

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chair), Cllr T Pell, Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr R Bessant, Cllr J Murphy, Cllr M Williams, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr Boniface, Cllr Small, Cllr Roberts & Cllr Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk)

PUBLIC: 4 Residents in attendance

1) APOLOGIES: County Councillor Linda Robinson, District Councillor Mark Ward, Cllr J Yeo and Cllr S Cullen.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3) MEMBER VACANCY PIRTON

The Chair advised that the vacancy for the Pirton Ward remained unfilled but was still widely advertised.

The Chair closed the meeting for representation from the public:

A query was raised as to any outcomes or actions regarding the road safety at Wadborough crossroads that had been raised by a number of Wadborough residents at the recent Annual Parish Meeting. The Chair advised that the County Councillor had made contact with the owners of the hedge that has been referred to as a safety concern. There is a further plan for the County Councillor & The WCC Highways liaison officer to attend a site visit to ascertain if there is a safety concern from a Highways perspective.

It was noted that resident requests to place a visibility mirror was not prohibited by WCC Highways, however the Parish Council could not insure the mirror. There are a number of safety concerns surrounding the mirror and the Parish Council is not able to arrange insurance for a mirror placed by residents on private land.

The Clerk advised that WDC had confirmed that there was only one planning condition on the hedge and this applied to the entrances to the property being graduated and no higher than 0.6m. A resident suggested that conditions were applied to have visibility fencing in the 1960's. The Clerk advised that WDC had no record of any further planning restrictions.

It was noted for the record that this was not a personal attack on the owners of the hedge.

The meeting was re-opened.

4) MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 5th May 2022 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Boniface, agreed by all and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5) MATTERS ARISING

Trees on Playing field – The Chair advised Members that resident/owner of the trees has done some remedial work in recent weeks. The tree surgeon has suggested that the trees will continue to pose a threat and that his advice would be to eventually fell the trees and has quoted £1850 plus VAT to do this. This could only be done with permission from the resident. The next step was to consult the Open Space Committee and to have the trees re assessed for safety.

Litter Bins on playing field- The Chair advised that the WDC litter bins had now been installed.

Pirton Bench –The Chair advised that this was still waiting the return of the Parish Gang to secure it.

Cycle Parking Drakes Broughton: The Chair advised that it has taken tenacity but £502 S106 money has been secured from WCC to pay for 3 cycle stands (parking for 6 bikes) in the Playing Field/ Village Hall car park. The money was allocated in the unilateral agreement relating to the Bovis development. The stands are on order and there is an 8-week lead time.

Litter Bin Stonebow Road – It is confirmed that the siting of the bin is lawful; however, the Parish Council have been asked if it can be moved. Members for Drakes Broughton reported that the suggested alternative by the pub is too far away and that they could not see a suitable alternative. The Clerk suggested that the PC could consider installing a pole if there was a section of Highway verge suitable. The resident with the request had a lovely, neat front lawn and was already clearing up when people missed the bin. The Lamp post at the top end of Shrubbery Road was suggested and the Clerk was asked to consult with WDC if the bin could be relocated there.

Flooding on the playing field – No update.

VAS – The Chair advised that each village had now got an operational VAS. A discussion regarding the collection of the VAS data was had. It was agreed to collect and report on the VAS data quarterly. It was suggested the headline data be included in the Villager report. Cllr Murphy volunteered to collect the data from the Wadborough VAS.

6) FINANCE

Village Hall rejuvenation update: The Chair advised that the Village Hall was now re-opened and taking bookings, the project and come in on time and within budget. The final invoice has been paid to the builder.

The Chair put out a plea for extra helpers to now move forward with the running of the reopened hall, especially volunteers for the café and open/closing if the car park gate. The Clerk would advertise this in the School Newsletter.

Insurance Price Fix: – The Chair thanked members for their swift responses to information circulated during the last month. The Chair advised that the PC has now entered a 3-year LTA with the current provider Hiscox.

AGAR Public Rights: The Chair advised that the Public Rights Notices had gone up this evening ahead of the period of public rights starting Monday 13th June for 30 days.

The monthly bank reconciliation for May had been completed by Cllr Tanfield.

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

a) a) Mrs. N Nicholson – Clerk Salary – May (S/O)	£501.55
b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman Services – May	£220.00
c) Mr B Arrowsmith – Play Park grounds maintenance – May	£192.00
d) OPUS Energy Ltd – Monthly streetlight electricity	£10.58
e) OPUS Energy Ltd – Monthly Streetlight electricity	£178.58
f) Worcester Container Hire – VH Container May	£72.00
g) Broxap Ltd – Cycle Parking Stands (S106)	£217.20
h) Paul Richardson Building and Contractor Ltd (Cert 9 final account) (Leg Grant)	£7121.35
i) Paul Richardson Building and Contractor Ltd (Extras) (Leg Grant)	£1050.00

k) E.ON Energy Ltd – Upgrade Column 38	£378.00
l.) P Gutteridge – Jubilee funded band Wadborough	£60.00
m.) Ms R Bessant – reimburse Village Hall photos (Leg Grant)	£26.00

Remittance:

WDC Jubilee Funding £275.00

WCC Lengthsman reimburse £240.00

WDC Legacy Grant final payment £20,000.00

7.) VILLAGE HALL REJUVENATION AND REOPENING

The Chair said it was good to see so many of the people who have been involved with the Village Hall over the years in the Hall for the reopening event on 28th May 2022. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion, and all seemed to like the rejuvenated hall. Sadly, Les Wild was away and unable to attend. Another smaller celebration is planned for the key people on the project and it is hoped that Les will be there so that there is opportunity to thank him for his contribution. It is quite a remarkable achievement to have rejuvenated this building for the community, and it is really hoped that more people will step forward to support and help the small management team to look after the Hall and to make sure that it is something that the whole community uses and enjoys.

The Trustees and Management Group have given vouchers to Pirton, Wadborough and Drakes Broughton for free use of the hall for a community event. These vouchers are being distributed via the Parish Council; please work together to decide who is going to lead on arrangements for your community.

The Chair advised that since the re-opening there had been some issues with anti-social, disrespectful youths. These have been reported to the police with a name and the CCTV had been downloaded to give to the police too.

The Bowls Club was subjected to verbal abuse on their first session back in the Village Hall. One of the youths is known and the police will visit the family.

Graffiti has been found on some of the Play Park equipment, volunteers have cleaned and removed this. There is an unproven suggestion of drug dealing taking place as well. The CCTV will be reviewed. The Chair advised that it is important to note the time of an event that needs reviewing to be able to locate the correct section on CCTV.

8.) GROUND MAINTAINANCE PLAYPARK

The Chair advised that current contractor has handed in his notice and finishes 10th June. She asked members to put feelers out into the community for someone wanting a part-time roll keeping the Play Park area clean and smart. The Clerk advised that it was approx. 4 hours a week in the summer months and considerably less in the winter. It was agreed that the WDC litter bins should reduce the litter picking considerably. The main tasks then being cleaning of the Play Park furniture and the additional strimming that wasn't accessed by Smart Cut.

9.) AREA OUTSIDE THE SHOPS – Progress update

The Chair advised Members that the Clerk had obtained a quote from a local builder to tidy the area and make safe the steps and the wall of £1800. Members reported that one of the shop keepers was trying to progress things with the other shopkeepers. Discussions with Cllr R Adams who sits on the Community Rejuvenation Board had progressed and a newly appointed Community Officer would be coming to assess the site and any help they could give in rejuvenating the area.

10.)SWDPR

The Chair advised that the Wychavon Public Consultation has been delayed and meeting for local Parish Councils with Wychavon was cancelled. The Parishes committee met on 8th June to discuss feedback from the Parish meetings about the proposed Parkway development and to agree next actions, there would be a further update on the outcomes in July's meeting.

11.) DBFC – UPDATE INCLUDING REVIEW OF MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Members reviewed the correspondence between the PC and DBFC regarding the new proposed Memorandum of Understanding. The detail to be decided was if training could take place on 3 nights a week rather than 2. It was decided that with the Hall re-opened and the number of bookings it would be best to stay with 2 nights training. Saturday matches were discussed, and it was agreed to ask that the pitches be vacated by 1pm. The Chair noted for the record that there was no intention to stop DBRFC using the field and that the pitches had been moved and re-shaped to work with the Open Space design to accommodate DBRFC. There needed to be some changes due to the Village Hall rejuvenation and the now much more used Play Park and that the limited space available be available for use for all sections of the Community.

It was noted that the car parking was an issue and that DBRFC were making a concerted effort to encourage players to use the School car park as the Village Hall car parking spaces must be available for the hirers of the Hall.

Members reviewed the Memorandum in its entirety, and all agreed to the proposed wording and that it was now ready for agreement with DBRFC.

12.) ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH MEETINGS 2022

The following actions were noted from the recent Annual Parish meetings:

Wadborough Crossroads safety: As discussed in the public forum.

Concerns regarding, stones, posts and markers being placed on to the verges next to the highway by residents in Wadborough. The Clerk had put advice regarding these being unlawful into the Villager and the necessity for further action would be discussed in July's meeting.

There was a request for a dog waste bin in Wadborough. Wadborough members were asked to liaise with the resident as to the best location and the Clerk would then have the location risk assessed by WDC. The Clerk advised that having a litter bin was more cost effective and more versatile.

Communications had been received regarding the poor state of the steps and area outside of the Shops in Drakes Broughton.

Written communications had been received regarding the parking on Walcot Lane during football matches and training.

A storm drain that had been tarmacked over on Worcester Road Pirton – Cllr Roberts would follow this up with WCC Highways.

13.) DEFIBRILATOR WADBOROUGH

Cllr Murphy advised that the community of Wadborough had raised £918 during the Jubilee celebrations towards the installation of the defibrillator and the box required and that enough was raised to include face to face training. The Community had set up a group known as 'Wad Heartbeat' this group would be setting up a bank account and the residents of Wadborough via this group would own and maintain the defibrillator.

14.) REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS – Reports from County & District Councillors had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to follow up the progress on the TPO of the Oak tree on Stonebow Road – it had a notice pinned on it.

Members Reports

Cllr Crouchman noted that with Officer Pardoe unwell and no cover in place the Pershore rural team was two officers short. The Chair suggested writing to Paul Middlebrough who now sits on the Crime and Commissioning board.

Cllr Murphy asked if the handwritten letter received from a member of DBFC was to be responded to. The Chair advised that as the Parish Council had not received the letter the Parish Council would not reply.

Cllr Williams advised that an overgrown hedge at the Plough and Harrow Public house was restricting driver visibility. Cllr Roberts would report this on the WCC Hub.

Cllr Turner – advised that the 20MPH sign at the school was still unlit. Cllr Roberts would follow this up with WCC Highways.

15.)PERIODIC HIGHWAYS REVIEW

The Chair thanked Cllr Roberts and Cllr Small for reviewing the Highways and reporting local issues.

16.)VILLAGER SUBMISSION

The update had been submitted by the Clerk.

17.)PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon: W/22/00947/HP Two Springs, Besford Road, Wadborough. Retrospective application for the alteration/extension of an existing link/conservatory room and pitched roof garage to habitable family rooms. Objection.
- b) Applications Approved: W/22/00540/PIP Greenacres, Mill Lane, Drakes Broughton. Application for permission in principle for 1NO. Self-build dwelling.
W/22/00649/HP The Old Coal Yard, Windmill Lane, Stoulton. Conversion of roof space and Dormers to front and rear roof elevations.
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) Applications Awaiting comment: W/22/01123/HP 42 Beech Ave, Drakes Broughton. Rear single storey flat roofed extension.
- e) Appeals: APP/H1840/W/22/3295278 Thornden Grove, Windmill Lane, Stoulton. Conversion of existing barns including link extension, to replace approved residential conversion. Resubmission of planning permission 20.01714/FUL to include 2 storey extension.

18.)CORRESPONDENCE

- WCC Authority Monitoring Report 2018-2020, including Local Aggregates Assessment
- DBRFC Vandalism of garages
- Resident regarding the safety mat by the Play Park slide
- Resident regarding Parish meeting actions
- Resident re concealed entrance Worcester Road, Pirton – The Clerk was asked to forward details to Cllr Roberts to make a formal WCC Highways request.
- DBFC regarding reinstallation of Defibrillator
- West Mercia police reduced coverage
- WCC Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan: Receipt of Inspectors' Report
- Parish Games – Cllr Turner advised that there was no entry from Drakes Broughton as the pub Landlord no longer had time to collate entries.

19.)INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be meeting on **Thursday 7th July 2022** at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall

****Note September meeting will be held on Thursday 8th September.**

Meeting closed 21.25.