clerk was asked to report it
- vii. The Clerk reported she had taken photographs of the two islands and sent them to Severn Trent requesting they are repaired to their original state following the recent water pipe repairs. The Parish Council were advised that a resident in Fockbury Road is in touch with Severn Trent over the condition of the verges. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident for direct contact details within Severn Trent. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of a letter dated 1 April 2003 to WCC in which they state the County Council is responsible for the islands
- viii. Possibility of grit bin in Priory Road on the bend by The Tower House to be put on the September / October agenda

## **10. Number of Parish Council meetings per annum**

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Scott and agreed to change the meetings to 10 per annum. No meeting will take place in January and August of each year.

## **11. Dodford First School**

Chairman agreed to talk to some residents about the Governor vacancies at the School and if he could not generate interest he would be prepared to be a Governor but not on a long term basis. Chairman to report back at the March meeting.

**12. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Information from NALC about Local Councils to receive share of Community Infrastructure Levy was noted. Chairman to attend next CALC Area meeting and hopes to find out more information on this

**13. Finance**

- i. It was agreed to renew membership of Community First at bronze level at no cost to the Parish Council
- ii. Approval of the payments due for February set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Rea and agreed.

**14. Correspondence received – for information**

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted
- ii. It was agreed that if the Village Hall Committee produce a one page flyer it could be inserted in the Annual Report mailing. Clerk to notify the Village Hall Committee
- iii. Clerk was asked to get costs for a stamp and ink pad for the Annual Report envelope to distinguish it from junk mail

**15. Councillor co-option**

The Clerk reported she has sent an application form to a resident

**16. Councillors items**

- i. The condition of the edges of the road in Timberhonger Lane have been repaired
- ii. The gate from the footpath on to Priory Road opposite Rose Lane has still not been repaired by WCC
- iii. Pot holes in the A448 are getting dangerously deep with motorists avoiding them. The Clerk was asked to contact WCC urgently to avoid accidents

The meeting closed at 10.24pm

Signed.....Chairman