

DODFORD WITH GRAFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Parish Council held on Thursday 16 February 2012 in Dodford Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Richard Harper gave his apologies which were accepted

2. Declarations of interest

- i. Personal interests – none declared
- ii. Prejudicial interests – none declared

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

- i. Members of the Village Hall Committee discussed parking arrangements for hirers of the Hall.
- ii. It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that HGV's were being driven in Warbage Lane at unsociable hours. The Clerk was asked to write a polite letter (copying in the Clerk to Belbroughton Parish Council) to the owners of the premises to which the vehicles were being driven. The Clerk was also asked to find out from the Clerk to Belbroughton Parish Council if the property had permission for change of use from agricultural to industrial.

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

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Scott and seconded by Cllr Dawson after which they were signed by the Chairman as being a true record. (It was noted by the Clerk after the meeting that item 3 in the January minutes states 15 December 2012 and should read 15 December 2011 – this will be corrected and initialled at the March meeting).

4. Reports

- i. No report received from District Councillor.
- ii. County Councillor's report was circulated.
- iii. The Clerk gave her report, actions from which are:
 - a. write to Eric Pickles regarding BT not being able to give a date for when fast speed Broadband will be in Dodford
 - b. inform Worcestershire County Council (WCC) Highways that the new surface at Yarnold Lane / Warbage Lane is breaking up.

5. Planning

- i. Update on planning application decisions by Bromsgrove District Council (BDC):
 - a. Orchard Cottage, Whinfield Road – Rear extension, alteration to roof and removal of dormer window – Permitted
 - b. Park Farm, Kidderminster Road – Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on a poultry building – Permitted
 - c. Park Gate Inn, Kidderminster Road – Construction of single storey extension to side and removal of temporary timber structure – Refused
 - d. Rosedene, Victoria Road – Change of use from educational museum resource to a mix of educational museum resource and holiday cottage. Internal alterations to outbuilding (not listed) to create a shower room – Permitted

- e. Westbrook, Victoria Road – Demolition of outbuildings and previous extensions, conversion of remaining outbuildings, alterations and extensions to original dwelling – Permitted
- ii. The Clerk was asked to write again to the owners of Braeside expressing the Parish Council's regret that the owners feel unable to move the mechanical digger behind the property.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to write to Stewart Vick to ask if he could verify if planning application B95/0771 for Woodside Farm is not restricted to repair of agricultural machinery.

6. Traffic / Road issues

- i. The Clerk was asked to write to WCC requesting mobile speed signs in Fockbury Road near to the Kidderminster Road junction and in Priory Road near to the Warbage Lane junction.
- ii. After much discussion between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council it was agreed that the Village Hall Committee would include parking restrictions alongside the grass bank at the Village Hall in their terms and conditions for hirers. The Clerk was asked to put a piece in the Parish Magazine on how the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council are working together to alleviate parking issues outside the Village Hall at events.
- iii. The Clerk was asked to pursue the possibility of having zigzags painted in Priory Road and Fockbury Road at the junction and to send a courtesy letter to the Nursery and the School. If zigzags are not possible then the Clerk was asked to pursue the idea of railings.
- iv. It was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Lee that the Clerk request WCC includes Church Road on the gritting route.

7. Queen's Jubilee

- i. The only expression of interest in receiving a grant has been received from Dodford School – closing date end of March.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to send greetings and congratulations from the Village to HM Queen.

8. CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)

The renewal of the Parish Council's membership for 2012 was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Scott.

9. Internal Auditor

The appointment of Diane Malley as internal auditor for 2011/2012 was proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Churchill.

10. Worcestershire County Council Parish Conference – 25 April

The Parish Council would like the lack of enforcement by BDC to be added to the agenda.

11. Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk to invite a Planning Officer to the Annual Parish Meeting to talk about the implications of the District Plan for the Local Plan and implications for residents. Once confirmed then the Clerk to publicise this on the web site, notice board and the Parish Magazine. The Clerk was also asked to invite the local MP, District and County Councillors.

11. Finance

Approval of the payments due for February set out in a schedule circulated by the Clerk were proposed by Cllr Dawson and seconded by Cllr Scott.

12. Correspondence received

- i. Items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted.
- ii. The Clerk was asked to:
 - a. request 100 Warmer Worcestershire "Thermocards".
 - b. request enforcement be on the agenda for the Bromsgrove Area CALC meeting on 7 March.

13. Councillors items

- i. The blocked gully on the A448 outside the Coach House is still causing a problem.
- ii. Cllr Dawson notified the Parish Council that he will be moving to Hollywood, Wythall.
(Note - The Clerk has ascertained that Cllr Dawson does not need to resign until the next Election).

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Signed.....Chairman