

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 26 September 2013 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Vic Dawson (Vice Chairman and Chairman for the meeting), Rachel Jennings, Terence Lee, Richard Scott and David Valentine

**In attendance:** District Councillor Brian Lewis, Clerk Kay Stone and two members of the public

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Alwyn Rea gave his apologies, reasons for which were accepted.

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

- i. Cllr Valentine declared an interest in 5ii and did not remain in the room for this item.
- ii. Cllr Valentine declared an interest in 6ii.

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

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

#### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25 July 2013**

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

#### **4. Reports**

- i. The September 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.  
District Councillor Brian Lewis gave an update on District Council issues.
- ii. The Chairman's report on the CALC Area Meeting had already been circulated to Parish Councillors.
- iii. The Clerk gave her report resulting in the following actions to be taken:
  - a. Clerk to write to Mr Robert Inchley c/o Mr Roger Smalley informing him that any complaint he has about the grips to contact Worcestershire County Council (WCC) via The Hub.
  - b. Clerk to write to WCC pointing out the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with having to pay for grit bins and to copy County Councillor Sheila Blagg into correspondence.
  - c. Clerk to add the Fireworks issue at Manor Hill to the next planning meeting agenda.
  - d. Clerk to write to MP Sajid Javid regarding the Parish Council's frustration at the 8 to 10 years it has taken to get the footpath and kerb repaired in Priory Road.

#### **5. Planning**

- i. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting and were signed by the Planning Committee Chairman as being a true record.
- ii. Planning application 13/0541 – Park Farm, Kidderminster Road – Erection of an agricultural building for colony egg production – Parish Council has no objections.
- iii. Planning 13/0357 – West Lodge Barns, 5 West Lodge, Swan Lane – Retrospective application for change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use with the erection of

stable block with enclosed hard standing – Granted by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).

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

- i. A448 – speed restrictions
- ii. Clerk to write to the County Councillor who objected to the reduced speed limit pointing out why the Parish Council have requested the reduced speed limit and to ask the County Councillor what reason was given to object to the reduction from Chaddesley Corbett to Bromsgrove. Clerk was also instructed to write to Head of Legal Services at WCC putting him on notice that the Parish Council consider the stretch of the A448 through the Parish is the most dangerous part of the road, particularly at the Crossroads section. The Clerk was asked to write to MP Sajid Javid to ascertain why the Government did not pursue the national 50mph speed limit.
- iii. Greenhill Farm – public footpath – Clerk to invite Steve Waring from WCC to the meeting on 14 November.
- iv. Wayside, Valley Road. Clerk reported on site visit with WCC Highways who will arrange for SLOW to be painted on the road by the single track sign and that white lines can be painted on either side of the road leading to the bend but permission needs to be sought from householders. Clerk was asked to write to the householders.

## **7. Policing in West Mercia – Annual Survey**

After lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Lee and unanimously agreed that the Clerk should respond that the Parish Council feels this is a politically motivated survey and not relevant to their needs as a rural parish.

## **8. Finance**

- i. The Quarterly reconciliation was presented and acceptance of this was proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Valentine and agreed.
- ii. Deposit account as at 29 August 2013 - £8,474.56  
Current account as at 29 August 2013 - £1,323.46  
Payments - Acceptance proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Valentine:
  - a. Clerk's salary (July, August and September) - £848.39
  - b. Expenses - £55.79 (Use of telephone and internet line for July, August and September £15; Storage for July, August and September £15; Travel 16 miles @ 45p/mile £7.20; Postage £13.79; Paper £4.80)
  - c. Allen Farnsworth (Lengthsman) - £203.80
  - d. Worcestershire CALC (purchase of Local Council Administration book) - £56.25
  - e. Dodford Village Hall (hire of small hall for May, June and July) - £30.00
  - f. Grant Thornton (audit fee) - £120.00
  - g. The Society of Local Council Clerks (membership fee) - £100.00

## **9. Correspondence received – for information**

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.

## **10. Councillors items**

The Clerk was asked to add the following items to next month's agenda:

- i. Update on the Assets of Community Value Nomination for the Dodford Inn.
- ii. Overgrown hedge at Little Dodford Farm, Priory Road.
- iii. Dodford School parking times.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman