

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 28 April 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Brian Lewis

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. A resident brought to the Council's attention the state of Victoria Road with pot holes and the damage being done to kerbs and hedges and the Clerk was asked to write to the new Highways Officer at Worcestershire County Council expressing residents concerns and also that of the Parish Council
- ii. The Clerk was asked to add Victoria Road to the next agenda to enquire whether the new Parish Council wishes to seek an independent engineer's report
- iii. It was brought to the Council's attention that there was serious concern amongst some residents about the apparent extra work being carried out at Stapleford. This is now a live enforcement with Bromsgrove District Council and will be discussed at the next Parish Council planning committee meeting – date yet to be confirmed
- iv. The Clerk was asked to write to Severn Trent to enquire why the water main replacement was only going so far down Priory Road and when they anticipate the work to be finished
- v. A resident brought to the Council's attention the dangerous parking at the junction of Fockbury Road and Kidderminster Road. The Clerk was asked to write to the businesses expressing the concern of residents

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 24 March 2011

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

The Clerk reported:

- i. The Chairman of Dodford Village Hall will attend the Annual Parish Meeting to give an update on the progress of the refurbishment

- ii. We have an uncontested election although there is a vacancy on the Parish Council and there will be a need to co-opt. The Councillors going forward will be
 - a. Councillor Vic Dawson
 - b. Councillor Richard Harper
 - c. Councillor Rachel Jennings
 - d. Councillor Terence Lee
 - e. Councillor Alwyn Rea
 - f. Councillor Richard Scott
- iii. On her attendance at the Worcestershire County Council Parish Conference where David Moorcroft was the guest speaker on Community Games which will run alongside London 2012. This is a chance to create a legacy of events for the future. A brochure on the Community Games was passed to Councillor Crump for the School. The Clerk also reported that the Worcestershire Agreement prepared by Worcestershire County Council (WCC) will be circulated at the end of April through the Area CALC representatives and CALC newsletter by the end of July

5. Planning

- i. Minutes of the meeting on 28 March and 18 April had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting
- ii. **11/0275 – Sumach, Priory Road** – The erection of a single storey bedroom extension to the rear of the existing bungalow. Renovation of the existing conservatory into an enlarged kitchen area. This item was carried forward from 18 April planning committee meeting as insufficient plans were available at the time. The Parish Council have no objections and pleased to see a more modest proposal than previous. However the Parish Council is disappointed to see white UPVC windows and doors where our Village Statement prefers traditional materials
- iii. The Chairman wished his thanks to be recorded to Councillor John Caldicott for all his hard work over many years as Chair of the planning committee

6. Parish Plan Review

A summary of suggestions made at the working party meeting was produced and proposed by Councillor Rea for approval for submission at the Annual Parish Meeting for further and wide discussion. This was seconded by Councillor Harper and at the same time he expressed his thanks to Councillor Rea for all his hard work on this summary.

7. Delivery lorries and damage to Victoria Road

The Parish Council asked the Parish Clerk to write to the new Senior Highways Engineer expressing their pleasure of hearing that a visit had been made to Victoria Road by a representative from WCC and to ask whether we should seek third party advice regarding the damage to the road, kerbs and hedges.

7. Finance

- i. The final quarter reconciliation was presented to the Parish Council and the Chairman asked that an eye be kept on the budget variances for 2011/2012
- ii. Approval of the payments due for March set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Harper and seconded by Cllr Dawson

- iii. Wording of the Annual Report was agreed with the additional paragraph about the M5 lights now being turned off between midnight and 5am and how the Parish Council were pleased to note there have been lobby groups for this

9. Correspondence received

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted – but which required no further action.

10. Councillors Items

- i. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners of Woodlands in Priory Road to request their leylandii hedge be cut in half.
- ii. The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Councillors who were not standing for re-election for all their hard work and support over the last four years.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....Chairman