

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Planning Committee held on 4 March 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Vicky Churchill, Rachel Jennings, Alwyn Rea (Parish Council Chairman), Richard Scott. In attendance District Councillor Brian Lewis, Clerk Kay Stone and 12 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Councillors David Valentine (Planning Committee Chairman) and Terence Lee gave their apologies which were accepted

In the absence of Cllr Valentine, Cllr Rea chaired the meeting

2. Declarations of interest

- i. None
- ii. None

3. To consider planning applications received

- i. **14/0083 – Dodford Inn, Whitfield Road** – To provide temporary accommodation for up to 18 caravans for National Grid construction workers. Accommodation to be occupied Monday to Friday only

At the start of the meeting a petition of 800 names to support the application was presented to the Chairman.

The Parish Council is not able to support the application as temporary accommodation for up to 18 caravans for National Grid construction workers in the Conservation Area, and would query why this application has not been made as a Conservation application.

The Parish Council would not like to see the demise of the Dodford Inn but would in turn not like to see temporary accommodation of such numbers. The Parish Council would also like to point out various discrepancies on the application itself:

- **Certificate A is incorrect as the owners are not listed on the Certificate and the nominee on the Certificate is not the owner.**
- **The shower and toilet block shown on the plan is not yet built but looks on the plan like an existing structure.**
- **A statement has been made that there are no trees or hedges on the land of the proposed development which is incorrect.**

If the District Council is minded to approve the application the Parish Council would request that conditions to the approval include an end date to the temporary siting of the caravans which the Parish Council is told will be six months and the number of caravans is kept to the stated 18 and kept to the plan submitted. The Parish Council would also request conditions be set to prevent a recurrence of the use of the field as a caravan site of this size.

The Parish Council would not object to an agreement being entered into with the Caravan and Camping Club and the Caravan Club for the temporary siting of touring caravans up to a maximum of five at any one time.

- ii. **14/0116 – Monsieurs Hall, Monsieurs Hall Lane** – Listed Building Consent for cellar conversion to games room and laundry
The Parish Council do not object to this application.
- iii. Any other applications received
 - a. **Planning application 14/0077** – Woodcote Farm, Kidderminster Road –
Erection of steel portal frame stock shed
The Parish Council have no objection but would request that green non reflective material is used on the roof.

4. To consider planning appeals received

None received

5. To note any planning decisions received

None received

6. Enforcement/Environmental issues

None

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed..... Chairman