

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), , Cllr M Griffiths, Cllr R Small, Cllr S Wynn, Cllr J Yeo, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr T Pell, Cllr R Turner, Cllr M Ward.

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

PUBLIC: Mr D Rhodes, Mr R Cother, Mr M McCordall, 3 representatives of the Short Matt Bowls Club.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr F Mead, Cllr D Proctor, Cllr L Wild, Cllr M Gardner & County Councillor R Adams

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm to allow public to bring their comments/requests.

- Mr R Cother, updated members on the health of Cllr M Gardner and all members wished him a speedy recovery.

- Mr M McCordall, advised members that there has been a public meeting in Pershore about transport and namely the bus service cuts to the 382 route, which impact in particular on Wadborough and Littleworth. Mr McCordall advised members as to the details of the cuts and how they affected residents and the effect on social isolation that could be caused as a result. He asked for PC support so that Wadborough could have a say in the public forum.

Mr Cother advised that he understands that other villages on the 382 route had a PC member with public transport remit.

Both advised they would like to see quarterly updates about bus services in the Parish magazine. . They advised that Littleworth had secured a slightly extended service which they wish to see extended to Wadborough. Mr McCordall offered to represent the local community for Bus service related issues and report back to the PC as required. Cllr Crouchman advised she was interested in getting involved as the PC link.

- Mr R Cother asked for an update on the drain on Sidings Road. The Clerk advised she was continuously chasing this but there has been no action as yet.

- Mr R Cother reminded members of hedge cutting season and asked the Clerk to put a notice in the Villager Magazine

Representatives of the Short Matt Bowls Club - spoke to the meeting about the Village Hall.

They spoke of:

1. The effect that any closure to the hall for refurbishment or rebuild would have on the bowls club regular fixtures.
2. To deep cleaning that has been undertaken by their members and a future plan to paint the interior of the hall, and ideas around fundraising for this.

The Chair updated the bowls club regarding a meeting held the previous week with the village hall committee tabled for discussion under agenda item 12 for the PC members. The Chair advised that a public meeting had been planned for 30th November to discuss regenerating the depleted village hall committee.. She advised that the hall committee would need full membership and be fully operational in order to make any grant applications to secure funding for improvement to facilities. She advised that the PC was fully supporting the Village Hall Management committee, but it was a separate entity with its own need for committee members and terms of reference. She advised that the meeting and proposal going forward is to repopulate the village hall committee and form a sub group to specifically look into funding sources to regenerate the village hall. The Clerk advised that once the village hall committee is fully reformed and decisions regarding the future of the hall will be made through public consultation with the wider community to ascertain what is wanted and that some funding was dependant on this public consultation. The bowls group asked for further details regarding future plans and the lease. The Chair advised that they should attend on 30th November when further information would be available. She thanked them for their enthusiasm and work so far and advised that a way forward had to start with reformation of a fully functioning hall committee; everything else would follow that and be led by this committee with the full support of the PC.

The meeting was re-opened at 8.05pm.

2. VACANCY FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPRESENT DRAKES BROUGHTON & WADBOROUGH WARD

Mr J Driscoll who would like to fill the remaining Drakes Broughton vacancy had been unable to attend this meeting and had notified the Clerk.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION NOT ON THE AGENDA

Clerk amended amounts on the payment list. Agenda item 14. c & d.

Clerk added a payment to Eon and to Smart Cut to the payment list. Agenda item 14. h & i.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

5. LOCAL POLICING

None

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the of the Meeting held on 6th October 2016 were proposed by Cllr Turner seconded by Cllr Ward, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- B4084 and Stonehall passing places – Cllr Ward & Cllr Small updated the members on a meeting/visits day held on 12th October with County Councillor Adams and a representative from Highways. B4084 will be due a full traffic/speed review on completion of the Parkway station. Passing Places at Stonehall were visited and replacement signs are in the pipeline. Stonehall common parking was also discussed. It was also confirmed that millennium wood would be getting a brown entrance sign which should help on that section of the road.
- Woodleigh Barriers- Cllr R Small confirmed that this was visited by Highways on the above visit. Chair confirmed that there is no easy solution to this problem and Clerk confirmed that misuse by motorcyclists must be reported to the police using 101 number.
- Abbotswood Road Closure – Is now open on temporary traffic lights. District Councillor Middlebrough advised that timescales for the road to be reopened are likely to be long due to the high safety element required on bridge repairs.
- Drakes Broughton Notice Board – Clerk advised that the remedial work required would cost £160. It was discussed and agreed to go-ahead. This was proposed by Cllr Small and seconded by Cllr Griffiths and agreed by all

- Youth Bus – The Clerk advised that she has been in touch with the organisers and it was thought unlikely that the Bus visits for Drakes Broughton would take place before Christmas. The Clerk is to chase up via email. The Clerk advised that she had received correspondence from a mother already who was interested to send her children.

8. PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

- Drakes Broughton

The Clerk advised that the work was scheduled for 21st – 23rd November. A notice has been put in the villager, and was planned for school bulletin and parish notice board as before.

Cllr Griffiths updated the members about the no smoking sign and the competition to design this by the school children.

9. STREET NAMING/NUMBERING

The Chair confirmed that the two names put forward for the new roads had been accepted. These are “Lapwings” and “Williamson Way”. The Chair asked for a volunteer to do some work on this in preparation for the number of streets that will require names in the future, to hopefully make the task more systematic and the process a little quicker next time around. Cllr Pell volunteered for this role. The Chair will send her some guidance notes.

10. STREET LIGHTS

The Clerk updated the members on the on-going billing issues with N Power. The Clerk also updated the members on the situation with the old street lights and the required upgrades. The Clerk is awaiting further information from Eon. Cllr Small suggested that a Cllr to review street lights should ideally be resident within the village to be able to walk and check the street lights on a weekly basis. Cllr Griffiths volunteered to take this role.

11. FUNDING SOURCES

The Chair updated members of a meeting held with the depleted members of the village hall committee the previous week. The Chair advised members that without a fully functioning village hall committee many sources of funding would be unavailable and to this end a short public meeting has been arranged for 30th November with a view to regenerating and repopulating the village hall management committee and also hopefully to form a separate group to look at the funding sources and options to get the village hall into a viable and useable community asset that members of the community will once again look to use regularly.

12. REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

- a) No County Councillor representative this month.
- b) District Councillor
District Councillor Middleborough asked to talk under agenda item 16, as his report was all planning related.
- c) Members Reports
Cllr Turner advised he could mend the stile at the top of Walcott Lane.
- d) Cllr Butterworth thanked Councillors who have been involved in meetings and discussions and making presentations on behalf of the Council during the month. She reported that progress on many items being considered by Council has been excellent and she thanked everyone.

13. FINANCE

- a) Cllr Griffiths confirmed that he had undertaken the monthly reconciliation of cash and other monies received and the records were in order.

It was proposed by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by (COULDNT BE- HE WAS IN HOSPITAL!) to authorise the following payments:

(c)	Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerk’s Salary – October	£429.17
(d)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman –October	£310.00
(e)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields – October	£28.80
(f)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Bus Stops – October	£10.00
(g)	Mr T Whitfield – Clearing Debris at playing field	£10.00
(h)	Eon – Street light repair – Lewis Close and column 21 Shrubbery Road.	£358.00
(i)	Smart Cut – Playing Fields	£147.00

Remittance Advice –

Worcestershire County Council – County Councillor contribution towards Pirton Noticeboard £500.00

14. CORRESPONDENCE

None

15. PLANNING

(a) Reserve matters 32 houses Walcot Lane

The Chair advised members that a special meeting of the Parish Council had been held on 12th October to discuss this application and at that meeting the PC had agreed to fund a solicitors letter from the residents and PC questioning Wychavon’s compliance with statutory planning process. The cost of this action is £1250 + Vat. The notes from this meeting will form an appendix to these minutes to formally record the meeting for public record.

District Councillor Middleborough confirmed Wychavon have received the letter from the solicitor and have no comment to make at this time.

(b) Comments made to planning authority:

W/16/02429/OU – Langham, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AG – outline application for three dwellings with all matters reserved. Comments around location outside of settlement boundary and emerging neighbourhood plan. Recommend Refusal.

District Councillor Middleborough advised members as to some law changes regarding affordable homes, he had seen the members recommending refusal and advised that this would likely be due to access onto the B4084 rather than location due to the proximity to other already permitted plans.

W/16/02136/PP The Sett, Brickyard Lane, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AH – Rear Storey extension and a detached garage. Recommend Approval.

(c) Applications Approved:

W/16/02086/CU – Stoulton Farm Shop, Pershore Road Stoulton, Extension to existing car park, to provide additional parking for the existing farm shop.

District Councillor Middleborough advised members that the county would not object to the farm shop placing signs along the B4084 in a hope to make turning in and out safer but they would not be funded. County councillor Adams will make contact with the proprietor on this matter.

W/16/02088/PP – Deerfold Cottage, Besford Road, Wadborough, WR8 9HE, Two storey side/rear extension, new chimney and front entrance canopy to property. Construction of detached garage/store with games room above and detached summer house. Alterations to existing entrance area and gates and replacement of boundary fences.

W/16/01323/CU – Hyde Farm, Worcester Road, Pinvin, Pershore, WR10 2DX, use of land for stationing of up to 15 caravans for recreational and leisure purposes with new highway access on to A44, landscaping, hard standings and drainage ancillary to that use.

W/16/02132/LB – 5 Caldwell Farm Barns, Pershore Road, Stoulton, Worcester, WR7 4RL, 1, install satellite dish 2, install new timber windows 3, replace external T&G cladding with timber(cedar) shingles (retrospective).

(d) Applications refused: N/A

(e) Applications Withdrawn: N/A

(f) Appeals: N/A

16. INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 1st December, 2016 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall.

The Clerk advised that members would be welcome for a Christmas drink after December's meeting at the Old Oak.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.