

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chair), Cllr R Turner, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr Pell, Cllr Small, Cllr Bessant, Cllr Williams, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Skeys and Cllr Booker.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Linda Robinson and Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk)

PUBLIC: None

1) APOLOGIES: Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr Yeo, District Councillor Mark Ward & Cllr Roberts

2) MEMBER VACANCY DRAKES BROUGHTON

The Chair advised that Cllr Boniface had resigned due to work commitments. The Clerk would notify WDC and start the process of advertising the vacancy for the Drakes Broughton Ward.

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Williams declared an interest in planning application W/22/0249/PIP

4) MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 6th October 2022 were proposed by Cllr Crouchman, seconded by Cllr Williams, agreed by all and signed by the Chair as a true record.

5) MATTERS ARISING

Trees on Playing field – The Chair advised that she would review this when in attendance at the Playing Field tomorrow.

Flooding on the playing field – The Chair advised she was awaiting an update from District Councillor Ward.

Cllr Booker advised that although the ground was ‘soggy’ there was no lying water on the Playing Field at present.

Pedestrian Crossing Worcester Road – The Chair advised that the work to create a new apron that was scheduled for 24-28 October has been postponed. The Members raised their deep concerns regarding safety and the unacceptable delay. The County Councillor advised she was led to believe the new scheduled dates were now February 2023! The Members expressed their dismay and asked that this was moved forward as a matter of urgency. The speed limit of 40MPH and the occupation of the new estate meant that parents with young children were having to take their lives in their hands to cross the road. The Members asked that a temporary crossing be installed until the actual crossing was operational. The Parish Council are aware that the Head teacher of the school has also written to the County Council to request that a temporary pedestrian crossing be installed. The County Councillor would speak with the WCC Highways liaison officer and update the Chair tomorrow on a plan of action. The County Councillor suggested the Chair approach Bovis Homes.

The work that was planned and scheduled for October was cancelled as the work to repair the gables at Walcot Lane ford was deemed to be a priority; however, the ford was in flood on the dates and so the work did not happen! So, neither work was completed. We are advised that work to the ford will be undertaken when the water level drops.

Cllr Booker advised that the depth marker was not visible when approaching from Walcot Lane until one was already in the water and that the warning signage was insufficient.

Pirton – Covered land drain, Worcester Road – The Chair advised that Highways had visited the site and located the drain, the next stage was to excavate and reinstall the land drain.

Walcot Lane – HGV restrictions

County Councillor Robinson would raise this with the Highways Liaison Officer.

Cllr Small advised that the existing signage had been reported by Cllr Roberts and would be repaired in due course.

Road Safety – Community Speed Watch

Cllr Bessant advised that all the vetting forms for volunteers were with West Mercia and that she was waiting for these to be processed.

Cllr Booker asked if the speed limit past the play park could be reviewed/reduced to 20MPH as the pedestrian entrance from the play park was straight onto the carriageway.

6.) FINANCE

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

Village Hall monitoring: The Chair advised that the final snagging list was still being completed and after full completion a final invoice for circa £7700 would conclude the project.

Financial position 2022 – The Chair advised that an up-to-date financial position would be circulated for members to review prior to the December meeting.

Precept 2023-2024 – The Chair advised members that the decision regarding the precept amount required was due by 30th January. She asked Members to have a think about any additional needs for the villages and make her aware of items they would like to be included in the budget.

The SSE payment made during the month for streetlighting electricity was £492.15

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

a) Mrs. N Nicholson – Clerk Salary – October (S/O)	£501.55	
b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman Services – October	£240.00	
c) St Barnabas CofE First & Middle School – Parkway letter printing	£27.30	
d) WDC – Annual cleanse and emptying Walcot & Beech Ave Litter bins	£200.69	
e) N Nicholson – quarterly contribution to clerk phone line	£60.00	
f) Mrs N Nicholson – quarterly OPE	£25.91	
g) Mrs N Nicholson – replacement answer machine	£38.25	
h) Mrs N Nicholson – padlock for playing field service gate		£17.99
i) Smart Cut Ltd – Grass cutting October	£302.81	
j) Smart Cut Ltd – Surface blowing Play Park	£24.00	
k) Smart Cut – Weedkilling Play Park	£57.00	
l) SSE Street light electricity	£TBC	

Remittance: WCC Lengthsman Scheme reimburse July & August £480.00

7.) VILLAGE HALL – Update

The Chair advised that the Village Hall is really becoming a lovely vibrant and well used hub for the community, the recent events have been well attended and there are two more events planned this month. Cllr Murphy advise that the pop-up café is being attended by Wadborough residents and there is a lovely atmosphere and the second hand uniform rail is really good.

8.) PLAYPARK and PLAYING FIELD – flooding shed & memorial bench

The Chair advised that a new padlock has been added to the service gate, the wayfarer path has been taken up and re-laid, the new bin will be in situ shortly. The Parish Council are very grateful to Sanctuary Homes who have gifted and installed a notice board for to the community via the Parish Council.

The Members discussed the damaged to the flooding shed, its contents and the need to review the contents, what was still required and where to store these items going forward.

The site for the memorial bench was discussed and the Chair and Cllr Pell would review the location on site in the daylight tomorrow and confirm with the Clerk to move things forward.

Cllr Small advised that the hedge required cutting.

9.) AREA OUTSIDE THE SHOPS – update

The Chair advised that responsibility for the apron, steps and wall was still unclear with the four original shop keepers having retained ownership of the apron and steps and that further investigation was required as to who was legally responsible. County Councillor Robinson would approach the H&S at WCC and WCC legal dept to find out if there was anything they could do to assist. Members were concerned that it was becoming more dangerous and not just an aesthetic problem

10.)SWDPR – Update on community involvement, progress against plan, what next

The Chair advised that since our last meeting there has been a Joint Parishes Committee meeting and a liaison meeting with Wychavon as well as a Parish Council working party meeting.

At the last meeting we agreed a communication plan to make people aware that there are proposals for considerable development by Worcestershire Parkway; The Chair thanked everyone who has helped to deliver both of the letters to our Parishioners. This has required huge effort and hopefully it has done what we set out to do and people are at least now aware of the proposal and the consultation. The Chair asked the Clerk to thank the school for the fast efficient printing done for the PC.

The Chair advised that there had been a moderate turn out at the Pirton information meeting last night. She advised that things are all set for the 2 meetings planned for Drakes Broughton tomorrow.

The Chair advised that Wychavon DC are holding a drop in event at Norton Village Hall on 9th November. The Chair advised that a Joint Parishes Committee response to the consultation is being drafted by Andrew Morris – all members of the committee have been invited to contribute and once it is complete it will be reviewed and agreed before it is submitted. Once the final version is available it will be circulated to members.

Cllr Murphy is has drafted a document that lists the areas of concern that have been raised by parishioners and this will be linked to the policies so it can be used to assist in making submissions to the consultation.

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

The Chair advised that the PC are still awaiting a copy of the signed MOU from DBRFC. A joint statement from the Parish Council, Village Hall and Football Club reassuring the people that the Parish Council, Village Hall and Football Club are all working together was shared via Villager, social media and websites.

The Village Hall management team and football club are currently working together to try to open the café on Saturday mornings; more volunteers are needed.

There has been no progress with making a plan to move the new store to site and the funding that was in place to remove the Village Hall owned garages is no longer available. These items will both be on the agenda for the next meeting between the Football club, Village Hall and Parish Council.

11.)OPEN SPACE – Consultation and next steps

The Chair advised that more consultation is needed about the second phase of development for the playing field. This includes consultation with the residents of the neighbouring properties and a few awareness sessions at the Village Hall. Cllr Butterworth & Cllr Bessant agreed to meet to create a plan of action.

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

County Councillor Robinson advised that the avian bird flu was on the increase and asked that residents were advised not to touch or approach ill birds even though it was distressing to see.

County Councillor advised that the pavement resurfacing at Greenfield Close was scheduled for 14th November.

It was noted that the school crossing lights had still not been repaired.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of the County Council helping with the upgrading of the streetlights or even adopting them, Cllr Robinson would investigate further.

Cllr Robinson advised that Peopleton PC were holding a police/crime watch evening on 16th November. Cllr Pell volunteered to attend to see if a similar event could be worthwhile in Drakes Broughton.

Members Reports

Cllr Murphy advised that the Masons Arms had a temporary storage facility in the car park.

Cllr Pell advised that there were still complaints being received about the dog waste bin at the Village Hall car park entrance being in the visibility line for exiting the car park. The Chair asked the Clerk to liaise with WDC to see what could be done.

Cllr Bessant advised that she had downloaded the VAS data and whilst the majority of the speeds recorded were within the speed limit there were some worryingly high figures one of 74MPH!

Cllr Turner advised that the new streetlights on the Worcester Road were not yet on the WCC interactive map.

13.) STREETLIGHTS Col 28/30

The Chair advised that last month a bulb change had been ordered for col 30. When the engineers attended the site, it was col 28 that was unlit and upon investigation it appeared to of had its electrics damaged. The column would not now be able to be re-lit from a bulb change and a full upgrade would be required. Cllr Butterworth proposed that this was done, this was seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by all.

The Clerk advised that col 9 and col 35 were unlit and that bulb changes had been requested.

The Clerk advised she was still pursuing the insurance claim for the damaged column at Lewis Close.

The Chair asked the Clerk to include these details regarding the reported streetlights in the Villager report.

14.) PERIODIC HIGHWAYS REVIEW

The Chair thanked Cllr Roberts and Cllr Small for completing this a reporting issues observed.

15.) PARISH MEETINGS 2023

The Chair advised that these meeting were required to take place in May and asked members if they had ideas for what needed including or local groups to ask to present at the meetings. It was noted that these were not Parish Council meetings and needed a much more community feel as information events for the Parishes. Cllr Bessant suggested information regarding who was responsible for what, WCC, WDC & PC Cllr Murphy suggested inviting the Wadborough events group as they were growing and active.

16.) VILLAGER SUBMISSION

It was noted this was required by Monday and the Clerk was asked to include thanks to Sanctuary Homes for the gifting and installation of the new community notice board at Drakes Broughton Village Hall.

A notice regarding the Play Park path, bin & zipline repair.

Details of the SWDPR and information on where to get further information and an invite to get in touch.

17.) PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon: W/22/01946/HP Narrow Wood Barn, Station Road, Wadborough. Proposed garden room, porch and 2no roof lights. No Objection.

W/22/02049/PIP Land at (OS 9194 4873) Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. Permission in principle for 1 no. self-build dwelling. No Objection.

- b) Applications Approved: N/A
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) Applications Awaiting comment: W/22/02074/HP Woodground Cottage, Chevington Lane, Drakes Broughton. Proposed two storey extension and new gated access for improved highways visibility.
- e) Appeals: N/A

18.)CORRESPONDENCE

- Resident re Open Space Consultation
- X2 Resident reactions correspondence to SWDPR Garden Town information.

19.)INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be meeting on **Thursday 1st December 2022** at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall

Meeting closed 21.50.