

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 18 November 2010 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Richard Harper (Chairman), John Caldicott, Vic Dawson, Alwyn Rea, Jill Silver and Clerk Kay Stone

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Adrian Crump and District Councillor Brian Lewis and accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

None declared.

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

One resident brought to the Council's attention items which are no longer on the agenda.

- i. Victoria Road sign
- ii. Gates at Brook House
- iii. Severn Trent response
- iv. Joe Turner from Bromsgrove District Council attending a meeting
- v. Westleigh under motorway bridge

3. Rosedene

Rebecca Aubrey-Fletcher, Property Manager for North Worcestershire National Trust addressed the Council on their three year plan for Rosedene which included looking at offering experiences where people can stay at Rosedene for a couple of days at a time. The Chairman requested Rosedene should be put on the December agenda for the Council to discuss more fully and then a response will be sent to Rebecca.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18 November 2010

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

5. Reports

- i. The Clerk reported that:
 - a. Ian Anderson of Age Well Bromsgrove has accepted invitation to speak at the December meeting
 - b. The Clerk brought to the Council's attention the plight of Geoff Wyrill and the problems he was having with Worcestershire County Council (WCC) and

getting the condition of Woodland Road improved. The Clerk was asked to write to WCC advising them that we were aware of the problems and would like to be kept informed of remedial work.

6. Planning

- i. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2 November had already been circulated
- ii. The issues with Cherry Tree Cottage were referred back to the Planning Committee
- iii. Little Dodford Farm - The Council are aware of comments received from Mr Lambert and the Chairman and Clerk will respond to Mr Lambert that there was no intention of personal slight

7. Parish Plan Review

A meeting for the volunteers from the residents has been arranged for Monday 29 November at 7.15pm in the Dodford Inn. All Parish Councillors were asked to attend.

8. Speeding restrictions through the Parish

The Clerk was asked to express the disappointment of the Council on WCC decision to keep the speed limit to 50mph to contact Ken Dicken, contact name for the Review Team and to suggest he attends a future Parish Council meeting to discuss.

9. Commemorative stone celebrating 150th anniversary of the Chartists first occupation of cottages in Dodford

The Clerk has written to Dodford Society and the Clerk was asked to take this item off future agendas.

10. Grant applications for 2010/2011

Cllr Rea declared an interest in Dodford Holiday Farm.

It was proposed by Cllr Harper and seconded by Cllr Silver that the following grants be given for 2010/2011:

- i. Citizen's Advice Bureau £100
- ii. Dodford Holiday Farm £250
- iii. Village Hall £500
- iv. Dodford PCC £500
- v. Requests had been received from Macmillan Cancer Support and WRVS and the clerk was asked to write to them explaining that the budget had been allocated for this year and they would be considered for next year

11. Finance

- i. It was proposed by Cllr Harper and seconded by Cllr Rea that the precept remain at the current level
- ii. Approval of the payments due for November set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Caldicott

12. Correspondence received

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted
- ii. The Clerk was asked to quote the letter from Councillor Derek Prodger on pavements and snow clearing in the next issue of the Parish Magazine
- iii. Public rights of way review – action to categorise and review footpaths. Clerk to contact Steve Boden for Dodford and Cllr Harper will review footpaths for Grafton

11. Councillors Items

- i. A reminder that the Pantomime is taking place in the village hall from 1 to 4 December
- ii. Cllr Rea confirmed Mr Stan Badham’s invitation to the Parish Council to look round The Priory will take place on 21st November at 10.00am
- iii. Cllr Harper reported that he had heard informally that the lighting on the M5 may be switched off and removed

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....Chairman