

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30 PM AT DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk) and County Councillor Rob Adams

PUBLIC: Mr D Rhodes, Mrs N Haller & Mrs Dawn Collett

1) APOLOGIES:

District Councillor M Ward, Cllr J Yeo and Cllr J Proctor-Nicholls

2) CO OPTION OF COUNCILLOR TO REPRESENT DRAKES BROUGHTON

Cllr Roberts was co-opted onto the Council to represent Drakes Broughton Ward.

The co-option forms were signed in front of the Clerk and Cllr Roberts welcomed to the meeting.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Bessant re planning application: W/19/01411/HP Chaparral, 6 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton.

Erection of boundary fence and access gates, creation of new vehicular access

The Chairman closed the meeting for representations from the public, the public gallery had nothing to raise.

4) LOCAL POLICING

The Clerk drew attention to the police report circulated prior to the meeting. She advised there had been two reportable incidents in July.

5) MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 4th July 2019 were proposed by Cllr Pell, seconded by Cllr Proctor, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

6) MATTERS ARISING

• VAS – purchase updates and locations

The Chairman advised members that there had been a delay as there had been information that the new VAS posts might cost £230 each. However, this has since been found not to be the case. Following circulation to members the majority have chosen to have the VAS located at Option 1 (near Williamson way Junction) The WCC Parish gang will put a post up and once this is in situ the lengthsman can put up the new VAS. The PC has applied for a grant for the roundal for DB and the posts for the new Vas that are no longer needed. After discussion it was agreed that the application to the police commissioner grant scheme should be revised to remove the posts and include an additional VAS or perhaps Village gates or a slowdown sign.

• Report Back from meeting with Rooftop

The Chairman, Cllr Wild and Cllr Small met with a representative from Rooftop Housing Association once again to discuss removal of the two abandoned vehicles in the Rooftop owned car parks in Drakes Broughton. Cllr Small confirmed they were still in there. Rooftop have undertaken to do some work to remove rubbish and over hanging vegetation from the car parks but budgets are tight and there is no guarantee about the timing of the work if the areas need tidying it maybe that the PC will need to consider financial assistance in the future.

• Village hall Car Parking report back

The VHC met to talk about car parking behind the Lewis Room at the Village Hall They concluded that the spaces outside the fire exits were not really car parking spaces as they block fire exits but additional spaces

could be made if the shrubs and trees were cut back. They also noted that if spaces were made in this area the gate could be closed and the area used as designated spaces for any hirers of the Hall.

- New bench on playing field – progress update

Cllr Wild advised that the bench had been delivered and the next stage would be to move it to the correct position. The Chairman thanked Cllr Wild for arranging this.

- Public space landownership – update

The Chairman advised that on inspection of the files there had been an historic agreement to exchange land that had fallen through as the developer had gifted the land at Lewis Close to WDC. The documents clearly indicate that whilst the PC don't own the access land it is agreed to be used as access to what was a play area at Lewis close. Cllr Pell asked if it specifically says play area, the Chairman confirmed it did. The Chairman showed members an historic map labelled H18 marking green spaces throughout Drakes Broughton. Further investigation is required to confirm the documents origin and purpose however it is a useful document as it shows green spaces that are in Drakes Broughton.

7) OPEN SPACE REVIEW – Progress update (Cllr Wild)

Cllr Wild advised members that the paperwork had been circulated and tenders requested for the play park. The deadline for the tenders to be returned is 5th August. Prior to work commencing on the Play park the Open space would like to start work on the football pitch surfaces which are in very bad repair. The committee had sought advice on this and had been advised that drainage and pitch improvement could cost circa £100K. Further to this the Open Space committee asked for advice from the FA and a pitch inspection was requested. It transpires that the pitches were inspected in 2015. The FA advise that a maintenance cost of circa 12k per annum for a drained pitch. Because of this limiting factor, The FA recommends a regime of regular maintenance rather than expensive capital work. Therefore, we have received a revised quote based on the FA's recommendations which includes a treatment of herbicide, vertidrain, top dressing with fine sand and fertiliser. It is important this work is done ASAP as the pitches will be out of use for 5 weeks and will impact on the start of the new season. The cost of this is 12k now and a similar amount next April. Despite trying to get more than one quote, the FA's pitch inspector and Wychavon DC found that Phil Day Sports covers most of our area and is recommended by WDC. The £24K initial spend will be from the £60K of the 106 money that is allocated to offsite formal sport. Cllr Wild and the Open Space committee asked member to agree to this. Cllr Pell proposed this, and it was seconded by Cllr Gardener and agreed by all. A discussion around the memorandum of understanding and the continued 'free' use of the pitches arose. The Chairman asked The Clerk to circulate the memorandum and members to give this some thought going forward.

Cllr Wild and The Chairman advised members that the play Park was likely to cost more than was currently available through the Thornleigh Kendrick 106 agreements and they are looking into how to bridge the gap.

8) VILLAGE HALL REFURBISH AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Chairman advised members that the VHC had submitted an expression of interest to the community legacy fund for £200K. The next stage would be feedback from WDC. If the expression of interest is taken forward, then full tender documents would be required to be submitted by 23rd November. There would be lots of work, including public consultation. The VHC are moving forward with the tender documents and Mrs Boniface and Mrs Caldwell have formed a subgroup with Cllr Butterworth and Cllr Tanfield to assist with this. The Architect is being very helpful too. The PC is linked in as the potential funding would come through the PC accounts to the VHC. Further to this the monthly VHC Coffee, cake and chat event would take place tomorrow and this month includes a second-hand school uniform rail.

9) ANNUAL PLAYPARK INSPECTION

Cllr Wild advised that the play park had passed the inspection with the usual advisory notes on finger stubbing and depth of spaces on the mound slide.

10) PLAYING FIELD USAGE

The Chairman advised members that they had received two requests from VH hirers to use the recreational field. The first being a charity fundraiser scheduled for 21st September. The organisers have requested to use the field for additional car parking and put tables outside of the hall weather permitting. Members discussed this and in light of the proposed work on the pitches it was suggested that it wouldn't be appropriate however suggested the Clerk refer the hirer to the school and using their car park as overflow as it was a Saturday. The members wanted clarification of where the hirer proposed to put the tables. Cllr Wild advised that areas undergoing work would be taped off and could not be walked upon. Members asked the Clerk to reply to the request. The second request was for a bouncy castle outside the back of the hall for a children's party. The Clerk advised that the hirer would have to ensure it was a hired inflatable with the correct insurance and public liability usage. The members agreed that if the correct paperwork was in place this could go-ahead.

11) TRAFFIC ISSUES – SPEEDING TRAFFIC & COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH INITIATIVE

The Chairman advised that as she stated earlier in the meeting a grant request was in for roundels. Cllr Bessant advised she was communicating with the community Speed watch team and a risk assessment of the location that she had suggested was the next step. She was suggesting the straight from the bend on Stonebow Road towards the pub as the new VAS was to be located the other end of Stonebow. Cllr Bessant advised she had the required number of volunteers to go-ahead. Cllr Pell advised that a railway maintenance truck was causing visibility issues near the railway bridge. Cllr Small reported an accident that hadn't been reported to the police on the bad bend the A44 side of the railway bridge. Cllr Wild drew attention to the correspondence regarding not lowering the speed at the DB/Peopleton junction of A44

12) STREET LIGHTS REPORT BACK FROM INSPECTION AND CONDITION & SURVEY

The Clerk advised this was on-going. The Chairman asked her to get a completion date from E'on.

13) FIXED ASSEST REVIEW AND CONDITION SURVEY

The Chairman thanked members for their assistance on the fixed asset review. She advised there are two items unaccounted for x1 Brush cutter and a set of loppers. The Chairman proposed these were removed to keep the register accurate. This was seconded by Cllr Crouchman and agreed by all. The register will be reviewed annually in August.

14) REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) County Councillor

County Councillor Adams advised members that a fire engine from Kidderminster had been sent to assist in the flood effort in Derbyshire. County Councillor Adams advised Cllr Small that despite offering money for the signage at Stoulton Woodland he had had no repose. County Councillor Adams advised that the Windmill Hill speed reduction would be in place in November. County Councillor Adams had requested WCC Highways review the horse signage on 'Debby's Lane'. The meeting with CEO J Heggerty regarding Walcot Lane was on his to do list but holidays meant it would likely be end of August/Sept now. County Councillor Adams had reported back regarding the bureaucratic paperwork for the village of culture grant, DB wasn't the only village reporting this and he hoped it would be simplified in the future. The preferred sites for the SWDP review would be presented 7th August, he advised that he hoped it would be nearer the Parkway Station. County Councillor Adams advised that the planned works at Pinvin Crossroads were due to start in September and asked the Clerk to liaise with WCC Highways to try and pre-empt DB being used as a cut through. As discussion arose regarding WDC refuse lorries using Stonebow Road and it was suggested the Clerk report this to District Councillor Ward. Country Councillor Adams advised that the food recycling collections maybe reinstated in the near future.

b) Other reports as necessary

Cllr Gardner advised that the large hole on the Sidings road had been filled with a soil base and was already dipping again. County Councillor Adam advised he thought this would be tarmacked. Cllr Tanfield asked regarding white gates for Pirton. The Chairman advised that the very faded Roundel had been requested for a re-paint but at this time the PC were not considering white gates for Pirton. Cllr Turner raised the increase in emails regarding footpaths in DB, a discussion arose, and members asked the Clerk to add advice about contacting the countryside centre to Septembers Villager report. Cllr Wild raised the eyesore of gateway filling with demolition materials on Brickyard Lane. Cllr Pell raised her concerns that as at the last meeting the contact for First bus hadn't been consulted on the new rural transport strategy and had yet to be informed if they had the school bus contract. This heavily subsidised the '50's' bus services. Comment was made that the notice of the transport roadshows had not stated times and that there had been no sign of the Pershore roadshow on July 11th between 11.30 and 16.30. Cllr Pell raised the poor repair of the pavement between the two lollipop crossings on the left side. The Clerk will report this the hub. Cllr Small wanted to know if the pothole inspectors still inspected the roads regularly as there were large potholes on Debby's Lane.

15) TASKS FOR LENGTHSMAN

- Weed kill roadside – unsightly grass
- Cut back the three pedestrian entrances to the recreational field

16) FINANCE

The monthly reconciliation of cash and other monies received was undertaken for July by Cllr Tanfield.

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

a) Mrs N Nicholson – Clerk salary – July	£471.96
b) Mr B Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – July	£220.00
c) Mr B Arrowsmith – Litter Clearing Playing fields – July	£100.80
d) WDC – recharge of uncontested election costs	£150.00
e) N Power – quarterly street lighting electricity	£691.41
f) Glasdon UK Ltd – New bench for playing field	£645.73
g) John Hicks & Associates – play park inspection	£144.00
h) WDC Annual litter bin empty & cleanse	£178.20
i) Smart Cut Ltd – Grass Cutting – July	£501.00
Remittance – WCC Lengthsman reclaim March, April & May	£660.00
HMRC VAT reclaim 2018/2019	£2029.78

17) PLANNING

- a) Comments made on planning applications to Wychavon:
- W/19/01411/HP Chaparral, 6 Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore. Erection of boundary fence and access gates, creation of new vehicular access. Recommend refusal. A discussion arose regarding the clearing of existing fencing before planning was granted and directional CCTV. The Clerk would raise concerns to WDC.
- W/19/01326/FUL Woodhall Farm, Brickyard Lane, Drakes Broughton, WR10 2AH. Erection of steel framed tractor garage and workshop for maintenance of farm equipment. Recommend Refusal.
- W/19/01262/HP Associated Ref:19/01301/LB Pirton Court, Pirton Court, Pirton, Worcester, WR8 9EE To increase the height of an existing boundary wall. No Objection.

- b) Applications Approved: W/18/02425/LB 39 Worcester Road, Pirton. Replace clay tiles, roofing felt and battens to north and west roof slopes.
- c) Applications Refused: N/A
- d) Applications Awaiting comment: N/A
- e) Appeals: N/A

18) CORRESPONDENCE

- Resident regarding footpaths x2
- WCC Transport strategy
- WCC Pershore Norther link road decision notice
- CALC Councilors & Clerks survey
- WCC Passenger transport strategy
- WCC Minerals consultation notice
- Wadborough resident regarding old Piggery
- Resident re Elam homes drainage
- Resident re B4084 Speed limit

19) INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5th September 2019 at 7.30pm at Drakes Broughton Village Hall – Drakes Broughton and Wadborough with Pirton monthly Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.