

## **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Planning Committee held on 7 November 2011 at 10.30am**

**Present:** Councillors Vic Dawson, Richard Harper, Alwyn Rea, Richard Scott and Clerk Kay Stone

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

Councillors Terence Lee and Rachel Jennings

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

None

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

- No members of the public in attendance

### **3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 14 October 2011**

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

### **4. Planning applications**

- i. **11/0901 – Priory Cottage, Rose Lane** – Internal modifications to the first floor of the barn. Listed building.  
**No objections and happy to support the application as it would appear to prevent potential structural problems in the future.**
- ii. **11/0756 – Sundrift, Victoria Road** – Solar panel array standing on an aluminium frame with six legs measuring 6 metres by 3 metres and 2.4 metres high, at 30% facing due south  
**No objection in principle of the installation of solar panels within the community but would prefer to see panels incorporated on top of existing structures rather than ground mounted on a frame. The Parish Council wish to be consulted again once the application is validated. This application is in a conservation area and the Parish Council would like guidance from the planning officers on installation of solar panels in a conservation area.**
- iii. Any other applications received  
None received

### **5. Planning decisions**

- i. **11/0840 – Land at E391641 N271551 Kidderminster Road, Woodcote Green** – A steel portal framed building being 24.38m x 18.29m. The proposed building would be 7.32m to the ridge and 5.49m to the eaves.  
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- ii. **11/0779 – Setters, Kidderminster Road** - Proposed single storey rear extension comprising additional bedroom, wet room and hydrotherapy pool, side extension to form car port and internal adaptations to suit needs of a disabled individual.

**Permitted**

- iii. **11/0772 – Bungay Lake Farm, Bungay Lake Lane** – Solar P.V. panel installation

**Permitted**

## **6. Planning appeals**

None received

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

After discussion it was agreed this document gave valuable advice but there is no specific reference on how to validate applications in respect of change of use of existing buildings eg barn and garage conversions, including any additional requirements for applications for change of use within conservation areas. Also there are no costs mentioned. The Clerk was asked to pass on this feedback to Bromsgrove District Council.

## **8. Enforcement/environmental issues:**

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from three local planning consultants to report on long standing enforcement issues and to bring the findings to the next full Parish Council meeting for onward discussion.

The meeting closed at 11.48am.

Signed ..... Chairman