

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 27 September 2012 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Vic Dawson, Rachel Jennings, Terence Lee, Alwyn Rea, District Councillor Brian Lewis and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies

Councillor Richard Scott, reason for which was accepted

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – none
- ii. Other Disclosable Interests – Cllr Rea declared an interest in item 6ii on the agenda

There being no members of the public present no adjournment was necessary.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 26 July 2012

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

4. Reports

- i. District Councillor Brian Lewis presented his report which was welcomed by the Councillors
- ii. County Councillor Sheila Blagg's report had previously been circulated and was available at the meeting
- iii. Cllrs Rea and Churchill gave their report on attending the recent CALC Area Meeting held on 5 September 2012
- iv. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that
 - a. she had received an unqualified audit opinion from Clement Keys and that the external auditor next year will be Grant Thornton
 - b. she had received a complaint from a resident about the overgrown hedge at the corner of Priory Road and Church Road and that she had written to the people who she was told owned the hedge

5. Representatives for Worcestershire CALC

It was proposed by Cllr Rea and seconded by Cllr Dawson that Cllr Churchill should be the second representative for Worcestershire CALC.

6. Planning

- i. The state of land at Brae Side was withdrawn from the agenda.
- ii. The Clerk gave a general update on applications and enforcement issues from Bromsgrove District Council (BDC):
 - a. A Planning Appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate for the application at West View, Worms Ash
 - b. Vicarage Lodge, Priory Road – the Planning Appeal has been allowed
 - c. Park Gate Inn – permission granted
 - d. Woodcote Farm – permission granted
 - e. Cherry Tree Cottage – permission refused
 - f. Woodcote Green Farm – now an enforcement issue as conditions have not been discharged from B2007/0663

- g. An enforcement case has been opened by BDC for the smoking shelter at Dodford Inn
- h. New field entrance at Spout House Farm – case has been closed as this is permitted development
- i. Change of use at Hill Top Farm – case has been closed as there is no evidence
- j. L J Hills Transport Yard – Legal department at BDC have asked the owner to apply for a Certificate of Lawful Development
- k. Cutting in sandstone wall at Alfred’s Well – the case has been closed as this is permitted development

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Rea left the room while the following application was discussed

- iii. 12/0633 – Dodford Nursery Children’s Holiday Farm – Erection of open-sided multi-purpose barn
The Parish Council agreed this was the same plan as application 12/0519 and repeated that they have no objection to this application

Cllr Rea rejoined the meeting at this point

7. Kidderminster Road parking issue

- i. Police intervention to prevent the blocking of line of sight for traffic turning out of Fockbury Road was not discussed
- ii. It was proposed by Cllr Dawson, seconded by Cllr Churchill that £150 from the Jubilee Grant budget should go towards the cost of the bollards on the grass verge on the Kidderminster Road outside the Chennai Restaurant and the Country Forge. County Councillor Sheila Blagg is using £350 of her budget to cover the expected cost of £500 by Worcestershire County Council. It is to be noted that the £150 represents part of the Jubilee Grant and the remaining balance of £232 is to be returned to Dodford with Grafton Parish Council Funds.

8. Queen’s Jubilee Grant

The Parish Council had received a request from Dodford Village Hall Committee for the remainder of the Queen’s Jubilee fund - the allocation not taken by Dodford Inn - to go towards new tables and chairs. It was proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Jennings and unanimously agreed that as the Parish Council has had to extend expenditure not allocated in the budget on highways issues they would not be in a position to accommodate the request from the Village Hall Committee.

9. HMRC

It was agreed to discuss the increased figure announced by HMRC to which expenses for working from home may be claimed without requiring detailed records and calculations should be discussed during pre-budget discussions next month.

10. Dodford Village Hall Autumn Fayre – 10 November 2012

It was agreed that two people from the Parish Council would run the raffle again this year.

11. Dates for 2013

Dates for 2013 were presented and noted.

12. Finance

- i. Approval of the payments due for September set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Jennings.
- ii. It was agreed that Cllr Dawson would become the third cheque signatory following the resignation of Cllr Harper.

12. Correspondence received – for information

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted and the Clerk was asked to:

- i. request Declarations of Interest be added to the Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Parish Conference agenda next month and that Cllrs Rea and Churchill will attend;
- ii. notify WCC that the Parish Council still wish to be consulted on Planning Policies;
- iii. respond to the resident who had objected to the proposed parking restrictions in Priory Road and Fockbury Road that the matter is now out of Parish Council hands and with WCC;
- iv. advise Worcestershire CALC that Cllr Churchill will attend the AGM next month, and
- v. advertise the WRVS questionnaires on transport in the next issue of the Parish Magazine

14. Councillors items

- i. There was a discussion on the best way for Dodford Society to get the commemorative stone outside the Village Hall cleaned
- ii. Following a discussion on ragwort the Clerk was asked to remind WCC of their obligations to remove ragwort from the highway and to also put a piece in the Parish Magazine together with a photograph to remind residents of their responsibilities.
- iii. It was brought to the Parish Council's attention of a pedestrian gate being made into a vehicular access gate across part of a garden and concrete yard at a property in Warbage Lane close to the Belbroughton Parish Council boundary

15. Councillor co-option

Nobody has come forward and Councillors were asked by the Chairman to make verbal enquiries with residents.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed.....Chairman