

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.**

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

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

1) APOLOGIES:

Cllr F Mead, Cllr Proctor-Nichols, Cllr Yeo & County Councillor Adams

2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

N/A

3) LOCAL POLICING

The Clerk read the police report for October as follows:

On the 08/10 a report of a pushbike stolen from an address.

A workshop was broken into on Hill Road, Pirton overnight 10/11 October

An artic trailer was reported as stolen on the 16/10 but could have happened any time between then and the beginning of May.

The police are receiving a number of calls in the surrounding area of suspicious vehicles, shed breaks and fences being cut. If anyone sees any suspicious vehicles or activity can they please ring immediately on 101/999 and report it.

The Clerk advised members that PC Steven Tinkler had left the team covering our area and a new member Jenni Humphries (PCSO) has joined Julie Pardoe (PC) and Zoey Carter (PCSO). Jenni was Safer Schools PCSO before joining the team.

4) MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4th October 2018 were proposed by Cllr Crouchman, seconded by Cllr Pell, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

5) MATTERS ARISING

- VAS

The Chairman advised members that the lengthsman was letting the batteries run down before sending the VAS off for repair and service. Cllr Turner advised the Chairman that it was not working currently.

- Data protection Audit

The Clerk advised she had to postpone the planned meeting with Cllr Mead and would re-arrange it ASAP.

- Drakes Broughton Drains

The Clerk advised she had no further updates from WCC. Cllr Small advised that no action has been seen yet. A discussion arose regarding the cyclic drainage clearance system and Cllr Middlebrough advised it was an area at a time and was no longer annual.

- Grit Bin update

Cllr Small advised the bin on Shrubbery Road would be moved when the current grit supply was depleted.

- Additional Spending on community facilities

Cllr Wild advised the Chairman and members of the following ideas regarding additional facilities to benefit the community:

- Benches on local footpaths with views around the outskirts of the village of DB, The Chairman thought this could be extended to Wadborough and Pirton.
- Footpath and fence between Lewis Close and Beech Ave needs repair and tidy up.
- Planting bed at the shop.
- White village entry gates
- A 'proper' Dog waste campaign.

The Chairman agreed these were all good ideas that should be considered further and progresses. Cllr Crouchman suggested monies might be requested for Wadborough phone-box when it was finally decommissioned – It still being operational despite BT advising the telephony would be removed on October 22nd.

6) **NEW VAS**

The Chairman advised members that she thought an additional VAS maybe worth investing in, members agreed. Cllr Ward would investigate options and advise members of options at Decembers meeting.

7) **SEASONAL PREPARATIONS - Inventory**

Cllr Small advised that the PC has x2 water pumps and both would be having their annual test run the following week. Cllr Small confirmed that in the event of flooding the Parish Council has some sandbags available. A discussion arose about if parishioners would be aware of these. Members asked the Clerk to add this to her report for the Villager this month and advise that parishioners should contact the Clerk in the first instance. The Chairman confirmed who had keys for PC buildings.

8) **OPEN SPACE REVIEW – Update**

Cllr Wild updated members: Cllr Wild had approached members of the community to form a committee to oversee the second stage of the Open Space review. Currently there are 3 definite members and 2 he is waiting to hear back from, he is hopeful to have the committee in place and report back at December's meeting. The method he proposes is to procure contractors to move the initial master plan forward. Cllr Wild has approached three contractors from WDC approved list and also three Quantitive Surveyors to look at the cost plan, the response was not positive with little interest in getting involved. Cllr Wild has asked the original contractor One Ltd regarding two options – design & build or design and contract out. Cllr Wild has met some local contractors. Cllr Wild is keen for the new committee to approach WDC for free pre-planning advice and advised he thought the VHC should do this too. The Chairman thanked Cllr Wild for his update.

9) **VILLAGE HALL – update**

The Chairman updated members:

The VHC have a website – dbvillagehall.com

The VHC have been working with Cllr Protor-Nichols to move the hall refurbishment forward and are focusing on building on the initial design produced by Craig Walding to add more detail to facilitate getting some costings for development. The VHC is drawing up a list of wants and needs from the refurbished hall to move the master plan forward. Cllr Proctor- Nichols is keen to invite other consultants to tender, the VHC are keen to continue to work with One Ltd. The aim is a more detailed master plan so VHC can move to a costings stage. This all needs to run alongside the Open Space review. The Chairman reminded members of the Hall's 60th Birthday celebrations.

10) **STREET LIGHT BY THE BUS STOP**

The Chairman advised members that the Clerk had been and viewed this location and from observation the street light does appear to be within the curtilage of 1 Hydemere Cottage. A discussion arose surrounding the boundary and the telegraph pole. The Clerk advised that the light appeared to shine into the top of the bus shelter, but the hedge is overgrown and obscuring the light. There was further discussion about options and if

the light was necessary. It was decided that Cllr Pell, Cllr Small and Cllr Proctor would do a site visit one evening to review the lights effectiveness. Cllr Small advised that it has been placed there many years ago for school children using the bus shelter and strongly advised careful review. The Chairman

asked the Clerk to do a Land Registry search to ascertain the property boundary to further review the options with this street light.

11) REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) District Councillor

District Councillor Middlebrough advised members that should the planning officer recommend approval of the three houses proposed next to the Old Oak he will take this to the planning committee.

Cllr Middlebrough advised he was liaising with WDC lawyers regarding the application to extinguish the 106 of the Thorndon Caravan Site. He wishes to ensure that any changes result in a legal/planning loop hole that could lead to a 12-month occupancy. If he is not fully satisfied, he will be recommending this application goes before the planning committee. Cllr Proctor advised that 'conditions' are not enforced and thinks the 106 should remain in place.

Cllr Wild advised that the site seems to be emptying raw sewerage into the ditch running towards Stonebow Road and he has reported this to regulatory services.

Cllr Middlebrough advised that the two bungalows applied for at Wheelwright had been refused.

b) Other reports as necessary

Cllr Wynn asked Cllr Middlebrough if the hedges on Hatfield Bank could be cut back.

Cllr Wild advised that there was a crushed ditch on Brickyards Lane. The Chairman advised that the Lengthsman was dealing with this and asked the Clerk to get an update.

Cllr Pell provided an update about local bus services. She advised that she had attended a meeting with County Councillor Adams about buses as residents in Shrubbery Road are struggling to get to B4084 to get on a buses as no buses currently run through the village to Pershore. Cllr Adams is to raise the situation with the MP. Cllr Pell advised the scrutiny report from Drakes Broughton had been sent in to the WCC rural transport review. Cllr Crouchman confirmed the scrutiny report from Wadborough had also been sent in to the review team. Cllr Pell had also forwarded a copy of the letter of complaint she recently received from a disabled bus user. Cllr Pell advised she would continue to attend meeting and advise the Parish Council of updates.

Cllr Small advised that Rooftop had still done nothing in Woodleigh. Cllr Small advised the ditch on Stonebow had still not been repaired. The Clerk advised she had reported this to Severn Trent using their online reporting system but had heard nothing back. The Chairman asked the Clerk to follow this up in a fortnight. Cllr Small advised of significant pot holes on Woodleigh, the Chairman asked the Clerk to report these to WCC Hub.

12) TASKS FOR LENGTHSMAN

Cllr Wild requested the lengthsman cut back the hedge within the playpark as the hedge cutting machinery could access not that bit. Cllr Wild asked that the lengthsman clear the accumulated leaves from the corners of the play park and any hedge cutting from the car park. Cllr Small asked for the lengthsman to do the grips from top to the bottom of Chevington Lane.

13) VILLAGER UPDATES

Members asked the Clerk to add a summary of essential points from this month's meeting and add the seasonal flood defences as discussed earlier in the meeting.

14) FINANCE

The monthly reconciliation of cash and other monies received was undertaken for October by Cllr Driscoll.

It was proposed by Cllr Driscoll and seconded by Cllr Turner to authorise the following payments:

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| a) Mrs N Nicholson – Clerk salary – October | £461.34 |
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b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – October	£220.00
c) Mr B Arrowsmith – Litter Clearing Playing fields – October	£100.80
d) N Power – Street lighting electricity charges (01.04.18-30.06.18 & 01.07.18-30.09.18)	£1365.22
e) Smart Cut Ltd – Grass Cutting September	£324.00
f) Stephen Hill – Playing Field Hedge Cutting	£100.00

Remittance – WDC Community Infrastructure levy - £872.81 & £581.87 = £1454.68

WCC Lengthsman Payment June, July & August - £643.50

15) PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon:
W/18/01952/S106. Application to Extinguish 106. Thorndon Mill, Stoulton. Recommend Refusal.
- b) Applications Approved:
W/18/01830/HP Blue Bank, Worcester Road, Pinvin, WR10 2DY. Erection of detached three bay garage with wash facilities and WC for farm workers.
W/18/00902/FUL 28 Shrubbery Road, Drakes Broughton. Single Storey rear extension.
W/18/01730/AGR Kites farm, Worcester Road, Pirton. General purpose agricultural building.
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) On Going Appeal. APP/H1840/W/18/3208074 Old Post Office, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton. New build 2-bedroom bungalow to garden land at rear of The Old Post office.
- e) Applications Awaiting comment:
W/18/01633/ADV Hyde farm, Worcester Road, Pinvin, Pershore, WR10 2DX. Non-illuminated advertisement signs (2No.)
W/18/02156/HP The Old smithy, Mill Lane, Wadborough. New garage/office to replace existing workshop/office in curtilage of existing cottage – variation of condition 2 to allow a revised design and scale (eaves and height increased by 1M) and to remove condition 4.
- f) Elan homes – Road name. Cllr Wild has proposed ‘ Hollyblue Close’
- g) Walcot Lane development – update. The Chairman advised members that work had started in the incorrect field initially and the Clerk has informed the Landowner. The contractors were initially working outside of the restricted hours and Cllr Wild had reported this to management company and the Clerk reported it to WDC.
- h) Application to extinguish 106 Thorndon Windmill Hill – As discussed earlier. Members and the Chairman all strongly object to the proposal to extinguishing the 106 that is currently in place.
- i) Planning application 18/01533/FUL – The Chairman advised members that the landowners had approached the Clerk to discuss alternative options regarding the protected green space. This application is for three houses on an area that is protected Green Space within the NP. Cllr wild advised members there is a provision within the NP for making a change to Green Spaces, but this required the applicant to demonstrate exceptional circumstances – and these had not been demonstrated. A discussion arose regarding the NP and vote was taken and all members agreed that they do not want changes to be made to the existing NP.

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- WCC Emergency Closure – Mill Lane
- WCC – temporary Closure Stonebow Road
- SWDP – Plan Review Parish Councils briefing 6th November
- WDC precept requirement
- Resident Complain regarding buses
- Protect Your farm event.

17) INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.