

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 24 April 2014 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Rachel Jennings, Alwyn Rea (Chairman), Richard Scott and David Valentine

In attendance: District Councillor Brian Lewis, Clerk Kay Stone and one member of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr Terence Lee 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:

- i. None raised

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27 March 2014

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

4. Planning

The Clerk reported that there has been no decision made on planning application 14/0083 for the Dodford Inn and District Councillor Brian Lewis was asked to see if he could find out when a decision would be made.

5. Reports

- i. The March 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.
- ii. District Councillor Brian Lewis gave his report on local planning matters.
- iii. The Clerk reported that she had received acknowledgement from Dodford PCC for the grant and also that SLCC had received the registration form and payment for the CiLCA qualification with a two year time limit for her to complete her portfolio.

6. Annual Parish Meeting – 19 May 2014

- i. The draft Annual Report was presented to the Council and Cllr Valentine proposed and Cllr Churchill seconded that the Report be accepted, printed and circulated to residents next month.
- ii. After discussion the agenda was agreed.

7. Highways and footpaths updates

- i. The Clerk reported on work carried out by the Lengthsman during March.
- ii. The work on the Priory Road footpath will commence again (date to be advised) as a budget has been found at Worcestershire County Council (WCC) for the extra cost of the conservation kerbstones.

- iii. Work on the bridge on the A448 Kidderminster Road will commence on 3 June 2014 and will last approximately 10 days.
- iv. The Chairman and Clerk met with Rod Lake (Safer Roads Partnership) and Dave Perridge (West Mercia Police) on 8 April on the A448 to discuss safety measures. When the bridge works have been completed the Clerk is to notify them and the Police will set up a speed data recorder to capture evidence for WCC to put up a speed activated sign / crossroads warning sign. Speedwatch can only be operated in 30 or 40mph areas. The ground outside Country Forge is too soft for a speed camera van and the only other area would be on drive ways in to the premises which would mean blocking access. Due to National Guidelines the Police will not be reducing the speed limit.

8. Bromsgrove District Council Local Plan

Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) have submitted the Local Plan but the Inspector has already raised some queries about the Local Plans' housing evidence and as a result the Inspector will hold two initial hearing sessions on 16-17 June 2014, at Redditch Town Hall, which will address: Objective Assessment of Housing Needs; Duty to Co-operate; and the approach to meeting anticipated housing needs from the major urban area.

9. Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan Publication

The publication period between Monday 14 April and Tuesday 27 May 2014 was noted. Hard copies are available for inspection at St Cassian's Church in Chaddesley and the Worcestershire Hub in Kidderminster Town Hall. Alternatively the Plan and supporting documentation can be downloaded from www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning or www.chaddesleyplan.org.uk

10. 2014/2015 Council Tax Grant

- i. BDC's decision to not pay the 2014/2015 Council Tax Grant direct to Parish Councils but to be allocated equally to Ward Councillors to be spent within their Ward was noted. The Clerk was asked to add this item to the June agenda for the Parish Council to consider their request to District Councillor Brian Lewis
- ii. Letters of complaint from Catshill and Bournheath Parish Councils and CALC to Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government and Sajid Javid MP were noted together with a copy of a letter from Brandon Lewis MP to Leaders of Local Authorities encouraging them to pass down the Council Tax Grant to Parishes.

11. Finance

- i. The final quarter reconciliation was presented with the Clerk explaining that BDC had paid in to the account the first half of the Precept for 2014/2015 (£4,950) at the end of March 2014 which gave an inflated year end figure.
- ii. Deposit account as at 28 March 2014 - £13,227.71
Current account as at 28 March 2014 - £1,294.28
Payments - Acceptance proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Rea:
 - a. Clerk's salary - £285.66
 - b. Expenses - £80.61 (Use of telephone and internet line £5; Storage £5; Travel 24 miles @ 45p/mile £10.80; Postage £13.80 and Stationery £46.01)
 - c. HMRC - £71.40
 - d. Allen Farnsworth (Lengthsman duties) £188.80
 - e. Information Commissioner (Data Protection Registration 2014/2015) - £35.00
 - f. Broker Network Ltd (Insurance for 2014/2015) - £159.00
 - g. Dodford Village Hall (hire of small hall in November, December and January) - £30.00

12. Councillor co-option

No applications received.

13. Correspondence received – for information

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted from which the Clerk was asked to:

- i. Write to the School and Nursery asking them to advise parents that the Parish Council will notify the Local Authority should parents continue to disregard the Law and District Councillor Brian Lewis asked to be copied in to correspondence.
- ii. Contact North Worcestershire Water Management regarding the three fields in Priory Road causing flooding.
- iii. Reply to David Collard that Parish Councillors had not received any other complaints about the increase in air traffic over the area.

11. Councillors items

- i. The Clerk was asked to contact North Worcestershire Water Management regarding the faulty pressure release valve in the field opposite The Red House and above Dingleside in Yarnold Lane.
- ii. Cllr Jennings had received a complaint from a resident in Alfred's Well about excess noise in the early hours of Easter Sunday but its source could not be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed.....Chairman