

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 15 December 2011 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Vic Dawson, Richard Harper, Rachel Jennings, Terence Lee, Alwyn Rea, Richard Scott and Clerk Kay Stone

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Alwyn Rea until 8.30pm

### **2. Declarations of interest**

- i. Personal interests – Cllr Scott registered his personal interest in item 8 on the Agenda – Queen's Jubilee
- ii. Prejudicial interests – none declared

The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of interest / items for the next agenda - none raised

### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17 November 2011**

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Churchill after which they were signed by the Cllr Dawson (Action Chairman in November) as being a true record.

### **4. Reports**

The Clerk gave her report and was asked to

- i. Diarise for January the issue of potential damage to Woodland Road by contractors
- ii. Send a copy of the letter sent to Whitford Construction to Worcestershire County Council (WCC)
- iii. To put the issue of untidy land at Braeside on the agenda for January

### **5. Planning**

Minutes of the meetings held on 28 November had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.

### **6. Neighbourhood planning regulations consultation**

After discussion the consultation paper was partially completed and the Clerk was asked to complete the paper with the Parish Council's comments and return to the Department for Communities & Local Government as requested by 5 January.

### **7. Speed signs**

The Clerk asked if this could be carried over to the January agenda as she had insufficient information to bring to the Parish Council at this stage.

### **8. Queen's Jubilee and Olympics 2012**

- i. Dodford Inn will be organising entertainment on Sunday 3 June
- ii. It was agreed that the Parish Council would give a grant to organisations within the Parish who wish to organise an event / activity celebrating the Queen's Jubilee for the benefit of the community. The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Committee, Church PCC, Dodford School, Dodford Holiday Farm and Dodford Inn inviting grant applications to be received by the end of March. The Clerk was also asked to put a piece in the February Parish Magazine inviting grant applications.

## **9. Solar Panels**

Flyer was approved and will be distributed by Cllr Rea to dwellings in the Conservation Area.

## **10. Worcestershire Agreement**

This was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

## **11. Finance**

- i. The acceptance of the budget for 2012/2013 was proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Lee
- ii. Approval of the payments due for December set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Rea

## **12. Correspondence received**

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted and the Clerk was asked to reply to Cllr Sheila Blagg as follows:

- i. Thank Cllr Blagg for her informative newsletters
- ii. Parish Council have no objections to helping with a grit bin in Deansway, Bromsgrove as long as there is no cost to the Parish Council and also the concern about using the lengthsman and the view that possibly his insurance would not cover him working outside the Parish
- iii. Parish Council would like to see signage to slow vehicles down and are currently reviewing the cost of erecting solar panel traffic speed signs

## **13. Councillors items**

- i. Gulley blocked adjacent to Coach House on A448 at Woodcote flooding gardens
- ii. Clerk to contact Cllr Blagg regarding the change of priority in Church Road
- iii. Clerk to contact Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) regarding road name signs for Victoria Road at its junction with Church Road
- iv. Cllr Churchill reported on her attendance at the Broadband Conference at WCC and as a result the Clerk was asked to ascertain from BT the cost to extend the fibre optic network from The School and also the cost to Martley Parish Council for setting up their own broadband
- v. The Clerk was asked to put a piece in the February Parish Magazine explaining the Parish Council is exploring ways in which to improve broadband in Dodford and also to ascertain their views on their difficulties with broadband
- vi. Possibility of signage to warn drivers of parking and narrowing road when an event is being held in the Village Hall.
- vii. New wall at Little Dodford Farm encroaching on pavement. The Clerk was asked to contact WCC and BDC
- viii. Reports of black plastic bags being left in field in Warbage Lane. Clerk to notify Belbroughton Parish Clerk

## **14. Clerk's salary**

Increase to the Clerk's salary was proposed by Cllr Rea, Seconded by Cllr Churchill and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed.....Chairman