

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30 PM AT ST BARNABAS FIRST & MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRESENT: Cllr T Pell (Vice-Chair, Chair of the meeting), Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr P Crouchman, Cllr R Small, Cllr R Bessant, Cllr R Turner, Cllr S Quinton, Cllr Murphy & Cllr M Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk)

PUBLIC: 1 Member of Public in attendance.

1) APOLOGIES: Cllr Butterworth, Cllr Roberts, Cllr Yeo, Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Boniface, District Councillor Ward & County Councillor Robinson.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3) MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2021 were proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Couchman, agreed by all and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4) MATTERS ARISING

None

5) FINANCE

a) The monthly reconciliation of cash and other monies was undertaken for September by Cllr Tanfield.

It was proposed by Cllr Small and seconded by Cllr Turner to authorise the following payments:

a) Mrs N Nicholson – Clerk Salary –September	£488.45
b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman Services – September	£220.00
c) Mr B Arrowsmith – Play Park grounds maintenance – September	£242.00
d) OPUS Energy Ltd – Monthly streetlight electricity	£10.79
e) OPUS Energy Ltd – Monthly Streetlight electricity	£161.55
f) PKF Littlejohn LLP – External audit fee	£720.00
g) Smart Cut Ltd – Grass cutting - August	£333.70
h) Mr B Arrowsmith – Quarterly bus shelter cleansing	£30.00
i) C Bretherton – Sand & Varnish Wadborough notice board	£50.00
j) Paul Richardson -2 nd Stage Payment VH Building work (Legacy Grant)	£53,771.87
k) Smart Cut Ltd – Grass cutting – September	£333.70

Remittance: WDC 2nd Half year precept £11514.00
WDC 2nd Half year Grant £525.00
WCC Lengthsman reclaim August £220.00
WCC Grant for Pirton Bench £403.55

6) DRAKES BROUGHTON PLAYING FIELD ISSUES UPDATE

a. Flooding on the Playing Field – land drains from playing field to Brickyard Lane

The Chair advised that reports had been received that Elan Homes had now back filled the ditch and piped it. The PC have yet to receive any official information about the work that has been done or any report from the sub scan that was to be completed.

Cllr Turner advised that the pipe was open ended into a shallow ditch that potentially would not drain any excess water away.

The Clerk advised that she had notified the Land Drainage Officer at WDC.

b. Football Club Storage

The Chair advised Members that the base for the store has been completed and the posts put in place to tether the goals to. A plan is being prepared in readiness for the installation of the new store. The Chair asked for a Drakes Broughton Member to volunteer to liaise about this. Cllr Bessant volunteered, and Cllr Pell would update Cllr Bessant with the relevant information.

c. Football Garages

The Chair advised that the football garages (owned by the Village Hall) will be removed once the new football store is in situ. The garages are secure and there is no H&S issue with them remaining in place until the new storage is ready for use.

d. Trees

The Chair advised Members that the Memorial Trees have now been planted and a Memorial plaque is in place. The Members discussed how best to protect the trees and asked the Clerk to contact the tree surgeon for advice on this.

e. Security

The Chair advised that during September there had been a number of occasions when the gate had been closed to ensure unauthorised vehicles could not access the Playing Fields.

f. Play Park safety check

The Chair advised that all Members should now have seen the Play Park safety inspection report. Whilst there were no immediate safety actions there were a number of non urgent 'work required' actions. Members discussed warranties, the wayfarer path and the snagging list to be actioned by Sutcliffe Play. The Chair advised that she will consult with Mr Wild regarding what actions were required and by whom. It was noted that there may be a requirement to release funds to remedy these.

7. VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT – progress update

The Chair advised that the building work was progressing according to the planned timescale and that the first monthly site meeting was held on Thursday 30th September. The Chair advised that new floor base had been laid this week.

The Chair advised that the DBVH Management group are working hard to ensure that processes, procedures, and equipment are in place and ready for when the Hall reopens.

8. AREA OUTSIDE THE SHOPS – next steps

The Clerk advised that despite sending the enquiry letter via a number of methods she still had not received direct contact from the third shop keeper. The Clerk had now obtained an email address and would email the letter to that and would update Members in November's meeting.

The Chair advised that WCC had agreed to drop the curbs either side of the service road which would be a great improvement to accessibility.

9. SWDPR

The Chair advised that the Parishes' Committee are to meet Wychavon District Council to discuss the concerns regarding the SWDPR on 12th October. Cllr Butterworth & Cllr Pell will represent DBWPPC. Details about and from the meeting will be circulated to Members so everyone is aware of the issues that are being discussed and the concerns that are being raised. Cllr Tanfield noted that the SWDPR directly contradicts the Government's recent stance on not building on green field sites and this should be raised at the meeting. The delay to SWDPR being the perfect opportunity to review and bring the SWDPR in line with current government policy.

10. STREETLIGHTING

The Chair gave a summary of Cllr Roberts research and proposals regarding the streetlighting. Cllr Roberts research had shown a likely increase of 30-54% in electricity unit prices over the next 5 years. The current offer from SSE is an increase in excess of 60% and Cllr Roberts recommends waiting in the hope that the market levels out. The Council are in contract at the current fixed prices with Opus Energy Ltd until June 2022 and Cllr Roberts recommends waiting to look for prices in the Spring. The Chair noted that Cllr Butterworth was in agreement with Cllr Roberts. The Members discussed the options and voted unanimously to reject the SSE offer and review again in the spring.

The Chair noted that Cllr Roberts report included information about reduction of energy consumption through upgrading the lights to LED or perhaps reducing the time the lights are on for. Cllr Roberts will report further on this in November's meeting.

11. TRAFFIC SPEED WATCH

Cllr Bessant advised that there was no further update this month. Cllr Bessant had the required number of volunteers and was awaiting the Safer Road Partnership to conduct the safety survey. Cllr Bessant would contact those who volunteered to make them aware.

Cllr Williams asked if the speed watch could be used in other locations i.e. B4084. Cllr Bessant thought this was possible in time but the initial safety survey was being conducted on Stonebow Road.

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

The Chair drew Member's attention to the written reports received from County Councillor Robinson & District Councillor Ward. She asked if there were any specific issues that required raising with either County Councillor or District Councillor. There were none.

Members Reports

Cllr Crouchman advised the Members regarding the suggested locations for the Memorial Bench in Wadborough.

Cllr Murphy advised Members that she was working with the Pershore Volunteer Centre in her role at Worcester University and that she was now an ambassador for them. She highlighted the remarkable service the Centre offers.

Cllr Tanfield advised that the new Pirton bench was due to be delivered next week and she would liaise with WCC to have it installed.

Cllr Bessant advised that the 30MPH sign near the railway bridge on Stonebow Road was obscured by foliage.

Cllr Turner advised that there was a nice little play park on the far side of the Bovis development.

13. PERIODIC HIGHWAYS REVIEW

The Chair thanked Cllr Roberts and Cllr Small for reviewing the Highways and submitting the reports to WCC. The Clerk advised that the tasks for the Lengthsman had been requested.

14. VILLAGER SUBMISSION

The Clerk advised that she and the Chair had created a summary of business and submitted it for the October deadline.

15. TRAFFIC SPEED – VAS UPDATE

Cllr Bessant advised Members that there were still ongoing difficulties with obtaining the data from the solar powered VAS.

Cllr Bessant reminded Members that the solar VAS was now outside of the warranty period and that SWARCO had offered various levels of extended warranty schemes as circulated. Cllr Bessant advised that without a service warranty the call out charges would be a minimum of £630! Cllr Bessant advised that for £152PA (Silver level) there would be no call out charge, the PC would just pay for parts and labour, for £355 PA (Gold Level) this included software updates, wear and tear and an annual health check. Cllr Bessant advised that she thought the PC should take out the Silver Level cover as a bare minimum. The Members discussed the options and asked Cllr Bessant to find out when the PC had to decide by. The ongoing issues that had not been resolved yet should be covered within the initial warranty as the issues had been on going from before the warranty expired.

The Chair advised Members to give this some thought with a view to make a decision at November's meeting.

16. PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon DC: 21/02011/HP Pirton View, Station Road, Wadborough. Extension of existing dropped kerb. No Objection.
- b) Applications Approved: 21/01798/HP Woodland House, Mill Lane, Drakes Broughton. Proposed ground floor rear and side extension.
21/01671/HP Woodside, Station Road, Wadborough. Proposed conservatory to the side elevation.
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) Applications Awaiting comment: N/A
- e) Appeals: APP/H1840/W/20/3266091 The Timber Yard, Crabbe Lane, Wadborough. Erection of 1 No. live/work unit following demolition of existing buildings.
APP/H1840/D/21/3282118 Deerfold House, Mill Lane, Wadborough. Extend above existing garage to create home office and family accommodation.
- f) Planning Correspondence: Continued correspondence between the Chair and the SWDPR team regarding the inclusion of land outside the Village Boundary.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

- SWDPR Newsletter
- Resident regarding surface water drainage
- WDC Vibrant Villages event 21st October – Cllr Crouchman, Cllr Pell & Cllr Butterworth were scheduled to attend.
- Pershore Town Council request for good neighbour networks points of contact. The Chair confirmed these were now Cllr Murphy for Wadborough, Cllr Tanfield for Pirton and Cllr Pell for Drakes Broughton.
- LGA planning focus group invite – Cllr Pell advised that she had attended this interesting and informative event.
- Resident regarding a memorial bench in Wadborough. Wadborough Members advised this was a lovely and welcome offer they are currently looking into an appropriate location and asked The Clerk to reply accordingly.
- Jubilee Tree planting initiative
- WDC Housing needs workshop

- Exercise Class at Playing Field – It was noted that this was now to be held at Stoulton Village Hall whilst the Church roof is repaired.

18. INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7.30pm – Monthly Parish Council Meeting – St Barnabas First & Middle School.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm.