

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chair), Cllr R Turner, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr Yeo, Cllr Pell, Cllr Small & Cllr Roberts

IN ATTENDANCE, District Councillor Mark Ward & Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk)

PUBLIC: None

1) APOLOGIES: Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr Bessant, Cllr Williams, Cllr Boniface, Cllr Murphy & County Councillor Linda Robinson

2) MEMBER VACANCY PIRTON & DRAKES BROUGHTON

Mr D Skeys was co-opted onto the Council to represent Pirton. The co-options forms were signed in front of the clerk and Cllr Skeys was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr R Booker was co-opted onto the Council to represent Drakes Broughton Parish. The co-option forms were signed in front of the clerk and Cllr Booker was welcomed to the meeting.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None - The Clerk advised the new members of the need to complete the pecuniary interests forms and send them to the WDC Monitoring Officer.

4) MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 8th September 2022 were proposed by Cllr Crouchman, seconded by Cllr Pell, agreed by all and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5) MATTERS ARISING

Trees on Playing field – The Chair advised that the resident with the trees adjacent to the playing fields had now contacted the clerk and would be addressing the issue over the coming weeks.

Flooding on the playing field – District Councillor Ward advised that WDC solicitors had written to Elan Homes on 28th September. The residents still had been unable to confirm their boundaries and register with the Land Registry.

The Chair asked Cllr Booker to keep an eye on any water pooling/flooding issues on the Playing Field and advise accordingly.

Pedestrian Crossing Worcester Road – County Councillor Robinson had requested a temporary pedestrian crossing be installed whilst the long-awaited work takes place to get the pedestrian crossing operational but has been advised this is not possible. The work to create a new apron is scheduled for 24-28 October. The school has also written to the County Council to request a temporary pedestrian crossing be installed. The work is scheduled for half term. The danger after half term should the works be delayed or unsuccessful will be further exacerbated by the clocks changing and the darker night. District Councillor Ward would take this up on behalf of the PC.

Pirton – St Peters covered land drain – The Chair advised that the WCC Highways liaison officer had yet to visit with a metal detector to locate the land drain.

6.) FINANCE

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

Village Hall monitoring: The Chair advised that the final snagging list was being completed and that it was anticipated there would be a final invoice for circa £7700 to conclude the project. WDC have requested a report and pictures which the Chair will compile for them in due course.

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

a) Mrs. N Nicholson – Clerk Salary – September (S/O)	£501.55
b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman Services – September	£240.00
c) Wadborough Village Fund	
County Councillor Grant for Wadborough Defibrillator	£1200.00
d) E.on Column 7 upgrade	£1350.00
e) SSE – Streetlighting Electricity	£TBC

Remittance:

WDC – Parish Element CIL (Woodview) £998.00

WDC – 2nd Half precept and precept grant £13103.00

7.) VILLAGE HALL – Update

The Chair advised that the Village Hall is having the final snagging addressed by the builder. Events are being organised, there is a Quiz planned for 28th October and a craft fair on 19th November. There is still a need for new people to join the Village Hall Management Group and the Events Group

8.) PLAYPARK and PLAYING FIELD

The Chair advised that unfortunately it was too dark to review the area. The location of the memorial bench needed some thought, the request was to be in/near the children’s play area. This would need discussion with the Open Space Committee. There was a request from the VHC for an additional bin at the entrance /exit to the park as increasingly rubbish was being left behind. This would cost circa £709 to install and would incur an annual emptying fee from WDC. This was proposed by Cllr Butterworth and seconded by Cllr Roberts and agreed by all.

The flooding shed which had been broken into and had its lock broken was discussed, and the need for the flooding shed which was not in a user-friendly location was raised. Cllr Pell would review the contents and see if they could be stored and used by the VHC.

9.) AREA OUTSIDE THE SHOPS – update

The Chair advised that despite a positive meeting earlier in the year and some hopeful agreements, there had now been further correspondence from a shop keeper about the ownership and therefore the responsibilities regarding the apron & steps at the shops. It was decided that Cllr Roberts would review all the information again and see if there was a way forward. It was noted that the dropped curbs had been installed and that a replacement of all the curbs surrounding the village green was planned which would go some way to improving the area. The main concern was safety on the steps and the aesthetics of the wall.

10.)SWDPR – Report back from subgroup and Parishes meeting and consideration review of Parish Council community communication plan.

The Chair advised that ahead of the public consultation which will run from 1st November for 6 weeks, papers providing information about the SWDPR have now been made available; these include finalised information about the proposal for the development at Worcestershire Parkway. The Parish Council working party met last week and a copy of the proposed communication plan had been circulated for review. Members discussed what impact they thought they could have. Cllr Booker raised the issue of no additional hospital and the fact that the Worcester hospital was already stretched. Cllr Roberts raised his grave concerns regarding the traffic impact upon Drake Broughton during the development stage and beyond, he

felt that making the information more specific to how those living in Drakes Broughton would be directly affected would be helpful. The sheer vastness of the proposal was discussed, a town the size of Droitwich! The Chair advised that despite concerns regarding whether the Members or indeed the public could have any impact on stopping or reducing the development, she felt that it was the duty of the PC to ensure that every resident had the opportunity to see what was proposed and to be enabled to make comments should they wish to do. District Councillor Ward advised that the entire SWDPR needed to pass regulation 19 via the planning inspectorate following the public consultation.

The proposed communication plan was agreed in principle and will be updated and circulated. The sub-group will be meeting again on Monday 9th; the meeting will be online, and all members are welcome to attend. Cllr Butterworth and Cllr Pell will be attending the liaison meeting with Wychavon DC on 11th November 2022.

The next stage for the Parish Council would be a letter of overview being delivered to all the residents of the parishes.

11.)DBFC – UPDATE INCLUDING MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING, STORE & GARAGES

The Chair advised that a joint statement from DBRFC and the PC would be put into the public domain to explain how they are working together and dispel some of the negativity surrounding the need for some teams to play on pitches outside of the Village.

The PC is still awaiting the signed Memorandum of Understanding.

The Chair advised that she didn't anticipate that the football store would be installed this year as the ground was now too wet.

The Chair advised that the funding that was thought to be in place to remove the concrete garages had fallen through and that there would be a need to discuss the removal and funding the removal of the garages that were now VH owned, on PC land, but had been used by DBRFC for the last number of years!

12.)OPEN SPACE – Consultation and next steps

The Chair advised that this was currently on hold as the Garden Town consultation was taking priority. It was noted that no works would be agreed without full consultation with the public and especially the residents bordering the Playing Fields.

13.)WALCOT LANE – HGV RESTRICTIONS

Cllr Small advised that there was an HGV advisory sign already on Walcot Lane. The Chair advised that it was a further enforceable restriction that the PC were pursuing and that this was being taken up by County Councillor Robinson and the Highways Dept.

14.)ROAD SAFETY – Community speed watch progress, speed on B4084

The Chair advised that County Councillor Robinson had requested a speed survey on B4084. Some information had already been made available that very few vehicles were breaching the 40MPH speed limit. Cllr Bessant is still progressing the Community Speed watch and has asked for the B4084 to be safety checked as an additional location. The volunteers are on hold awaiting a training date from the Safer Road Partnership. District Councillor Ward asked to be involved.

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

There were no additional reports or queries.

Members Reports

Cllr Turner advised that the footpath across the Bovis site had re-opened it was still a little uneven but passable.

16.)PERIODIC HIGHWAYS REVIEW – Including tasks for lengthsman

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

Cllr Crouchman advised that the broken road name sign at Besford Road was still outstanding.

17.)VILLAGER SUBMISSION

The Chair asked if there were any specific additions to the Villager report and advised that she & the clerk would compile and submit it tomorrow.

18.)PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon: N/A
- b) Applications Approved: W/22/013556/HP The Old Smithy, Mill Lane, Wadborough. Installation of solar panels to garage roof.
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) Applications Awaiting comment: W/22/0249/PIP Land at (OS 9194 4873) Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. Permission in principle for 1 no. self-build dwelling.
W/22/01723/HP Birtchwood House, Mill Lane, Wadborough. Erection of single storey side extension.
- e) Appeals: APP/H1840/W/22/3297867. Land to the south of Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton. Erection of 12no dwellings and new access. APPEAL DISMISSED. The Chair advised that she cannot see this site in the revised SWDP proposals either.

19.)CORRESPONDENCE

- Resident re Open Space Consultation
- Resident re Sunday football matches.

20.)INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be meeting on **Thursday 3rd November 2022** at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall

Meeting closed 21.10.