

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT ST BARNABAS FIRST & MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Butterworth (Chairman), Cllr M Griffiths, Cllr R Small, Cllr S Wynn, Cllr J Yeo, Cllr A Crouchman, Cllr T Pell, Cllr M Ward, Cllr L Wild, Cllr F Mead, Cllr J Driscoll, Cllr D Proctor & Cllr Turner.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor R Adams, Mrs N Nicholson (Clerk)

**PUBLIC:** Mr & Mrs Tanner, Mr Bev McCordal, Mr D Rhodes & Mr R Cother

**1) APOLOGIES**

Cllr M Gardner & District Councillor Paul Middlebrough

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm to allow public to bring their comments/requests.

Mr & Mrs Tanner of Katie Homes presented their plans for a 4 bed dwelling on Mill Lane in Wadborough.

Mr Bev McCordal gave an update from the recent Pershore public transport forum, now renamed Vale public transport forum, as it will now incorporate Evesham and the Lenches. Mr McCordal outlined a suggestion to extend services which would include the village of Wadborough. This would merge the routes 382 and 551. They have met with representatives of Midland Red who are keen on the proposal.

The meeting was re-opened at 8.10pm.

**2) ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Clerk added payment to Eon street light repairs 15.j) £180

**3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**4) LOCAL POLICING**

No report this month

**5) MINUTES**

The minutes of the of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 were proposed by Cllr Crouchman seconded by Cllr Proctor, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**6) MATTERS ARISING**

Smoke Free Play park signage – Cllr Griffiths advised members that disappointingly there had only been 15 entries. The best are to be circulated for members to review before a final decision is made.

**7) PLAYING FIELD**

Hedge Cutting - Clerk to provide contractor's telephone number to Cllr Wild who will arrange to meet and advise on the 'deep cut'.

Mole hills - The Clerk advised that she had obtained a price of £250 from the mole expert to remove moles from the playing field. Members discussed and asked the Clerk to clarify with the expert if this action will keep them away or if a maintenance programme needs to be put in place. It was agreed in principal that for safety of football players the work should be completed – this was proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Wild. It was suggested that we also talk with "Smart Cut" regarding this issue.

#### **8) LENGTHSMAN**

The Chair advised members that the current lengthsmen Mr B Arrowsmith has asked to stay on and not leave as previously discussed. This contract is in place until the end of March 2017. Members asked for his cost and the clerk confirmed that he is paid £10 per hour for 20 hours per month. This is cost neutral for the Parish Council as costs are reimbursed by the County Council lengthsmen scheme.

#### **9) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chair updated the meeting as follows:

The plan was agreed by the planning committee at Wychavon and is to be reviewed by the executive committee in January where hopefully it will be agreed that it will go to public referendum 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Chair congratulated the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee for their hard work, determination and tenacity; the Drakes Broughton Neighbourhood Plan is one of the first to reach this stage in Wychavon.

#### **10) VILLAGE FACILITIES REPORT FROM MEETING**

The Chair advised that following discussions at the last meeting it had been arranged to present to any interested parents after school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

The Village Hall Committee AGM is to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the village hall. This is an opportunity to fully populate the committee once more to facilitate bringing the hall back into regular use within the community

#### **11) PIRTON & WADBOROUGH PHONE BOXES**

Cllr R Adams agreed to donate £100 towards the refurbishment of Pirton phone box that has taken place. The Chair thanked Cllr R Adams and confirmed that it was to become a local information point. Pirton resident, D Skeys, has offered to apply for funding on behalf of the Parish Council from local heritage enterprise to enable this venture. The Wadborough phone box could also be included in this venture if that is what is decided by Wadborough residents. Cllr Yeo to liaise with residents about what they would like to see happen with their phone box and advise.

#### **12) WADBOROUGH BUS ROUTE**

This item was discussed when Mr. Bev McCordal spoke at the beginning of the meeting.

#### **13) REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

##### **a) County Councillor**

Cllr Adams reassured members there was no shortage of grit for the roads in the poor weather.

Cllr Adams confirmed that the Parkway station was due to be completed by the end of March 2018 and although there has been talk of another application none has been received and there have been no pre-application discussions.

A discussion arose around rural broadband and the survey looking at businesses running from home offices.

Cllr Adams confirmed that the NHB payments had been reduced from the 6 years period of payment to 4 years; more detail will follow from Wychavon.

Cllr Adams gave an overview of the executive report highlighting the large amounts of funding going towards vulnerable people, both adults and children. Pressures are being felt because of the ageing population and a 2% increase the County Council proportion of the council tax would be seen this year.

Cllr Adams advised that Cllr Middleborough has some updates on the warning system for the ford in Drakes Broughton.

b) No District Councillor representative this month.

c) Members Reports

Cllr Small advised that following the highways visits there has been no action. Cllr Small also advised of large holes in the Millennium Wood car park/entrance which is causing a risk of failing and vehicle damage. Cllr Adams agreed to follow up on both of these items.

#### 14) FINANCE

a) No reconciliation was completed this month.

b) After completing the 6 monthly internal audit on the financial records Cllr Mead and Cllr Wynn reported all the records were in order. Cllr Wynn queried a payment to DBVH which had no receipt. The Clerk explained this was written out during the last financial period but not presented for payment until this financial year. The Chair acknowledged this.

c) The finance meeting had been held prior to this meeting and the committee had recommended increasing the precept to approximately £22679. This would include annual provision for the Youth bus and annual provision for ongoing maintenance of PC assets if required including street lights and litter bins. The Chair will circulate the amended Budget.

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

(d)	Mrs. N. Nicholson – Clerk’s Salary – November	£429.17
(e)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Lengthsman – November	£190.00
(f)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Playing Fields – November	£28.80
(g)	Mr. B. Arrowsmith – Bus Stops – November	£10.00
(h)	Kirkwells – Neighborhood plan revisions	£480.00
(i)	HT Marshall & Sons – Pirton Parish Notice Board	£756.00
(j)	Eon – Street light repairs	£180.00
	Remittance: Worcestershire County Council – Lengthsman Scheme	£1615.00

#### 15) CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

#### 16) PLANNING

a) Comments made to planning authority:

W/1600739/PN, The Grange, Chevington Lane, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2AE. Proposed subdivision of existing residential property to form 2 independent dwellings. Recommended approval.

b) Applications Approved:

W/16/02261/PN, 5A Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, Wr10 2AW. Retrospective application for the erection of a three-bedroom house not in accordance with the approved permission ref W/15/00013/PN.

W/16/02429/OU Langham, Worcester Road, Drakes Broughton, WR10 2AG. Outline application for 3 new dwellings with all matters apart from access reserved.

c) Applications refused: N/A

d) Applications Withdrawn: N/A

e) Appeals:

W/16/01822/PP 107 Shrubbery Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, WR10 2BE. Parish Council originally objected to this application. NB: As yet no further comments have been sent to the inspectorate.

F) Applications Received awaiting any comments we wish to make:

W/16/02866/PN Woodmancote, Mill Lane, Worcester, WR8 9HB. New build 4-bedroom cottage to garden area ADJACENT TO Woodmancote, to include part removal of existing garage of Woodmancote and new vehicular access.

#### 17) INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 at 7.30pm at St Barnabas School.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.