

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 24 February 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Adrian Crump, Vic Dawson, Lynne Griffin, Alwyn Rea, Jill Silver and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs John Caldicott and Richard Harper and accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Personal interests – none declared
- ii. Prejudicial interests – none declared

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

- i. Severn Trent works in Priory Road stopped by Worcestershire County Council and Severn Trent will now have to apply for a temporary road closure which could take three months.
- ii. Request for Highways Department, Worcestershire County Council (WCC) to visit Dodford to view the condition of the roads and footpaths which are now a health and safety issue for residents. The Clerk was asked to speak to Highways Department.
- iii. A resident commented on a visit by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) Enforcement Officer and asked the Parish Council for guidance on height of gates and no entry notices. He was advised to contact BDC.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 27 January 2011

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

4. Reports

- i. The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the Belbroughton Parish Clerk regarding a field in Warbage Lane (inside the Belbroughton Parish Boundary) used for storing skips. Dodford Parish Clerk to advise Belbroughton Parish Clerk this is a field known locally as 15 Acre Field which is owned by the Parsons.
- ii. The Clerk had received a phone call from a resident in Kidderminster Road about a neighbouring hedge not being cut down. Unfortunately there is nothing WCC can do as this is a private matter. Cllr Rea offered to speak to the farmer to ascertain more information.
- iii. The Clerk reported that she has looked in to Internet Banking to avoid any oversights in transferring from Deposit to Current Account to meet payments. The Bank mandate for this has been signed by two signatories and the Clerk asked for approval for her to go forward with this. This was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Griffin.

5. Planning

- i. Minutes of the meeting on 31 January had already been circulated to Councillors but copies were not available at this meeting. Copies will be available at the March Parish Council meeting.
- ii. Next Parish Council planning meeting to take place on 3 March 2011 at 9.00am in Dodford Village Hall.

6. Parish Plan Review

A paper will be produced for the Annual Parish Meeting.

7. Temporary road closures

- i. Fockbury Road will be closed from its junction with Alfreds Well to its junction with Priory Road. To facilitate Severn Trent works. For three days from 9 March.
- ii. Woodcote Green/Chaddesley Lane will be closed from its junction with Woodcote Lane to Bournes Green Road. To facilitate drainage works. For three weeks commencing 14 March.
- iii. Yarnold Lane from its junction with Warbage Lane for a distance of 300 metres in a north easterly direction. To facilitate water main renewal works. For two weeks commencing 14 March.
- iv. Swan Lane from its junction with Berry Lane for a distance of 400 metres in a south easterly direction. To facilitate BT works. For three days commencing 21 March.

8. Finance

Approval of the payments due for February set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Griffin and seconded by Cllr Dawson.

9. Correspondence received

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.

10. Councillors Items

- i. Cllr Dawson reported on the corners of Woodland Road, Victoria Road and Church Road being damaged by turning lorries. The Clerk was asked to contact Mike Walton at Worcestershire County Council to organise a village visit.
- ii. Cllr Dawson requested an update on the Victoria Road sign.
- iii. Cllr Rea reminded everyone about the election timetable.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed.....Chairman