

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 27 June 2013 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vic Dawson, Rachel Jennings, Terence Lee, Alwyn Rea (Chairman), Richard Scott and David Valentine

In attendance: County Councillor Sheila Blagg, District Councillor Brian Lewis and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Councillors Dawson and Lee's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllrs Dawson and Lee signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office with the Clerk adding her signature.

2. Councillor Dawson's Register of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

The Clerk reminded Councillors that it is their responsibility to amend their Register of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests during the year as changes arise. Cllr Scott reported he had updated his and sent it to Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).

3. Apologies

Cllr Vicky Churchill gave her apologies, reasons for which were accepted.

4. Declarations of interest

- i. None
- ii. Cllr Valentine declared an interest in 9ii

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of interest / items for the next agenda – No members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25 April 2013

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

6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 23 May 2013

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

7. Reports

- i. The June 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 reported on her new portfolio – Adult Social Care and asked Councillors to give her feedback on the new Care Wise web site: www.whub.org.uk/carewise.
- ii. District Councillor Brian Lewis gave his report on the Veolia planning application and the result of the Electoral Review of Bromsgrove Consultation. The Clerk was asked to put

the result of the Electoral Review of Bromsgrove Consultation on the agenda for the next meeting.

- iii. The Clerk gave her report.

Cllr Dawson left the meeting at this point

8. Planning

- i. Cllr Rea reported on the meeting with Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration, BDC at the Council House on 20 June.
- ii. Veolia Planning Application 13/000027/CM – Western Quarry, Sandy Lane, Stoneybridge - The Clerk was asked to voice the Parish Council's concerns about the potential damage to the aquifer, increased volume of traffic, noise and smell pollution and that this application is in the Green Belt.
- iii. Chennai Restaurant - Cllr Rea reported in accordance with the planning permission that the extension shall not be brought into use until areas for the parking of 23 vehicles and 2 disabled persons have been laid out in accordance with a scheme to be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. It was noted that trees are being cut down in a field down from the Restaurant.
- iv. Planning application 13/0288 – Homestead, Warbage Lane – Replacement conservatory roof and brick pillar supports – Granted by BDC.
- v. Planning appeal APP/P1085/A/13/2190717– Cherry Tree Cottage, Worms Ash – Change of use of garage to dwelling - Appeal rejected by Planning Inspectorate.
- vi. Planning application 13/0390 – Jalna, Woodland Road – Demolition of existing upvc conservatory to the rear of the property & constructing a single storey facing brickwork extension on the existing footprint with gable end pitched roof over all to match existing – The Parish Council has no objection to this application and are pleased to note that the new materials will match existing which will result in an improvement.

9. Highways and footpaths updates

- i. A448 – The Clerk reported on her conversation with West Mercia Police and was requested to contact the Safer Roads Partnership through Community Concern.
- ii. Greenhill Farm public footpath – Clerk waiting to receive dates from the Rights of Way Team at Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to arrange for them to attend a Parish Council meeting to meet with the owner of the field in question and the Parish Council.
- iii. Restricted parking on Priory Road and Fockbury Road – Now that BDC issue fixed penalty fines, the Clerk was asked to research an email address on the BDC website where photographs of offending vehicles can be uploaded.
- iv. Condition of the road surface in Yarnold Lane – completed.
- v. Wayside, Valley Road – Clerk is awaiting a response / action from WCC.
- vi. Condition of islands at Alfreds Well and Whinfield Road – Clerk has not yet visited the islands to see if Morgan Sindall has restored them.

10. Finance

- i. Deposit account as at 31 May 2013 - £11,433.31
Current account as at 31 May 2013 - £232.80
Payments - Acceptance proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Scott:
 - a. Clerk's salary - £282.93
 - b. Expenses - £55.99 (Use of telephone and internet line £5; Storage £5; Travel 54 miles @ 45p/mile £24.30; Postage £1.70; Printer ink cartridge £19.99)
 - c. Allen Farnsworth - £203.80
 - d. Adam Taylor Services - £150.00

12. Correspondence received – for information

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to include the suggestion by a resident of a mini constituency on the next agenda and comments made on grants will be considered at the end of year.

13. Councillors items

- i. The Clerk was asked to:
 - a. add speed restriction signs in Dodford to the next meeting's agenda.
 - b. thank the Lengthsman for his strimming.
 - c. to put a piece in the September Parish Magazine about hedges, hedge cuttings and ragwort.
 - d. to write to WCC about motor cyclists speeding on the A448 at the weekend and to include this in the submission to Safer Roads Partnership.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed.....Chairman