

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JULY 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), Cllr T Pell, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr Yeo, Cllr S Wynn, Cllr R Small, Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr L Wild & Cllr D Proctor, Cllr R Bessant and Cllr J Proctor-Nicholls

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk), District Councillor Mark Ward, County Councillor Rob Adams

PUBLIC: Mr D Rhodes, Mrs S Boniface, Mr J Cooper and Mr A Brown

1) APOLOGIES:

Cllr R Turner

2) CO OPTION OF COUNCILLOR TO REPRESENT DRAKES BROUGHTON

Cllr Bessant was co-opted onto the Council to represent Drakes Broughton Ward.

The co-option forms were signed in front of the Clerk and Cllr Bessant welcomed to the meeting.

The Chairman advised members that due to Mr Robert's holiday he would be co-opted at the August meeting.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Bessant re planning application: W/19/01411/HP Chaparral, 6 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton. Erection of boundary fence and access gates, creation of new vehicular access

4) LOCAL POLICING

The Clerk read the local policing report for June:

There were 4 crimes reported in Drakes Broughton between 01-06-19 and 01-07-19

Between 12/06/2019 18:30:00 and 13/06/2019 07:15:00 at WORCESTER ROAD, DRAKES BROUGHTON, Offender/s have cut through the metal at the rear of some metal cabins used to store work tools and stolen saws, laser levels, drills and other equipment from within.

Between 21/06/2019 00:00:00 and 24/06/2019 00:00:00 at WALCOT LANE, DRAKES BROUGHTON, Person(s) unknown have used unknown means/instrument and gained entry into the site office and stolen the keys to the sheds and to a forklift truck. They have also entered the garden of the show home and stolen garden furniture from within. The forklift was not stolen

Between 21/06/2019 00:00:00 and 24/06/2019 00:00:00 at WORCESTER ROAD, DRAKES BROUGHTON person(s) unknown have used unknown means/instrument and gained access onto the site and entered 2 metal containers which are used as a site office & meeting room by smashing off the locks. No damage caused inside, and no items stolen.

On 27/06/2019 At 23:36:00 hours at a property on WORCESTER ROAD, DRAKES BROUGHTON, unknown offender has entered a farm and approached the farm containers. The offender has broken the padlock off the containers and then searched inside. The occupants of the address have then disturbed the offender and he ran across the field. The male then got into an unknown vehicle and left the scene.

5) MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 6th June 2019 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Crouchman, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

6) MATTERS ARISING

- VAS – purchase updates and locations

The Chairman thanked District Councillor Ward for overseeing the purchase of the VAS on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Ward has obtained a very good deal and the VAS has been delivered. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Ward to get the VAS to the lengthsman. The Clerk advised she was still awaiting confirmation from WCC as to the location, County Councillor Adams advised that B Barnes of WCC has chosen a location and will advise the Clerk in due course. County Councillor Adams advised that thought it may be better to wait until after the school holidays for further monitoring strips to be placed on Walcot Lane, Shrubbery Road and again on the straight section on Stonebow Road. The members agreed.

- Report Back from Bovis Playpark meeting

Cllr Wild reported that himself, the Chairman and the Clerk had met with a representative from Bovis on 11th June. The Bovis representative was a technical director but was new to the site due to a regional restructure. The Bovis play park plans were advised and Cllr Wild had concerns regarding the offering, it contained no DDA/sensory play it was a repetitive limited offering. Since the meeting with Bovis Cllr Wild had met with Bovis's supplier and the Open Space Master Plan, with a view to having similar type of materials on the Bovis play park but with less duplication. Cllr Wild advised that there are bins and benches in the Bovis plan and PC have queried surfaces and signage. Cllr Wild and the Chairman explained that the roads on the Bovis estate will not be adopted by WDC as there is an unresolvable ownership question about a piece of the land on which road will be built. All the private land will be maintained and managed by management company and service will be paid for by residents of the Bovis site, in time a residents committee will be formed to manage the public areas.

- Public space landownership

The Clerk advised that she had contacted Smart Cut and had a detailed map of all locations the PC maintain. The next stage would be to consult with WDC regarding their ownership. It appeared there may be a piece of land in Lewis Close with ownership unknown, The Clerk would use the land registry if WDC couldn't advise regarding its ownership.

- Report Back from Parish/Town Council Event 13th June.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Proctor-Nichols, Cllr Tanfield and Cllr Crouchman for attending this event on behalf of the PC and invited them to update the members:

Cllr Proctor-Nichols advised that there had been information about the adopt a street for litter clearance initiative and an app to report homeless people which linked with other agencies to get support for the individual. Cllr Proctor-Nichols reported back that of the Parish councils represented DBWPPC was the only one with a current adopted Neighbourhood Plan. The SWDP review was calling for a further 14000 or more houses and should the SWDP decide to select land currently outside the NP boundary the NP would be superseded by the SWDP review. The timeline for the SWDP is: June-Sept advisory panels from the three district councils meet and review the lands offered. September would see their decisions reviewed by WCC and a consultation process would follow towards the end of 2019.

Cllr Crouchman advised members that there will be online access to the presentations and materials delivered at the event. She advised that rural crime prevention is offering a marking sessions for tool, bikes, garden machinery etc. Cllr Crouchman suggested inviting them to session at the next VHC coffee morning and Cllr Pell agreed. The Clerk will add information about this to the PC Villager report.

Cllr Tanfield advised that it had been a well organised and informative event. She advised to keep an eye on forthcoming events as she noted events on Speeding traffic and Village Halls were planned. Cllr Tanfield advised that The Community Legacy grant scheme was open and would be a good fund for the Village Hall refurbishment. It is a 2-stage process with initially an expression of interest due by 23rd August. If successful a full bid would need producing and submitting by 15th November. The first round had included 3 successful bids for Village Halls. She has been advised that where possible the bid should have an emphasis on

something different, compensating for services lost in the Village, innovative design to maximise variety of usage.

The Village of Culture forms appeared bureaucratic for a small amount of money. However, the small grants for active parishes is worth sports groups applying for. Cllr Wild advised he had passed this to the football club. Cllr Tanfield advised there was also the Community Solutions fund for bids up to £20K in line with WDC priorities. This is a 2-stage process again with first deadline 8th September.

7) OPEN SPACE REVIEW – Progress update (Cllr Wild)

Cllr Wild advised members that they were in stage 1 of the tender stage for the play park. This includes Junior play ages 1-4 and older children's play. The deadline for the tenders to be returned is 5th August. This excluded car parking but includes picnic tables, boulders, landscaping and play equipment. The committee is still awaiting the FA pitch inspection, but they were advised it could take up to 2 months. Cllr Wild raised his concerns about losing some car parking on the revised VHC design Cllr Small advised that he thought the entertainment licence was dependant on a certain number of car parking spaces too. The Chairman and Cllr Pell agreed to meet with Cllr Wild and review the situation.

8) VILLAGE HALL REFURBISH AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Chairman advised members that the architects plans have been agreed by the VHC who are writing to Lady Coventry as there will be a small alteration to the footprint of the hall. The next stage would be to review with the Open Space Committee to ensure car parking is adequate and both interact well before submitting a dual planning application.

The Chairman closed the meeting for representations from the public:

Mr A Brown – Mr Brown advised members over his concerns regarding 8-wheel lorries parking on the pavements in Walcot lane. Mr Brown advised that in his opinion the construction company should have a sensible delivery schedule to avoid lorries trying to pass each other or the school bus on Walcot Lane which actually has a 'unsuitable for heavy goods' signage. Cllr Wild responded to Mr Brown explaining that he also was a resident of Walcot Lane and the lorries were for the farm milk parlour development and not the new housing, however many problems have been raised to WDC to no avail. The Chairman suggested the Clerk involve the rural policing team and advised Mr Brown that dangerous or illegal driving should be report to the police direct.

Mr J Cooper – Mr Cooper raised his concerns regarding the Elan Homes but also suggested that the farm machinery was also too heavy for Walcot Lane and the road needed repair. District Councillor Ward offered to raised the issues with WDC enforcement and County Councillor Adams would invite CEO WCC J Heggarty for a site visit.

Mr D Rhodes – Mr Rhodes raised concerns regarding the new planning application at 6 Stonebow Road he advised that it is was not very different from the original and not in keeping with the street scene and had potential to interfere with the visibility splay.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public and re-opened the meeting.

Cllr Yeo left the meeting.

9) TRAFFIC ISSUES – SPEEDING TAFFIC & COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCG INITIATIVE.

The Clerk advised she had three volunteers for the community speed watch and the Chairman advised that a minimum of 6 would be required. Cllr Bessant agreed to coordinate the community Speed watch programme. The Clerk advised that she was awaiting the next steps from her SRP contact and agreed to pass the papers to Cllr Bessant.

10) STREETLIGHTS – REPORT BACK FROM INSPECTION & CONDITION SURVEY

The Chairman advised that E'on had been unable to complete the full survey and some of the report had been inaccurate. The Chairman had advised that the Clerk is liaising with E.on/Western Power to ensure all the lights are tested and the report back is accurate. Potentially there may be a need to replace the column outside 10 Croome Close. The Chairman asked members to review if this streetlight was needed as it may be cheaper to remove rather than replace.

11) ROOFTOP CAR PARKS

The Chairman advised that following a report of deterioration from the lengthsman she had contacted Rooftop once again and was hopeful of a new contact that would do a site visit. Cllr Small confirmed the area had deteriorated and the abandoned car was still there.

12) FENCE ON WALCOT LANE

Cllr Wild had requested a householder letter regarding the fence in poor repair beside the alley off Walcot Lane. A discussion arose and the Chairman asked the Clerk to write to the owner.

13) FIXED ASSEST REVIEW AND CONDITION SURVEY

The Chairman advised she is still awaiting updates to complete this report. Cllr Small will forward the outstanding paperwork to Cllr Butterworth ASAP.

The lengthsman has reported the bus shelters are in good repair advising a repaint of the interior of the one on the B4084, which will cost £20. Members decided to wait until Bovis development completed.

The lengthsman had advised that maybe Perspex was needed in Wadborough bus shelter. The Wadborough members thought this was unnecessary at this time.

Cllr Wild advised that the bench on the playing field was dangerous and needed removing Asap. The Clerk advised that the lengthsman had said it could cost up to £150. The Chairman and members agreed it needed removal if dangerous. This was proposed by Cllr Crouchman and seconded by Cllr Small and agreed by all

14) NEW BENCH FOR PLAYING FIELD

After some discussions around community contributions it was agreed to spend up to £800 to replace the bench. This was proposed by Cllr Wild and seconded by Cllr Proctor Nichols and agreed by all.

15) REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) County Councillor

County Councillor Adams advised members that WCC was aware of an unmarked footpath in Pirton and was of the opinion that spraying it now would do more harm than good. The Pirton members agreed. County Councillor Adams advised that there was a possibility of getting Drakes Broughton Roundall purchased out of the Police crime commissioners fund. The members welcomed this. Cllr Small reminded Cllr Adams he had agreed to request 'limited waiting' signage for the shops.

District Councillor

District Councillor Ward advised members that grant application for the fitness grant closed on 30th August. Success would be based on need and benefits to residents. Councillor Ward advised that First Bus will be splitting from Midland Red and new service and contracts would be devised once this happens, in the interim services remain unaltered.

b) Other reports as necessary

Cllr Small advised regarding a blown-out sewer at bottom of Beech Ave. The Clerk will advise Severn Trent.

Cllr Gardener advised that Sidings Road had been marked to fill large pothole on Sidings road but the marking are fading and no filling has happened!

Cllr Crouchman asked if the PC ever used the local press, a discussion rose regarding the pro's and con's
 Cllr Tanfield asked if the sharp bend on Sidings Road entering Wadborough had been raised. The Chairman confirmed it was raised at Pirton Parish meeting but was not being progressed at this time. Cllr Wyn asked if there had been a response from the Pirton Care nursing home re speeding staff. The Clerk apologised as she has yet to contact them. Cllr Wild raised his dismay at the materials used to rebuild the culvert and gateways in Brickyard Lane. He asked if there were any standards. Cllr Proctor advised that the new signage on 'Debby's Lane' was obscured by trees. Cllr Adams advised that the pavement on the B4084 are s due to be cut out and that there had been confusion over two locations now known as Windmill Lane.

16) TASKS FOR LENGTHSMAN

- Broken Glass on Play park
- Mound Slide Cut back – stubbing risk
- Remove the old broken bench

17) VILLAGER UPDATES

- Community speed watch volunteers
- Hedge Cutting – keep pavements passable
- Affordable housing at Hollyblue Close
- Speeding update

18) FINANCE

The monthly reconciliation of cash and other monies received was undertaken for June by Cllr Tanfield.

The Chairman presented the finance commit quarterly report.

It was proposed by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Proctor to authorise the following payments:

a) Mrs N Nicholson – Clerk salary – June	£471.96
b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – June	£220.00
c) Mr B Arrowsmith – Litter Clearing Playing fields – June	£100.80
d) Mr B Arrowsmith – Quarterly bus shelter cleansing	£30.00
e) Pirton PCC – Church hire for Parish meeting	£12.50
f) Smart Cut Ltd – grass cutting - June	£324.00
g) Wychavon Sport – Parish games entry fee	£18.00
h) SWARCO – purchase price new VAS	£3452.72

Remittance – N/A

19) PLANNING

- a) Elan homes 32 Houses Walcot Lane – discussed earlier in meeting.
- b) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon:
 W/19/1014/ADV Land Opposite Woodmead, Walcot lane, Drakes Broughton. Advertising boards and flags for open market residential development. Recommend refusal.
- c) Applications Approved:
 W/19/00922/FUL The Grange, Chevington Lane, Drakes Broughton. Subdivision of The Grange to form two independent dwellings (C3)
 W/19/00932/HP Teal farm, Wadborough, Worcester. Construction of domestic garage and home office/games room.
 W/19/1014/ADV Land Opposite Woodmead, Walcot lane, Drakes Broughton. Advertising boards and flags for open market residential development.
- d) Applications Refused: N/A

- e) Applications Awaiting comment:
- W/19/01326/FUL Woodhall Far, Brickyard Lane, Drakes Broughton. Erection of steel framed tractor garage and workshop for maintenance of farm equipment.
- W/19/01411/HP Chaparral, 6 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton. Erection of boundary fence and access gates, creation of new vehicular access
- W/19/0131/LB Associated ref 19/01262/HP Pirton Court, Pirton, Worcester. To increase height of an existing boundary wall. Listed building consent.
- W/19/01262/HP Associated ref: 19/01301/LB Pirton Court, Pirton, Worcester. To increase height of existing boundary wall.
- W/19/01109/ADV Land Adjacent, Langham, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. Siting of homes sales cabin and associated sales signage and information and sales signage including hoardings, individual signs to frontage of B4084 Worcester Road
- f) Appeals:
- App/H1840/W/19/3229548 The Old Coal Yard, Windmill Lane, Stoulton. Demolition of 2no. existing cottages, storage buildings and coal bunkers. Construction of 2no. detached replacement dwellings with a detached garage block providing a single garage to each dwelling.

20) CORRESPONDENCE

- Planning & Regulatory Committee - item notification
- Wychavon Village of Culture 2020
- Resident phone call regarding surface water at Elan homes
- Resident reported pavement in poor repair – Woodleigh
- West Mercia Homes – re-affordable housing Walcot Meadow.

21) INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 1st August 2019 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton monthly Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.