

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30P.M., DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Cllr. K. Skillern (Chairman), Cllr. D. Proctor, , Cllr. R. Small, Cllr J Butterworth, Cllr F Mead, Cllr L Wild, Cllr J Yeo, Cllr M Gardner, Cllr R Godfrey, Cllr R Reynolds, Cllr M Griffith, Cllr R Durrant.

IN ATTENDANCE: District Councillor P Middlebrough, County Councillor R Adams & Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk).

Public : Dusty Rhodes & Roly Cother

Roly Cother – Brought to the Parish Council attention about the flooding on the bend in sidings road, between Wadborough and Pirton. Clerk to ask lengthsman to liaise with Mr Cother.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cother for his attendance.

1. APOLOGIES:

None

2. VACANCIES FOR COUNCILLORS TO REPRESENT DRAKES BROUGHTON & PIRTON WARDS

Vacancies outstanding: 1x Pirton, 1x Drakes Broughton.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION NOT ON THE AGENDA

Broadband Update

Millennium Wood Signage

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2015 were proposed by Cllr. J Butterworth, seconded by Cllr. M Griffiths, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record after one amendment to the wording of Cllr Adams was noted and adjusted and signed on the minutes.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The need for a Defibrillator within the Drakes Broughton – the clerk is to gather further information, priority is to be given finance and precept activities during this coming month.

Clerk IT equipment – Cllr J Butterworth updated the Parish Council. The clerk has now purchased a new computer, the software and antivirus annual fees are to be paid by the Parish Council as per the clerk's contract of employment.

7. VILLAGE FACILITIES

Cllr K Skillern has a meeting scheduled with J Teal WDC to investigate funding options.

8. LOCAL POLICING

Clerk read local police report - 2x Burglaries in Drakes Broughton, 1 x attempted burglary from a shed, 1x tools stolen from a van, 1x damage to a parked vehicle at Tiddeley Wood – advice provided by the police for this month is for people to check sheds are secure and mark property with their postcode where possible.

9. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

(a) County Councillor - R Adams

Cllr R Adams informed the parish council that the leader of WDC is to stand down due to the widely publicised drink driving incident prior to Christmas. A meeting is being held next week to confirm who will take over this position

Millennium wood signage- there is a reluctance from highways to introduce double white lines or a speed review at this current time however a change in the signage is planned and it is hoped that this will help with traffic issues (see agenda item 13)

District Cllr P Middlebrough provided information to the Parish Council on facts and figures about fords in the surrounding area and the use of level crossing type barriers to reduce risk from passing through fords that maybe full and dangerous. He suggested that one drawback to this as a solution would be to other vehicles, such as farm traffic, that could pass the brook even when it would be a danger for cars. The Parish council informed the District and the County Councillor that the sat nav's currently direct non locals to Drakes Broughton via the road that has the ford. County Councillor R Adams suggested he could look into signage to advise Sat Nav users that it is not the best route. The Parish Council agreed could be useful.

District Councillor – P Middlebrough

Cllr P Middlebrough thanked the chairman for his report and time spent at the 3-day enquiry hearing for the Gladman development of 120 houses behind the school. The District councillor confirmed that Chairman Cllr k Skillern could not have done more and it is just a wait now to see what the inspector says.

District councillor P Middlebrough, explained that the district County judge had found Mr Rodenhurst not guilty of every offense. An appeal has been lodged.

District councillor P Middlebrough confirmed that as Wychavon has one of the lowest council tax thresholds in the country and lowest in Worcestershire the government have agreed that they may increase the council tax by £5 for a band D property, which equates to a 4.8% rise for band c property.

(b) Other reports from the councillors.

Cllr. R Godfrey – raised concerns over ditches and high verges contributing to the flooding on Sidings Road.

Cllr R Small advised that street light opposite the school is flickering on/off. Clerk to add to street light repair report.

10. FINANCE

- (a) Monthly reconciliation was checked and proposed by Cllr J Butterworth, seconded by Cllr k Skillern.
- (b) Finance scrutiny panel was agreed to be Cllr J Butterworth & Cllr R Reynolds, clerk to have receipts and payments book available for scrutiny Monday 11th January.
- (c) 2015/16 Precept – Cllr J Butterworth, talked through the findings of the finance committee and the proposed increase in precept. It would equate to a £1 increase per household within the Parish precept portion of Council Tax increasing by approximately 9.4% and this was proposed to be spread as equally as possible across the three wards. The Precept was proposed by Cllr R Durrant, seconded by Cllr R Reynolds and agreed by all members.

It was proposed by Cllr M Gardner, seconded by Cllr F Mead, agreed to authorise the following payments:

(d) Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerks Salary – December	£429.17
(e) Mrs N Nicholson – Clerk PC Annual IT Software & Antivirus	£80.98
(f) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – December	£200.00
(g) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields - December	£28.00

(h) Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Bus Stops – December	£10.00
(i) Peter Handley – Retrospective clerk Stationary (M Elliot's)	£222.84
(j) Pirton Parochial Church Grant	£150.00

11. CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

12. BROADBAND

Chairman updated the meeting on the current superfast broadband situation. Pirton is to make representations to BT.

13. MILLENNIUM WOOD SIGNAGE

Example signage for Millennium Wood was discussed. Clerk is forward detail to Cllr R Small.

14. GLADMAN APPEAL

Chairman updated the Parish Council on the hearing held on 8th/9th/10th December. Representations were made by both the Chairman on behalf on the Parish Council and by Cllr L Wild on behalf of the neighbourhood planning steering group. It was felt that the Wychavon barrister did an excellent job against a tough case being put forward by the developers. A lot of emphasis was on sustainability. Cllr L Wild commented that the pre hearing briefing could have been more comprehensive; Cllr P Middlebrough that this would have been difficult as the case was ground breaking and no one was sure what to expect. The Parish Council thanked Cllr K Skillern and Cllr L Wild for all of the hard work, their considerable time and efforts made on behalf of the community. Cllr P Middlebrough commented that they could not have done more. The decision is due before 9th February.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council discusses and reviewed the draft plan and agreed that the plan can now go to public consultation. The Next stages - the steering group will meet with Kirkwells on Monday 11th January, to finalise the leaflets that will be used to advertise the consultation. Cllr L Wild said they were considering another open day and that the six-week consultation would start on 18th January. The draft plan and consultation was proposed by Cllr L Wild and seconded by Cllr R Durrant.

Cllr R Durrant thanked Cllr L Wild and all the members of the steering group for their time and efforts on behalf on the community.

16. PLANNING

(a) Comments made to planning authority:

Planning Ref W/15/02780/PN – Thornleigh Nurseries, Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AP – Outline plan already granted comments made re full planning. The design is out of keeping with other houses and should not be three storeys should be scaled down in size.

Planning Ref: W/15/02942/PP Sunshine Cottage, Pirton, WR8 9EJ. No comments made.

(b) Applications Approved: N/A

W/15/02378/PP 20A Lewis Close, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2BN, proposed replacement conservator and new pitched roof to garage area.

W/15/02698/PP Gibside, Walcot Lane, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AJ, two story side extension.

(c) Applications refused: N/A

(d) Applications Withdrawn: N/A

(e) Appeals: W/15/01597/OU – Land off, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton – detailed comments sent to the planning inspectorate in Bristol.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING/s

The next PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2016 at 7.30pm, Drakes Broughton Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked members for attending.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm