

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 23 April 2015 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Clerk Kay Stone and three members of the public

1. Apologies

None received.

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. Concern over the work being carried out on the barn at Whinfields (see more under item 10).
- ii. Concern over the poster by BDC appearing at The Dodford Inn regarding the Asset of Community Value delaying the sale of the Inn (see more under item 10).
- iii. White cord has appeared between the stumps in Alfred's Well and the Clerk was instructed by the Parish Council to check with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to see if this was on public highway or private property and did it cause a health and safety issue.

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 March 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. No report received from County Councillor Sheila Blagg due to the forthcoming election.
- ii. No report received from District Councillor Brian Lewis due to the forthcoming election.
- iii. The Clerk reported that
 - a. the forthcoming election is uncontested and that Cllrs Churchill, Jennings, Rea and Valentine have been duly elected for Dodford with Grafton Parish Council;
 - b. the West Mercia Police 'Safe Outside Schools' Campaign is not fully implemented yet, and
 - c. the first half of the Precept has been received from BDC.

5. Planning

- i. To note any planning decisions received – Planning application for One Oak, Kidderminster Road has been approved by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).
- ii. To consider any planning appeals received – None received.
- iii. Enforcement/Environmental issues – Whinfields, Whinfield Road (see more under item 10) and BDC have received a report about trailers and boats being stored in Woodcote Lane.
- iv. Any planning issues:

- a. Planning application 15/0298/9 – The Priests House, Grafton Lane – Listed Building Consent and Conversion of garden building to dwelling – The Parish Council have no objection.
- b. Planning application 15/0141 – Warridge House – Conversion of a large three car garage and utility area into a separate self contained unit of accommodation – The Parish Council have no objection.

6. Annual Parish Meeting

- i. The Annual Report could not be drafted prior to the meeting as the Clerk had only heard on the day of the meeting that the election was uncontested. It was agreed that the Clerk would draft the Annual Report and circulate it to Parish Councillors prior to printing and distribution to the Parish before the Annual Parish Meeting.
- ii. The proposed agenda was amended to include an update on the sale of the Dodford Inn and the Clerk was asked to invite the purchasers to the Annual Parish Meeting.

7. Borough of Redditch Local Plan No 4 and Bromsgrove District Plan – Sustainability Appraisals Consultation

Consultation was acknowledged but no formal response can be made by the Parish Council due to restrictions during the pre-election period.

8. Finance

- i. The final quarter reconciliation was presented by the Clerk who was pleased to report that due to considerable savings £448.13 could be returned to Reserves.
- ii. Deposit account as at 31 March 2015 - £9,179.31
Current account as at 31 March 2015 - £1,162.62
Payments - Acceptance proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Churchill:
 - a. Clerk's salary - £300.65
 - b. Expenses - £23.56 (Use of telephone and internet line £5; Storage £5; Travel 16 miles @ 45p/mile £7.20 and postage £6.36)
 - c. HMRC - £75.00
 - d. Allen Farnsworth (Lengthsman duties for March) - £96.00
 - e. Worcestershire CALC (Membership fee for 2015/2016) - £357.52

9. Correspondence received – for information

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.

10. Councillors items

- i. Bridge in Rose Lane is going to be repaired by WCC.
- ii. Dodford Inn - after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will not be responding to BDC regarding the Value of Community Asset notice on the gate of the Dodford Inn, unless the residents wish them to, but would like to make residents aware of the situation in case a community group wishes to get together to express a valid interest in purchasing the asset as the Parish Council would like to be seen as consulting with residents and keeping them as fully informed as possible. As a result the Clerk was instructed to put a suitable notice about this on the Parish Council Notice Board, the Parish Council web site and also on the gate at the Dodford Inn.
- iii. Concern over the work being carried out on the barn at Whinfields in Whinfield Road was expressed and the Clerk was instructed to contact BDC to ask for an onsite meeting with Head of Planning, Conservation Officer and Environmental Officer with Cllrs Rea and Valentine and possibly Churchill.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....Chairman