

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 27 October 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Vic Dawson, Richard Harper, Rachel Jennings, Alwyn Rea, Clerk Kay Stone and in attendance Vicky Churchill

### **1. Co-opted Councillor's declaration of acceptance of office**

Vicky Churchill read out and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office with the Clerk adding her signature

### **2. Co-opted Councillor's register of members' interests**

Vicky Churchill completed and signed her Register of Members' Interest form and submitted it to the Clerk

### **3. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Terence Lee and Richard Scott gave their apologies which were accepted

### **4. 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. No matters were raised

### **5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 22 September 2011**

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Churchill (who attended the previous meeting as a member of the public) after which they were signed by the Chairman as being a true record

### **6. Reports**

- i. Cllr Harper gave a report on his attendance at the CALC AGM on 13 October and the recent Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) Local Strategic Partnership Meeting
- ii. Cllr Rea gave a report on his attendance at the Worcestershire County Council's (WCC) Parish Conference held on 18 October
- iii. The Clerk gave her report which resulted in the following actions for her:
  - a. to contact BDC's Tree Officer regarding the height of the hedge in Priory Road
  - b. to request a road sign warning of farm vehicles turning at the entrance to Park Farm on the A448 through Cllr Sheila Blagg
  - c. to request WCC change the priority on Victoria Road as there is no suitable site for a grit bin
  - d. to write to the School and Nursery regarding parking in Priory Road

### **7. Planning**

- i. Minutes of the meetings held on 14 October had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.
- ii. After a discussion on enforcements the Clerk was asked to include considering employing a planning consultant in the November agenda for the Planning Committee

**8. Bromsgrove District Council Consultation on Proposed Planning Application Validation Criteria**

The Clerk was asked to add this item to the next Parish Council Planning Committee agenda

**9. Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Consultation**

The Clerk was asked to respond on behalf of the Parish Council supporting Hartlebury Parish Council's objections and to request a cost from WCC of this development on neighbouring parishes. The Parish Council understands that waste is going to be imported and is concerned about the extra traffic and the environmental impact on neighbouring roads

**10. Communication**

The draft Christmas newsletter was approved with the following amendments:

- i. mention it has been another year where the precept has been frozen by the Parish Council, and
- ii. give particular mention to the length of service given by Councillor John Caldicott

**11. Finance**

- i. Bank reconciliations for end of September were noted
- ii. After discussion it was agreed the following would be considered for the 2012/2013 budget:
  - a. Printing of contact cards
  - b. Grant for parishioners to organise event (s) to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and the Olympics
- iii. Approval of the payments due for October set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Churchill

**11. Dates for 2012**

The dates were noted and accepted

**12. Correspondence received**

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted and the Clerk was asked to add the request for a donation for Hope Africa to the grants section on the November agenda

**11. Councillors items**

- i. The Clerk was asked to add Queens Jubilee and Olympics to the November agenda
- ii. Cllr Dawson offered to obtain advice on the cleaning of the commemorative stone for the Dodford Society

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed.....Chairman