

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2016 AT 7.30P.M., DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr. K. Skillern (Chairman), Cllr. D. Proctor, Cllr. R. Small, Cllr J. Butterworth, Cllr J. Yeo, Cllr M. Gardner, Cllr M. Ward, Cllr M. Griffiths, Cllr L. Wild.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Rob Adams, District Councillor P Middlebrough & Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk).

Public: Roly Cother

Roly Cother – Updated the Parish Council about the hedge cutting situation and asked the clerk if letters had been sent to the two land owners who had not cut their hedges. The clerk confirmed correspondence had taken place with highway department. The Clerk agreed to chase this up, County Councillor R Adams asked to be kept informed. R Cother discussed a new issue of speeding along Mill Lane, now the overgrowth had been cut back. Clerk is to contact the safer road partnership about this.

R Cother asked for an update of the flooding reported on Sidings road. The Clerk confirmed she had reported this via hub; no further response or action had happened though. County Councillor R Adams asked that the Clerk report this issue again and update him with the response at the next meeting. R Cother also thanked Cllr J Yeo for his work improving the broad band service to Wadborough village.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cother for his attendance.

1. APOLOGIES:

Cllr F. Mead

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

Cllr M Ward was co-opted to the Parish Council to represent Drakes Broughton and joined the meeting. Vacancies outstanding: 1x Pirton, 2x Drakes Broughton.

3. CHEQUE SINGNATORY

The Clerk confirmed she has the relevant paperwork, this now needs completing by Cllr J. Butterworth and returning to the bank.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION NOT ON THE AGENDA

“Chairman & Vice Chairman” were added as an agenda item.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd April were proposed by Cllr. J Butterworth, seconded by Cllr. J Yeo, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING

None

8. VILLAGE FACILITIES

Dog waste bins, Wadborough – a discussion arose around the need for dog waste bins in Wadborough. Costs involved and if there is an ongoing maintenance charge were also discussed. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact Wychavon and find out the costs involved.

Pirton & Drakes Broughton parish notice boards – A discussion arose around the cost of replacing these. It was agreed that Pirton was in the greatest need, the notice board being almost unusable. The Clerk has acquired costings from a national company. It was agreed to source a local supplier; the Parish Clerk was asked to approach Jason ... for a quote. County Councillor R Adams agreed to contribute financially to the cost from his discretionary fund.

Village hall/ Sports Pavilion and Playground – District Councillor P Middlebrough took the Parish Council through the projected financial figures that would be available towards this project, relating to the planning consents recently granted. A discussion arose to the potential location of any new village hall and the land ownership/rent associated with the current hall. Cllr L Wild suggested inviting three companies with experience of village hall building be invited to pitch if and when the Parish Council is ever in a position to be planning/ building a new village facility. The chairman reminded Council of the need eventually for a separate committee and a public consultation to find out what residents would like before anything can be decided.

9. DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY

Cllr J Butterworth, talked through the need for a policy with regard to document retention. Cllr J Butterworth and Cllr F Mead used internet research for guidance on retention periods for different types of documents. The members of the Parish Council had all reviewed the policy prior to the meeting and no Councillor had any changes to put forward. Cllr J Butterworth will update the paperwork and it will be formally adopted at the annual meeting in May. The policy will be reviewed annually.

10. LOCAL POLICING

The Clerk read the local policing report:

There have been 5 reported crimes this month. There are:

- Burglary 04/03/16
- Dog bite 11/03/16
- Stolen vehicle 17/03/16 - although not fully confirmed
- Criminal damage to windows - 29/03/16
- Criminal damage to vehicles within a yard - 02/04/16

Police are advising residents not to leave windows open in their properties when going out and leaving the property. Police are also asking that residents to be aware and not to leave garages and sheds open while working in the garden, as this allows would be burglars the chance to have a look what's available with the view to coming back at a later date. The police also wish to make residents aware of locking front doors and windows whilst enjoying the sun in the back gardens, opportunists will use unlocked doors to their advantage.

11. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) County Councillor – R Adams

Cllr R Adams updated the Parish Council on Wychavon's budgets and the need to still be cutting costs. Big areas of expenditure are associated with the provision Adult care and looking after children. Cllr R Adams updated the Parish Council on the new Parkway Station and asked that the Parish Council be involved with the other villages, namely Stoulton, Whittington and Norton when consultation and input is required later in the year. Cllr Adams explained he had a member's fund of £11,000 which is to be shared throughout his 10 parishes. Cllr J Butterworth asked if a portion of this could be used towards Pirton Parish notice board. Cllr R Adams agreed.

District Councillor – P Middlebrough

District Councillor P Middlebrough updated the Parish Council about the Judicial review of the houses in Walcott Lane. District Councillor P Middlebrough brought to the attention of the Parish Council a report from a resident regarding Brickyards Lane. District Councillor P Middlebrough explained that Millennium

Wood has been locked at night recently. Cllr R Small informed District Councillor P Middlebrough that it was not being opened during the day.

(b) Other reports from the councillors.

Cllr. R Small – Cllr R Small no longer wants to be the key person for liaising with the lengthsman. A discussion arose surrounding this and County Councillor R Adams explained that in other villages the clerk normal is the liaison point for the lengthsman. The Clerk will arrange to see the lengthsman to talk through this change in process and to allocate any outstanding work.

TPO tree cut down in Shrubbery Road hadn't been replaced. District Councillor P Middlebrough is to follow this up.

12. FINANCE

(a) Monthly reconciliation was checked and proposed by Cllr M Griffiths, seconded by Cllr J Butterworth.

It was proposed by Cllr J Butterworth and seconded by Cllr K Skillern agreed to authorise the following payments:

(b) Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerks Salary – March	£429.17
(c) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – March	£200.00
(d) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields - March	£28.00
(e) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Bus Stops – March	£10.00
(f) DB Villager Grant	£100.00

13. CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair updated the council that the consultation period is drawing to a close. The comments in the main have been positive especially from local companies.

Following the public consultation, it will go to Wychavon District Council for review which will take approximately 6 weeks.

15. PLANNING

(a) Comments made to planning authority:

W/16/00195/PP&/// 17 Woodleigh, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AN, First floor side extension and single storey rear extension. Recommend Approval

W/16/00184/RM Reserved matters application for access, layout, appearance, landscaping and scale in relation to 3 detached dwellings granted under outline planning permission W/14/00315/OU.

Detailed comments made regarding size of proposed properties and layout of site last month. Due to a revision Cllr L Wild liaising with Planning Officer and District Councillor P Middlebrough.

APP/H1840/W/15/3141547 Erection of detached house and garage at Thornleigh Nurseries, Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AP recommend refusal – comments made to planning inspectorate.

(b) Applications Approved: N/A

(c) Applications refused: N/A

(d) Applications Withdrawn: N/A

(e) Appeals: N/A

16. CHAIRMAN

Cllr K Skillern announced his resignation as Chair of the Parish Council. He explained his reasons were that he felt that the Parish Council had no power to challenge the recent planning decisions and that the National government development policy was destroying the village of Drakes Broughton. The Council thanked Ken for the many years of leadership he has provided and for all his recent valiant efforts in trying to stem the housing in Drake Broughton. Ken has agreed to stay as a member of the Council. In the absence of a current deputy to the Chairman Cllr. J. Butterworth has indicated that she is willing to act as Chairman. Council will be invited to discuss this further at the next Parish Council meeting.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING/s

The next PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY 5th MAY 2016 at 7.30pm, **St Barnabas First & Middle School.**

The Chairman thanked members for attending.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm