

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 15 April 2010 in Dodford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Richard Harper (Chairman), John Caldicott, Adrian Crump, Vic Dawson, Lynne Griffin, Alwyn Rea, and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jill Silver and were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Lynne Griffin declared an interest in item 7 Village Hall Project.

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

A resident brought to the Council's attention:

- i. how the village is looking neglected and asked for pressure to be put on the Council regarding the footpaths. It was noted that Severn Trent were due to renew the pipes under the surface and the Clerk was requested by the Chairman to see if there was a letter two or three years ago about this. Resident to provide Clerk with copies of correspondence written about the state of the road and pavements and Clerk to write to WCC with copies of correspondence;
- ii. that water is still draining into the road from Tower House;
- iii. that a sign has been put up for Westbourne Nursery on the Kidderminster Road, and
- iv. that there have been changes with people included in Neighbourhood Watch

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18 March 2010

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Griffin after which they were signed by the Council Chairman as being a true record.

4. Reports

- i. The Clerk will be attending a CALC Clerks' Gathering on 20 April and 19 May at a cost of £7.50 each (first meeting to be free).
- ii. The Parish Lengthsman has signed a contract for 2010/11 under same terms as previous year. He will receive £2,112.00 and the Parish Council will be allocated £2,114.00 from Worcestershire County Council (WCC).

- iii. The Clerk has received remittance advice to say we have received the Precept of £4,925.00 for the first half year.

5. Planning

- i. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 26 March had already been circulated.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to arrange an extended planning meeting for Councillors to walk/drive round to look at all enforcement issues and to invite the principle planning officer from Bromsgrove District Council (BDC).
- iii. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council had attended a Meeting at County Hall and confirmed there was no local policy for wind generators either by BDC or WCC. BDC principle planning officer was to recommend refusal on the application to erect two wind generators on land in Woodcote due to a recent refusal by another District Council on the grounds that the wind turbines would have been close to listed buildings and there are listed buildings in Woodcote. The Clerk was asked to respond to BDC that the Parish Council Chairman would like to speak at the next BDC planning committee meeting on 19 April. The Clerk was also asked to write to Councillor Sheila Blagg to keep the pressure on.

6. Parish Plan Review

- i. New design still being worked on.
- ii. Clerk was requested to approve the new proof of the information card and to arrange for it to go out with the Annual Report to all residents.

7. Village Hall Project

- i. The Clerk has received confirmation from The Communities and Local Government that it is in order for the £15,000 borrowed for the alteration and extension to storage facilities at the village hall to be now used for the provision of a Grant to Dodford Village Hall Committee for the replacement of the village hall roof.
- ii. There is still a possibility that we may need a temporary venue for the June and July meetings and Councillor Crump was asked to enquire if it would be possible to hold meetings in the School. The Church is another possibility.

8. NALC Draft Development Strategy and Business Plan 2010-2015

It was decided not to pass on any comments to NALC.

9. Foster's Pig Farm

It was reported that the corner of Church Road and Victoria Road is being damaged by vehicles going to the pig farm. The Clerk is to write to Mr Foster following a non-response to previous letter.

10. Finance

- i. The final quarter's reconciliation had already been circulated and was approved.
- ii. Payments due for April set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were approved
- iii. The Parish Council Chairman agreed to look at the draft of the Annual Report, asking fellow Councillors to come back to the Clerk by 19 April with any comments.

13. Correspondence received

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to write to Wychavon District Council thanking them for keeping the Parish Council informed about their draft residential design guide supplementary planning document.

14. Councillors Items

- i. The Clerk was asked to bring along to the next meeting the Councillor's Registered Interest Declarations for Councillors to update.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed.....Chairman