

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), Cllr A Tanfield, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr R Small, Cllr D Proctor, Cllr R Bessant, Cllr R Turner, Cllr T Pell, Cllr J Yeo and Cllr J Proctor-Nicholls

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk) and District Councillor M Ward

**PUBLIC:** Mr J Cooper, Mrs P Garret & Mr K Hyde

**1) APOLOGIES:**

County Councillor Adams, Cllr R Roberts & Cllr S Wynn

**2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

N/A

The meeting was closed for representations from the public:

Mr Hyde – Drew members attention to the employment development land included in the preferred option on the SWDPR. He asked members to join him in opposing this development in open rural countryside.

Mrs Kay – Raised her concerns about the unrestricted parking and access in the lay-by on B4084. Mrs Kay had already raised the matter with County Councillor Adams and The Clerk advised a site visit with WCC Highways had been arranged for the following week.

Mr Cooper – updated members on his attendance at meetings regarding SWDPR and his strong objections to the developments announced.

Mrs Garret – Thanked members for their support of her Toddler Group (The Clerk advised members that County Councillor Adams had offered a grant to the toddler group) Mrs Garret circulated a costings list that the County Councillor's Grant could be potentially spent on.

**3) LOCAL POLICING**

The Clerk drew attention to the police report circulated prior to the meeting. She advised there had been one reportable incident in November.

**4) MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Crouchman, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**5) MATTERS ARISING**

• VAS – update

The Chairman asked Cllr Bessant if she had been able to download the data. Cllr Bessant advised she had not and that a specialist laptop maybe required. Cllr Bessant will investigate this further and appraise the Clerk - to be discussed in January's meeting.

• Report Back from meeting with Rooftop

Cllr Ward asked the Chairman to forward all the outstanding issues so he can take this up with Rooftop Management on behalf of the PC.

• Junior Practice Goals

The Members discussed the removal of the PC owned practice goals, thought to be a value of approx. £200. Members agreed the FC removal was totally unacceptable. They have a clear memorandum of understanding with the PC and made no attempt to notify the Clerk of any risk perceived by the location of practice goals. They were just removed. The Members agreed overall it was not in the interests of the community to ask the

football club to replace or reimburse the PC. However, Members asked the Clerk to send a letter detailing the process that should be followed should anything like this occur in the future. The FC enjoy the use of the pitches for free as the PC have wanted to support the youth of Drakes Broughton to be able to participate at a reasonable cost. Any further breaches of the memorandum may result in a hire charge needing to be discussed.

- Meeting with Highways 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Cllr Pell and Cllr Small reported they had met with WCC Highways and County Councillor Adams at A44 Pepleton Junction. The speed limit was not going to be reduced but some welcomed improvements have been agreed that include raised Cats eyes, improved junction signage and lighting. Cllr Small advised he thought the improvements were good.

- Bovis 106 Agreement

The Chairman advised that she is continuing to chase to get the amendment made to the 106 agreement which will provide equal opportunity with regard to housing for residents of both Parishes.

- Report back from Community Railway infrastructure meeting – Cllr Pell

Cllr Pell advised that the discussions centred around volunteers to improve service at the Railway Stations.

## **6) OPEN SPACE REVIEW – Progress update**

Cllr Wild advised Members that the committee had met earlier in the week. The two preferred suppliers had been asked to make some further additions/changes to their tenders and would be presenting back to the committee the following week for the committee to make a final recommendation before Christmas. Cllr Wild asked the Chairman to supply the details of what was required to release the 106 funding ready to commence the project. The Chairman thanked Cllr Wild and the members of the open space review committee. The Chairman and Cllr Wild agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the VHC rejuvenation committee to oversee the overlap and ensure a good merger of the Open Space and the Village Hall

## **7) VILLAGE HALL REFURBISH AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Chairman advised members that the community legacy grant application had generated a query regarding the reclaiming of the VAT on the project. The Chairman advised that she proposed the Council spend circa £500 on official formal advice from a SLCC recommended tax specialist. This was seconded by Cllr Pell and agreed by all.

The Chairman advised there are opportunities for people to join the VHC facility management/marketing working party. The working party will make recommendation about how to manage and market the hall for the future.

The Chairman advised the Village Hall Fundraising committee is moving forward with its fundraising and a number of ideas and events are being advertised.

## **8) TRAFFIC ISSUES – SPEEDING TRAFFIC & COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE and SRP**

The Chairman advised members that WCC Highways had suggested three roundels along Stonebow Road would be the best solution and County Councillor Adams had agreed to fund two of these. The Chairman advised that the Council will need to spend £300 to get the three suggested Roundels. This was proposed by Cllr Pell and seconded by Cllr Small and agreed by all. The Chairman asked the Clerk to make the arrangements with WCC and circulate the location map to the Members. Cllr Bessant advised members that she had received verbal confirmation that Drakes Broughton does hit the criteria for the community speed watch programme but was awaiting written confirmation after the review of the traffic order on Stonebow Road.

## **9) STREETLIGHTS – POWER SUPPLY LIGHTS 39&40**

No further progress was reported.

