

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4th February 2016 AT 7.30P.M., DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr. K. Skillern (Chairman), Cllr. D. Proctor, Cllr. R. Small, Cllr J Butterworth, Cllr F Mead, Cllr J Yeo, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr R Godfrey, Cllr M Griffith.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor P Middlebrough & Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk).

Public : Dusty Rhodes & Roly Cother

Dusty Rhodes – Advised the meeting that he thought the village plan was very well worded and thanked all involved. The Chairman confirmed the process for making comments about the plan.

Roly Cother – Updated the Parish Council about the flooding on the bend in Sidings road, between Wadborough and Pirton, the lengthsman has been to see the problem but it will need a county council jet wash. Roly Cother to speak with County Councillor Rob Adams to get this actioned. Roly Cother also updated the Parish Council on the local hedge cutting. Roly Cother is to contact highways to ask them to write letters to the residents who have still not cut their hedges despite repeated requests.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cother & Mr Rhodes for their attendance.

1. APOLOGIES:

Cllr Les Wild

2. VACANCIES FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPRESENT DRAKES BROUGHTON & PIRTON WARDS

Resignations have been received from Cllr R Durrant and Cllr R Reynolds. Both resignations are in protest to the outcome of the recent appeals for planning applications to be overturned for housing outside the village boundary. Both Councillors feel that the Parish Council has been totally ignored and their time that they have used to provide feedback about housing in Drakes Broughton has been a waste. Cllr K Skillern read the letter sent in by Cllr R Durrant, who is a long standing Parish Councillor. A discussion arose around this and the Walcott Lane hearing. The Chairman (Cllr K Skillern) advised that he will remain as Chairman up until when the result of the appeal is received and if the planning is allowed then he will also tender his resignation. A discussion arose around the blame for this being from central government. District Councillor P Middlebrough suggested they people should make representations to the local MP who holds regular surgeries and voice these opinions strongly.

Cllr M Gardner asked in light of all the comments made and the blatant disregard for the village boundary, what is the point of the village plan. P Middlebrough confirmed that once the village plan is finalised it should have an effect on future building applications.

The Parish Council wished to extend an official thank you to Cllr R Durrant & Cllr R Reynolds for their service and support they have provided to the local community over many years. Official letters to also be sent.

Vacancies outstanding: 1x Pirton, 3x Drakes Broughton.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION NOT ON THE AGENDA

Petty Cash

Parish Council Paperwork & filing

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th January were proposed by Cllr. R Godfrey, seconded by Cllr. R small, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk informed Council that a 93-year-old resident of Drakes Broughton had contacted the Clerk to say she thinks it is a worthwhile idea to have a Defibrillator within Drakes Broughton. The Clerk updated the Council; she is still gathering further information.

7. VILLAGE FACILITIES

Cllr K Skillern updated the Council on the meeting he attended with J Teal WDC. The funding options that have been available from the FA and sports England have completely changed and the sports pavilion with planning permission is now something that is unlikely to receive funding from either of these sources. Cllr. K. Skillern reported that having visited the current village hall J. Teal advised that he is of the opinion that it would be more cost effective to build a new village hall than try repair and restore the old one.

A new modern village hall would, in a village such as Drakes Broughton, have no problem securing bookings and would need to be run as a business. A village hall committee would need to be established to obtain funding and to manage the project to build a new hall.

P Middlebrough suggested in the first instance a small feasibility group be put together to undertake a feasibility study and provide options for public consideration for a new hall. He volunteered himself to undertake some of this initial work and he will approach another resident who he thinks would be able to provide valuable input. Cllr M Griffiths also volunteered to be part of this first stage working party. P Middlebrough advised Council that realistically it will take 4-5 years for a new hall to be built and fully operational.

8. VILLAGE FETE

The village events committee requested the use of the Village Hall and playing fields for the Village Fete on 9th July. This was agreed having been proposed by Cllr J Butterworth and seconded by Cllr F Mead. Clerk is to book one day events insurance to be added to PC insurance for the day – the cost of this is to be borne by the village events committee.

9. PARISH COUNCIL FILING

Cllr J Butterworth explained that the clerk had received a considerable amount of paperwork belonging to the Council when she was appointed as clerk. This is filed in many filing cabinets. Cllr Butterworth suggested that a review of the filing is required and asked for volunteers to help review what should be kept, with a view to reducing quantity and improving quality. Cllr F Mead volunteered to help and Clerk to find out what statutory paperwork needs keeping. Electronic copies of much of the paper files exist too. Clerk is to find out if this is sufficient or if paper is required as well.

10. LOCAL POLICING

The clerk read out the local police report - 1x Shed break in 03.01.16, 1x van break in and tools taken 05.01.16. Advice provided by the police for this month is for residents to check sheds are secure and mark property with their postcode where possible.

11. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) District Councillor – P Middlebrough

Cllr P Middlebrough confirmed that three barristers were consulted about challenging the Gladman appeal however as the only challenge can be if the process wasn't followed correctly and as it was there will be no challenge.

SWDP – good news is that its finished and will approved by the three counties by the end of February.

Cllr P Middlebrough advised that the increase in Wychavon council tax will be approximately 5%.

(b) Other reports from the councillors.

Cllr. R Small – reported the street light at Magnolia Close was out. Clerk to file street light repair request.

Cllr R Godfrey advised that the work rail track were doing on Sidings road was causing the verge to be greatly churned up by the heavy vehicles and will require a hard-core fill – clerk to contact highways. Cllr M Gardner volunteered to speak with the rail track drivers for single file driving of the heavy vehicles.

12. FINANCE

£50 petty cash was discussed. Clerk to contact M Elliot and D Pickering. Review again next meeting

- (a)** No monthly reconciliation as this meeting is before bank statements arrived.
- (b)** Scrutiny panel reported after review of Payments & Receipts. All was in order.

It was proposed by Cllr M Griffiths, seconded by Cllr M Gardner, agreed to authorise the following payments:

(c) Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerks Salary – January	£429.17
(d) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman –January	£200.00
(e) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields - January	£28.00
(f) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Bus Stops – January	£10.00
(g) Drakes Broughton Church Grant	£150.00
(h) Kirkwells – Finalising Draft Plan	£960.00
(i) Kirkwells – Proof reading Draft Plan	£96.00
(j) DBVH Annual payment for meeting room	£180.00

Cllr J Butterworth asked about the lengthsman and the review and accountability of his work. Cllr R Small confirmed it was his responsibility. Cllr R Small asked clerk to ask B Arrowsmith to contact about some things that need attention. It was also agreed that a copy of the lengthsman's work sheet should go to Cllr R Small for review each month.

Chair asked the Clerk to review administration claim for the lengthsman contract.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair updated the council on the public meeting held at the school –there was not large numbers attending, however of those that did attend were interested and asked some valid questions. The plan is now out for public consultation. All businesses with links to the parish have also been notified. Following the public consultation, it will go to Wychavon district Council for review which will take approximately 6 weeks.

PLANNING

- (a)** Comments made to planning authority:
 - W/15/01705/RM Kendrick Home Ltd, Site layout amended and further details submitted. Detailed comments made.
 - W/15/03258/CU Crabbe Tree Farm, Besford Road, Wadborough, Besford. Change of use. Comments with concerns made.
- (b)** Applications Approved:
 - W/15/01597/OU – Land off, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton – GLADMAN
 - W/15/02942/PP - Sunshine Cottage, Pirton, WR8 9EJ. Approved.

APP/H1840/D/15/3137392 - 24 Hawthorn Close, Drakes Broughton, Worcester, WR10 25A appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for a two story extension.

Planning Ref W/15/02780/PN – Thornleigh Nurseries, Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AP – Permission has been granted.

(c) Applications refused:

APP/H1840/W/15/3130584 - Woodmancote, Mill Lane, Wadborough, Worcester, WR8 9HB. Appeal dismissed. Due to the effect on the character and appearance of the area.

W/15/02921/PP Thorndon Barn, Windmill Hill Stoulton, Worcester, WR7 4RR

(d) Applications Withdrawn: N/A

(e) Appeals: N/A

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING/s

The next PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2015 at 7.30pm, Drakes Broughton Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked members for attending.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm