

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 26 March 2015 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** County Councillors Anthony Blagg, Sheila Blagg, District Councillor Brian Lewis, Clerk Kay Stone and nine members of the public

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllr David Valentine 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. Purchase of Dodford Inn is progressing which has been held up by the sellers and the Asset of Community Value.
- ii. Hedges at Hawthorn Cottage and the Coach House in Priory Road need hacking back from the footpath.
- iii. Concern was shown about the number of sheds being erected in fields.
- iv. The Parish Council was asked if they could take photographs of damage caused by lorries at the corners of Priory Road / Warbage Lane and Victoria Road / Warbage Lane and send to Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Highways.
- v. Residents enquired on the progress of the planning application at One Oak.

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2015**

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

#### **4. 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. Cllr Blagg reported that after a discussion with the Safer Roads Team they have agreed in principle to introduce a 50mph speed limit through the Parish and a map had been produced to show the stretch of road concerned copies of which were made available at the meeting for members of the public.
- ii. District Councillor Brian Lewis reported that:
  - a. Severn Trent had recently dug up part of High Street and Cllr Anthony Blagg was able to inform the meeting that this was due to a broken sewage pipe
  - b. He was concerned about the weight of a fire engine parked in the High Street but was assured by Cllr Blagg that this did not create a problem and that the Fire Service and Police had been involved in a 24 hour campaign.
- iii. No representatives had been able to attend the CALC Area Meeting and so no report was given.
- iv. The Clerk did not have a report.

## 5. Planning

- i. To note any planning decisions received – Planning applications for Key Cottage in Whinfield Road, Rose Cottage in Warbage Lane and Camp Hill in Woodland Road had all been approved by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).  
The Planning Officers are waiting for the applicant for Parkgate Inn to submit further plans reducing the scale of the development.
- ii. To consider any planning appeals received – None received
- iii. Enforcement/Environmental issues – the Enforcement Officer is aware of the issues at the Cactus Farm.
- iv. Any planning issues – Planning application 15/0212 – Highwood Farm, Woodcote Lane – Construction of conservation lake – The Parish Council have no objection but would recommend to BDC that a fence be erected between the public footpath and the lake to deter any intrusions.

## 6. 2015 Parish Council Elections

Parish Council Election timetable was noted.

## 7. Lengthsman Scheme

It was proposed by Cllr Scott, seconded by Cllr Churchill and agreed that the Clerk should sign the 2015/2016 contracts for both Worcestershire County Council and the Lengthsman.

## 8. 2014/2015 Council Tax Grant

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.

## 9. Finance

Deposit account as at 27 February 2015 - £9,428.92

Current account as at 27 February 2015 - £2,309.60

Payments - Acceptance proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Scott:

- a. Clerk's salary - £300.65
- b. Expenses - £27.62 (Use of telephone and internet line £5; Storage £5; Travel 18 miles @ 45p/mile £8.10; stationery £7.18 and postage £2.34)
- c. HMRC - £75.00
- d. Allen Farnsworth (Lengthsman duties for February) - £192.00

## 10. Correspondence received – for information

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted and the Clerk was instructed to:

- i. Forward the request from Bag it Up Group for a clothing bank to be placed on the Village Hall car park to the Village Hall Committee
- ii. The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to invite the new District Sergeant for Bromsgrove Safer Neighbourhood Team or a colleague to the Annual Parish Meeting.
- iii. To register the School and Nursery parking as a hazard with Bromsgrove Safer Neighbourhood Team

## 11. Councillors items

None

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed.....Chairman