

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 25 April 2013 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs, Vicky Churchill, Rachel Jennings, Alwyn Rea (Chairman), Richard Scott, District Councillor Brian Lewis, Clerk Kay Stone and one member of the public

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllrs Vic Dawson and Terence Lee gave their 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 - None raised

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

#### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 28 March 2013**

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

#### **4. Reports**

- i. No report received from County Councillor Sheila Blagg due to the forthcoming elections.
- ii. District Councillor Brian Lewis gave his report on District Council matters.
- iii. The Clerk gave her report.

#### **5. Planning**

- i. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.
- ii. The next Planning Committee meeting will take place on Thursday 3 May 2013 at 2.00pm.
- iii. Cllrs Rea and Dawson will meet with Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration, Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) at the Council House on 20 June 2013 at 11.00am to discuss planning issues. District Councillor Brian Lewis agreed to attend.

#### **6. Highways and footpaths updates**

- i. A448 – The Clerk reported that she had written to Worcestershire County Council (WCC) as requested but as yet had not received a response.
- ii. Greenhill Farm public footpath – to be added to the Annual Parish Meeting agenda.
- iii. Restricted parking on Priory Road and Fockbury Road – the double yellow lines are still being ignored mainly by nursery parents. To be brought to BDC's attention after 30 May when they are responsible for parking fines.
- iv. Condition of the road surface in Yarnold Lane – still no improvement.
- v. Wayside, Valley Road – following the Court Case the Clerk contacted WCC Senior Engineer requesting chevrons. Clerk is awaiting a response.
- vi. Condition of islands at Alfreds Well and Whinfield Road – WCC Senior Engineer, Severn Trent and Morgan Sindall to attend site meeting week commencing 29 April. Severn Trent had responded to the Parish Council complaint to say they would reimburse the account by £30 for failure to respond to the complaint within the statutory time limit.

**7. Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils Consultation on Housing Growth**  
Clerk to respond - The Parish Council express their concern that if the suggested housing growth goes ahead what are the implications for Bromsgrove to meet its own commitment in the context of Birmingham's request.

**8. Worcestershire CALC**

- i. Cllr Jennings proposed, Cllr Scott seconded, and all agreed to renew the CALC membership for another year.
- ii. Councillors agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should respond to the survey.

**9. Parish and Town Council Precepts (Referendums) Bill**

- i. Information received from CALC was noted. After discussion it was felt that the cost of a referendum was out of proportion and the Clerk was asked to write to MP Sajid Javid.
- ii. Information received from BDC was noted.

**10. Annual Parish Meeting – 23 May 2013**

- i. Annual Report had previously been circulated to Councillors and it was agreed to go ahead with the printing.
- ii. The Annual Parish Meeting agenda was agreed.
- iii. After discussion a list of questions was agreed upon to send to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**11. Finance**

- i. The Quarterly reconciliation was presented and acceptance of this was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Churchill and agreed.
- ii. Approval of the payments due for April set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Scott and agreed.

**12. Correspondence received – for information**

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted
- ii. The Clerk was asked to mention the Severn Trent Water survey in the next Parish Magazine.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to send an electronic copy of the CPRE 2013 Members Guide to Councillors.

**13. Councillors items**

- i. The Clerk was asked to write to Country Forge regarding the placing of the car for sale obstructing vision from exit of Fockbury Road.
- ii. Dodford PCC is producing a Parish Cookbook and the Parish Council will be asked for a recipe contribution and a sentence on the work of the Parish Council.
- iii. The height of the hedge at the corner of Warbage Lane and Priory Road is being reduced.

**14. Councillor co-option**

It was unanimously agreed that the applicant should be co-opted on to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Signed.....Chairman