

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 21 January 2010 in Dodford Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Richard Harper (Chairman), John Caldicott, Adrian Crump, Vic Dawson, Jill Silver, and Clerk Kay Stone

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lynne Griffin and Alwyn Rea and were accepted.

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

None.

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of interest/items for the next agenda:

- The Council were informed that Sergeant Tim Harvey has replaced Sergeant Nick Husbands

#### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 19 November 2009**

Cllr Adrian Crump reported that he did give apologies for the December meeting. The Minutes were amended, initialled by the Chairman, then approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. Reports**

The Clerk reported that the request for the 2010/2011 precept had been submitted.

#### **5. Planning**

**Planning Committee Meeting held on 17 December** – full minutes had already been circulated

##### **Planning applications:**

- **09/0919 – High Cottage, Alfreds Well – construction of garage**  
No objections providing traditional brick to match the existing dwelling, clay roof, timber door.

##### **Enforcement/Environmental issues:**

- **Breaside, Woodland Road** – Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) have confirmed that the area of hard standing and a wall at Braeside do not require planning permission as they meet the criteria of permitted development.
- **White House, Warbage Lane** – complaints have been received from residents about Whitford Construction not clearing up at the end of the day resulting in damage to cars and hedgerows.

**Planning Committee Meeting held on 18 January** – full minutes had already been circulated

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of interest/items for the next agenda:

- One resident spoke about the impact the installation of two wind generators, as per the current application, would have on his business.

**Planning applications:**

- **09/0949 – Highwoods Farm, Woodcote Lane – replacement dwelling and detached garage to replace out buildings.**  
In principle no objections to redevelopment of this site for purpose of single residential development with outbuilding but concerns about the suburban design in this location.
- **09/0909 – Dodford Priory – conversion of existing barn building to form residential facility changing the current use of part vacant and part garden storage.**  
No objection in principle as long as historical detail of the building is maintained with the use of traditional material and the impact of the proposed first floor linked corridor is minimised in order not to detract from the appearance of the existing building.
- **09/1003 – Land at E.391641 N:271551 Kidderminster Road, Woodcote Green – Erection of two wind generators**  
Comparable reference is made to the consented turbines at Wychbold, which are smaller and feel that the noise impact is less of a problem in that location, than it would be on the subject application, because of the relentless noise from the M5 motorway. Whilst this Parish is in support of sustainable and renewable energy, the application would still remain in the green belt and would have direct impact on neighbouring golf range and potential detrimental effect on the golf range. In the absence of specific local development policy with BDC with regards to wind turbines we would judge that there are no very special circumstances to justify approval of this development in this location.

**Planning decisions:**

- **09/0696 - The White House, Warbage Lane** - Replacement detached garage- Permitted
- **09/0720 Meadow Cottage, Brimstone Lane** - Proposed replacement of dwellings, Meadow Cottage and Woodland View with proposed new access drive – Permitted
- **09/0760 12 Flockbury Road** - Proposed side and rear extension – Application withdrawn
- **09/0650 Orchard Cottage, Whinfield Road** - Retention of roof alteration to existing detached garage building - Permitted
- **09/0874 Sunday Hill Whinfield Road** - Single storey extension to rear – Pending decision
- **09/0910 Dodford Priory** - Conversion of existing barn building to form residential facility - listed building consent – Application withdrawn
- **09/0919 High Cottage, Alfred's Well** Construction of garage – Pending decision

At this point Cllr Caldicott brought to the Planning Committee's attention BDC had received a complaint that he had breached the Code of Conduct in respect of a complainant engaging a planning agent for documents which were not required for Orchard Cottage. The decision reached by the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee is that there should be no further action.

## **Enforcement/Environmental issues:**

- **Foster's Pig Farm, Woodland Road** - It has been brought to the attention of the Planning Committee that there appears to be a high scale of activity at the Farm and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Foster, with a copy sent to BDC expressing concern.
- An update on outstanding enforcement issues from Joe Turner, Enforcement Officer at BDC has been received.
- A resident had brought to the Planning Committee's attention that he had received mixed messages about approval for repairs to a shed within his garden and the resident has been asked for further details about the verbal refusal he had received.

## **6. Parish Plan Review**

Next meeting 22 February in the Village Hall and all are welcome. Looking for the Parish Plan to look more like the Village Design Statement.

## **7. Village Hall Project**

Chairman and Clerk to go through the loan application form and submit to Public Works Loans Board.

## **8. Standing Orders**

Cllr Dawson proposed and Cllr Silver seconded for an appendix to the Standing Orders allowing Parish Council meeting summonses to be sent electronically by the Clerk with the exception that if a Councillor wishes to receive a hard copy in the post the Clerk will adhere to their wishes. This will be trialled for two months.

## **9. Worcestershire County Council Waste Core Strategy**

The Council expressed thanks to Phil Richardson was thanked for his précis on the WCC Waste Strategy document.

## **10. Bromsgrove District Council Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document**

It was noted that this will have no direct impact on this Parish.

## **11. Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill**

It was noted that the Council did not have any views on lobbying MPs about this.

## **12. Finance**

- i. The quarterly reconciliation as at end of December 2009 was produced and agreed that this would be submitted with the agenda in future.
- ii. Payments due for January set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were approved.

- iii. It was agreed to renew the membership for CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)

### **13. Correspondence received**

- i. Parish Council Briefing has been received from Sheila Blagg, County Councillor
- ii. WCC - U Decide has launched in Bromsgrove District. Grants of up to £5k will be available for 13 - 19 year olds and up to £1,250 for 7 - 13 year olds. Closing date is January 29 2010. This was passed to Cllr Crump for information for the School
- iii. WCC Planning Validation Document - for the determination of planning applications for minerals and waste management and planning applications for the County Council's own development such as road, schools and libraries. Copies can be viewed on their web site at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/validdocs](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/validdocs). Consultation runs till 26 February. Councillors to look at this document on line to discuss at February meeting
- iv. Thank you letter from the Parish Church of Holy Trinity and St Mary on receipt of the grant
- v. Thank you letter from the Citizens Advice Bureau on receipt of the grant with a request for a 2010/11 grant which will be discussed at the end of 2010
- vi. Invitation received from BDC for the Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January at 12.30pm at Sanders Park, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove - the Chairman will represent the Council

### **14. Councillors Items**

None

### **15. Dates for 2010**

- Thursday 21 January 2010
- Thursday 18 February 2010
- Thursday 18 March 2010
- Thursday 15 April 2010
- Thursday 20 May 2010 – Annual Parish Meeting (7pm) followed by Council Meeting (7.30pm)
- Thursday 24 June 2010
- Thursday 15 July 2010
- Thursday 9 September 2010
- Thursday 21 October 2010
- Thursday 18 November 2010
- Thursday 16 December 2010

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed.....Chairman