

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 26 February 2015 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.00pm

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

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Richard Scott and 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. The presentation by New Energy for the World GmbH had been cancelled at the last minute by their representative.
- ii. The hedges at Hawthorn Cottage and the Coach House in Priory Road need hacking back from the footpath. The Clerk was instructed to write to the owners.

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2016

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

4. Reports

- i. The February 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. The Clerk read an update from Cllr Blagg that after a discussion with the Safer Roads Team they have agreed in principle to introduce a 50mph speed limit over a shortened route (new western finish point is approximately 300m NW of Woodcote House Farm). A consultation process will be initiated and following this it will take approximately six months to implement the new speed limit on this stretch providing no objections are received.
- ii. District Councillor Brian Lewis reported that:
 - a. The Dolphin Centre is to be knocked down and a new Centre will be built on the car park for £5m.
 - b. There is to be free parking in Bromsgrove between 7pm and 10pm.
 - c. There is to be a 1.9% increase in Council Tax
 - d. There is a proposal for two new pits in Fairfield to extract 600k tons of sand
- iii. The Clerk reported that:
 - a. DEFRA has confirmed that it will maintain its investment of £2.3m in ACRE and the 38 Rural Community Councils in England for the coming year.
 - b. The damage to the chevrons on the A448 had been reported to Worcestershire County Council (WCC) who replied that they were bent and had been corrected.

There has since been another accident and the chevrons have been damaged again. Another report has been sent to WCC.

5. Planning

- i. Planning application 14/0893 – Rose Cottage, Warbage Lane – Proposed extension and improvements – The Parish Council have no objection
- ii. Planning application 15/0011 – The Key Cottage, Whinfield Road – Replacement extension – The Parish Council have no objection
- iii. Planning application 14/0822 – One Oak, Kidderminster Road – Agricultural shed for storage of hay, agricultural equipment and livestock. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Planning Committee Chairman would meet with the Planning Officer to discuss this application. Cllrs Churchill and Jennings agreed that Cllrs Rea and Valentine be delegated to respond to the planning application to Bromsgrove District Council (BDC)
- iv. To note any planning decisions received – Planning application 14/0752 for the installation of a solar park with an output of approximately 8.94 MW on land associated with Rectory Farm has been withdrawn
- v. To consider any planning appeals received – None received
- vi. Enforcement/Environmental issues - None
- vii. Any planning issues – None

6. Policy on the filming, photographing, audio recording and social media reporting of public Parish Council and committee meetings

It was proposed by Cllr Rea, seconded by Cllr Churchill and agreed to adopt Clent Parish Council's policy.

7. Wyre Forest District Council

The Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Early Engagement Paper was noted.

8. Bromsgrove District Council

- i. The new Planning Validation Document was noted.
- ii. The new Statement of Community Involvement document was noted.

9. Bromsgrove District Plan Examination

The new timetable for a period of public consultation on the Sustainability Appraisals was noted.

10. 2014/2015 Council Tax Grant

The Clerk confirmed the Grant had been received from BDC and it was agreed that the brown bench should be purchased. The Clerk was asked to ascertain if the bench by the Village Hall was owned by the Village Hall Committee and could it be moved for the new bench to be placed there. After discussion the Clerk was asked to ascertain from WCC Highways if the removed bench could be placed on grass at the bottom of Niblett's Hill or the grass verge by Fockbury House. The Clerk was also asked to check if the Lengthsman could move the bench.

11. Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the following be invited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14 May:

- i. ICE to talk about the NHS Heath Checks and/or Smoking Cessation Support
- ii. AGE UK
- iii. Dodford Village Hall Committee
- iv. Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk was asked to advertise these speakers in the Parish Magazine and Magazines for neighbouring parishes.

12. Internal Auditor

It was proposed by Cllr Rea, seconded by Cllr Churchill and agreed that Diane Malley be appointed as internal auditor for the audit of 2014/2015.

13. Finance

- i. It was proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Valentine and agreed for the Clerk to purchase a new battery for the lap top
- ii. Deposit account as at 30 January 2015 - £11,557.30
Current account as at 30 January 2015 - £471.22
Payments - Acceptance proposed by Cllr Churchill and seconded by Cllr Jennings:
 - a. Clerk's salary - £300.65
 - b. Expenses - £79.33 (Use of telephone and internet line £5; Storage £5; Travel 16 miles @ 45p/mile £7.20)
 - c. HMRC - £75.00
 - d. Allen Farnsworth (Lengthsman duties for January) - £192.00
 - e. Dodford Village Hall (Grant) - £500.00
 - f. Dodford PCC (Grant) - £400.00
 - g. Dodford Holiday Farm (Grant) - £100.00
 - h. Midlands Air Ambulance (Grant) - £150.00
 - i. Macmillan Cancer Support in Bromsgrove (Grant) - £100.00
 - j. Public Works Loan Board direct debit payment - £883.62

10. Correspondence received – for information

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.

11. Councillors items

- i. The road surface in Bungay Lake Lane is disintegrating and the Clerk was instructed to report this to WCC.
- ii. Another entrance has appeared past the White House in Worms Ash and as two entrances appears to go in to the same field, the Clerk was instructed to ask WCC Highways for comment regarding the safety implications.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

Signed.....Chairman