

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT ST BARNABAS FIRST & MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), Cllr M Griffiths, Cllr R Small, Cllr S Wynn, Cllr R Turner, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr T Pell, Cllr M Ward, Cllr L Wild, Cllr F Mead, Cllr J Driscoll & Cllr D Proctor.

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

PUBLIC: Mr D Rhodes

1) APOLOGIES

Cllr Mead, Cllr Yeo, Cllr Gardner & County Councillor Rob Adams

2) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm to allow members of the public to bring their comments/requests.

Mr Rhodes reported that street light 24 is only working intermittently – The clerk advised she was aware and will liaise with E.on.

The meeting was re-opened at 7.55pm.

4) LOCAL POLICING

Clerk read report that there had been no reportable incidents during the past two months.

5) MINUTES

The clerk confirmed she had amended the draft minutes to include Cllr Turner attending. Cllr Wild queried the role Bev McCordal is undertaking with regard to the Bus service, the Chair confirmed he is a nominated representative reporting back to the PC but not making decisions on behalf of the Parish Council. The minutes of the of the Meeting held on 5th January 2017 were proposed by Cllr Pell seconded by Cllr Wild, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

6) MATTERS ARISING

Smoke Free Play park signage – A winner from the entries received was chosen. Cllr Ward will now take steps to get the sign made and Cllr Griffiths agreed to attend the school assembly to announce the winner on behalf of the PC.

Playing field hedge cutting – Members agreed this must be completed by the end of February due to the bird nesting season. Cllr Wild will go and talk with the contractor. If not available, the clerk will engage another.

Playing Fields Mole Hills - The Clerk reported that the contractor had had his traps tampered with and was unable to continue the work. A discussion arose around the safety of the football players being paramount and members decided that the PC should place a notice in the villager to inform the community of the safety need to remove the moles and that the tampering is a criminal offense. Members asked the Clerk to look into alternative methods and associated costs to remove the moles.

Lengthsman Scheme – a discussion arose about maybe advertising this position this year. The Chairman and Clerk will consider the options.

Street Lights – Cllr Griffiths updated members on his review of the street lights. As discussed earlier column 24 is not always on at the correct time and column 23 is not working correctly. The Clerk informed members that fault with column 23 is currently being addressed by E.on in conjunction with WPD. The Clerk undertook to chase up progress with column 24 which was the light requiring an upgrade last April (and has been working correctly until now). Cllr Griffiths reported that not all lights are shown on the map. Cllr Griffiths will update the map and send a copy to the Clerk. It was agreed to identify the unnumbered columns with suffix A. Cllr Griffiths reported that not all lights were clearly numbered and suggested that they should be numbered using a stencil and black paint. Cllr Griffiths volunteered to undertake this and members agreed that the PC will reimburse material costs.

Dog Waste – The recent article in the local paper was discussed. The re-site of the play park dog waste bin has been requested. Members asked if this could be made into a full litter bin to avoid being filled with other litter and asked for it to be re-sited to the corner of Shrubbery Road and Stonebow. Ideas around signage (like the no cold caller stickers) were discussed. The Clerk is to investigate. The Clerk informed members that client services had made a clean-up trip to Stonebow Road but had only found mud. Members decided a notice should be placed in the Villager to remind dog walkers of their responsibilities. Cllr Wild offered to word this. The Clerk is to talk with the dog warden.

Youth Bus – Clerk advised members that the bus couldn't make the turn into the Village hall car park. All members agreed it must be sited at the village hall and commented that they thought it had been through the gates in the past. Clerk is to liaise with Youth bus team and the Church youth club.

2017-18 budget – All members confirmed that they had received V1.1 of the spreadsheet – dated 10.01.2017 which detailed budgets for 2017. The Chair advised members of the changes and inclusions and it was agreed by all that the precept for 2017-2108 should be £20240.

7) VILLAGE FACILITIES

Meeting for parents after school – The Chair advised that disappointingly there had been no attendance at this.

Village Hall AGM – The Chair advised there had been a good attendance and that the Village Hall Committee had been reformed.

Presentation to Chatterbox – The Chair advised that she has been invited to make a presentation to the Chatterbox group about the future plans for the village facilities and hall.

Special meeting 25.01.17 – The chair advised that members attending the special meeting had voted unanimously to further investigate the options to buy the freehold to the land the village hall is sited on. Cllr Yeo is to draft a response to the letter received from the land owners land agent and this will be reviewed by Cllr Ward and Cllr Butterworth before being sent by the Clerk to the land agent to progress this.

Playing field working party – The Chair advised that she would like to see a group of people looking after the interests of the playing fields and play park. She thanked Cllr Wild for his work to date. A discussion arose about the possibilities of developing the play park and field aside from the hall development with differing views coming forward. Cllr Wild suggested that a master plan for the whole area including integrating with the village hall could be an option.

Playground Inspection – The Clerk advised that the playground inspection was now to be run independently of Wychavon. Members unanimously agreed to go-ahead with current inspector. Clerk is to book for May/June.

8) PLANS FOR WADBOROUGH PHONEBOX

The Chair advised members that Cllr Yeo was liaising with the residents of Wadborough as to best/most popular use of this asset. The Chair advised that the Pirton phone box would go-ahead independently to become a local information centre and that Pirton resident D Skeys was heading this up.

9) STREET NAMES

Cllr Pell updated the meeting on her compilation of street names including local birds and fauna and to also include local people as per advised from Cllr Small. Cllr Pell will forward the completed list to the Clerk to circulate to all members to review. The Chair thanked Cllr Pell for undertaking this work on behalf of the Council.

10) COMMUNITY SUMMER EVENT

The Chair advised that she was suggesting a summer event as the Village events committee had reported that the car show and Fete is not happening this year. This will be community led event and not a PC event; she would like it to be an event for the whole family and would like the school to be involved – maybe a picnic in the park style event. A discussion arose regarding dates; a notice would be put in the villager advising the community.

11) READINESS IN THE EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER – flood defence/grit bins

It was discussed by all members the locality of the water pump provided by Wychavon's funding following the floods of 2007. There was also a discussion around the village grit bins, ownership, maintenance and locality. The grit levels were confirmed to be satisfactory at this time.

12) REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) No County Councillor representative this month.

b) District Councillor Paul Middlebrough

Reported that eventually an experimental warning light system maybe be trialled at Drakes Broughton ford. Cllr Middlebrough advised that as yet there are no reserved matters applications for the larger granted planning applications in Drakes Broughton which could lead to the county falling behind the SWDP land supply and giving rise to other developments outside the village boundaries. Cllr Middlebrough updated the members on the NHB reduction, and reported that it is not as bad as anticipated as it is being incrementally moving from payment over 6year to 4years over time. It was confirmed that the money already accrued from NHB was designated and ring fenced for us with the usual rules applied.

Cllr Middlebrough updated members on the new Parkway station explaining that recent plans in the local media showing multi-story car parks were not accurate. The station is due to be completed by end 2018/ beginning 2019

c) Members Reports

Cllr Small advised that following the clearing of the drains on Walcot Lane there was still outstanding work and advised he wanted a meeting with Cllr Adams and John Fraiser, head of highways to progress this.

13) FINANCE

a) Last month's reconciliation was completed by Cllr Wild. No reconciliation was completed this month.

It was proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Pell to authorise the following payments:

(d)	Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerk's Salary – January	£429.17
(e)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – January	£200.00
(f)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields – January	£28.80

(g)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Bus Stops – January	£10.00
(h)	N Power – Street lighting quarterly electricity	£598.06
(i)	L Wild – play park surface materials	£66.00

14) CORRESPONDENCE

Parkway Station meeting – The Chair advised that due to short notice no members had been able to attend. Cllr Middlebrough confirmed more events would be in place to enable attendance and comment.

Kempsey Neighbourhood plan – The Chair advised this had been circulated and advised scrutiny and comment as they are one of our neighbouring parishes.

Ditches in Wadborough – A complaint regarding a hard hitting letter sent to Wadborough residents was discussed. Cllr Middlebrough confirmed these letters were deliberately hard hitting and developed following the 2007 floods where non cleared ditches had caused many of the residents of Wychavon to have their homes flooded. This was the first complaint about the letter that he is aware of. Cllr Crouchman thought an adjustment to the layout of the letter could alleviate the upset caused and asked if she could write to the Department concerned on behalf of the PC, the members agreed.

15) PLANNING

The new Wychavon planning portal was discussed, members advised that the new format was not in date order and difficult to find the latest comments on any given planning application especially the ones with larger amounts of information. The Clerk offered to inform Wychavon see if anything could be done or advised.

- a) Comments made to planning authority: N/A
- b) Applications Approved: N/A
- c) Applications refused: N/A
- d) Applications Withdrawn: N/A
- e) Appeals: N/A
- f) Applications Received awaiting any comments we wish to make:
W/16/02988/PP, Rose Cottage, Wadborough, WR8 9HH. Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension.

16) INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd March, 2017 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.