

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Richard Harper (Chairman), Adrian Crump, Vic Dawson, Alwyn Rea, Jill Silver and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Caldicott and Lynne Griffin and were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Cllr Silver declared a personal interest in item 9 on the agenda.

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

Residents brought to the Council's attention:

- i. Problems with parking for the school and nursery and safety issues with vehicles turning outside a property in Priory Road.
- ii. A job number has now been received from Severn Trent for the water leak in Priory Road.
- iii. An offer of interest has been received from a resident for the Tree Warden Scheme.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 24 June 2010

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

4. Reports

The Clerk reported that:

- i. Joe Turner, Enforcement Officer, Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) would be delighted to come along to a Planning Meeting in September and look at enforcement issues in the Parish and suggested Judith Carstairs, the conservation officer should also attend.
- ii. The previous Clerk no longer has any correspondence about the overgrown hedge opposite the Village Hall although recalls writing a letter. There is a standard letter we can write asking the owner to cut back the hedge but need the name of the landowner first.

- iii. Had received a response to many highway issues with John Hobbs at Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to say he has asked for the County Highways Liaison Engineer to investigate and report back. The Clerk was asked to request a report from John Hobbs by the September Parish Council meeting.
- iv. Had received correspondence from the Committee Services Officer at BDC advising of travellers in the area who will be attending a wedding on 27 July and requesting the Parish to monitor any vulnerable areas of land within the Parish.
- v. Following Councillor Brian Lewis's report at the previous Parish Council Meeting, the Clerk advised the Council that the planning application for a new Sainsbury's in Bromsgrove had been approved.

5. Planning

There have been no Planning Committee Meetings since 21 June.

6. Parish Plan Review

An outline draft will be ready for September.

7. Speeding restrictions through the Parish

This will be an ongoing item on forthcoming agendas as we are waiting for a report from WCC.

8. Bromsgrove District Council Licensing Policy

The Chairman will feed through comments to the Clerk to report back to BDC.

9. Fosters Pig Farm

A response had been received from Martin Foster and the Clerk was asked to respond thanking him for his explanation of the extra activity and to send a copy to BDC to see if they are happy with the response. The Clerk was asked to keep this as an enforcement item for planning committee meetings.

10. Restoration of commemorative stone celebrating 150th anniversary of the Chartists first occupation of cottages in Dodford

The Clerk was asked to copy Gordon Long's comments to the Dodford Society asking if they will take on the responsibility of the upkeep of the commemorative stone. The Clerk has received an email from a memorial inspection company which she will pass on to Dodford Society. This item to be kept on forthcoming agendas.

11. Finance

- i. The Clerk presented the first quarter reconciliation as at the end of June 2010 which was approved.

- ii. Payments due for July set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were approved.

12. Correspondence received

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to add the wind turbines appeal letter to the next Planning Committee agenda
- iii. The Clerk was asked to write to the school and the nursery expressing concerns about the parking and asking if they would like to comment before the September meeting.

11. Councillors Items

- i. Parish Council Chairman has been in touch with Bromsgrove MP regarding removing lighting on the M5 and a date for the quiet road surface treatment which he has been told is on an agenda for two or three years time.
- ii. The Parish Council Chairman and the Clerk to give dates to the Bromsgrove MP inviting him to attend one of the Parish Council meetings – either close to Christmas or the Annual Parish Meeting next May.
- iii. An invitation had been extended to the Parish Council from the owner of The Priory (oldest building in Dodford) for anyone to have a look round on a Sunday morning.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed.....Chairman