

## **DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 20 December 2012 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Alwyn Rea, Rachel Jennings, Richard Scott, District Councillor Brian Lewis, Clerk Kay Stone and one member of the public

#### **1. Apologies**

Cllrs Vicky Churchill, Vic Dawson and Terry Lee reasons for which were accepted

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

- i. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:  
Cllrs Jennings and Rea declared an interest in item 12 on the agenda
- ii. None

#### **3. Dispensations**

Cllr Jennings gave her objections about being asked to request a dispensation and a request has not been received from her.

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

- i. It was brought to the attention of the Council that recent frost had resulted in throwing chippings up in Yarnold Lane and current rain washing the chippings down towards Warbage Lane. The Clerk was asked to report this to Worcestershire County Council Highways

The meeting was reconvened as follows:

#### **4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 15 November 2012**

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

#### **5. Reports**

- i. District Councillor Brian Lewis informed the Parish Council about his recent visits and brought the Council up to date with planning issues and Worcestershire County Council's (WCC) Changing Futures Fund
- ii. The November report received from County Councillor Sheila Blagg had been received and already circulated to Parish Councillors. Copies were available at the meeting for members of the public
- iii. The Clerk did not have a report

#### **6. Planning**

- i. Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December had already been circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting
- ii. Any other planning issues – for information:  
**12/0853 – Sunnyside, Kidderminster Road** – New boundary wall, fence and piers to front of property – Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) have refused the application

## **7. Worcestershire County Council Highways**

The Clerk gave an update as follows:

- i. The extension of the existing Chaddesley Corbett 30mph speed limit (outside the new school) is currently out to public advertisement. The deadline is 27 December 2012. The proposed 50mph limit between Chaddesley Corbett and Bromsgrove was not supported by WCC Members and will not be progressed. Additional warning signs and road markings have been ordered at the problem areas. The Clerk was instructed to contact County Councillor Sheila Blagg to express the Parish Council's disappointment and to ask why the proposed 50mph limit between Chaddesley Corbett and Bromsgrove was turned down
- ii. WCC have informed the Clerk that the painting of the parking restriction lines in Priory Road and Fockbury Road is programmed for operation on 10 January 2013
- iii. WCC Highways have placed an order for the bollards on the verge outside the Chennai Restaurant and Country Forge, but they are included in a long list of similar works and WCC are unable to give a date for completion

## **8. Worcestershire County Council Minerals Local Plan**

The Parish Council is unable to make comments on this Plan as they have been unable to undertake a consultation with the residents due to timescales

## **9. Local Government Boundary Commission for England**

Recommendations noted with no impact on Woodvale

## **10. Possible culling of Muntjac Deer**

District Councillor Lewis offered to contact the Contractor at Hagley Hall and pass on contact details to the Clerk

## **11. Number of Parish Council meetings per annum**

This item was not discussed and will be deferred to January

## **12. Grant applications for 2012/2013**

This item was not discussed and will be deferred to January

## **13. Finance**

- i. Discussion of the 2013/2014 budget and setting of precept to be deferred to the January meeting
- ii. Approval of the payments due for December set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Rea

## **14. Correspondence received – for information**

Items of correspondence received since the last meeting was noted and the Clerk was asked to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, Bill Longmore, to the Annual Parish Meeting 23 May 2013

## **15. Councillors items**

- i. Cllr Jennings brought to the Parish Council's attention that the gate in Priory Road is still broken. The Clerk was asked to chase this up with WCC
- ii. The Clerk was asked to record the thanks of the Parish Council to the Lengthsman - Allen Farnsworth for the good work he has carried out on the footpath in Priory Road.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to contact WCC Footpaths where someone has diverted water into a field between Whinfield Road and Rose Lane.

**16. Councillor co-option**

To be a continuing agenda item as no-one has come forward for co-option despite personal approaches being made

**17. Clerk's Salary**

It was unanimously agreed to increase the salary to Scale SCP22

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....Chairman