

Drakes Broughton, Wadborough with Pirton Parish Council – Update

The Council meets on the first Thursday of every month, members of the public are welcome to attend to bring things to the attention of the Parish Council. In order to ensure any items for discussion are researched and included in the agenda please get in touch with the clerk about attending one week prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 5th February** at Drakes Broughton Village Hall, please advise the Clerk if you wish to make representations.

NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: clerk@dbwp-pc.gov.uk

YOUR MEMBERS:

Drakes Broughton Ward: Tina pell (Vice-Chair), Ray Turner (Also footpath warden) Mark Grisdale, Richard Booker, Maureen Williams, Alistaire Clarke and Ruth Bessant.

Wadborough Ward: Lawrie Abercrombie, Marianne Vincent and Carole Bretherton

Pirton Ward – Janet Butterworth (Chair) and Derek Skeys and a VACANCY!

The key points from the January meeting and ongoing issues the Parish Council is currently working on include:

- **HELP YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU! VACANCY PIRTON**

We still have a vacancy for PIRTON WARD. Please contact the Clerk or talk to one of the Members if you want to know what's involved or maybe come along to observe a meeting. We can only deliver our services with a full and active membership!

- **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.**

Many of you will be aware that a new Neighbourhood Plan is being developed for Drakes Broughton, Wadborough and Pirton. This will enable our community to guide the future of any development, regeneration and conservation in our neighbourhood.

As part of the process, you will have received a letter about a Housings Needs Survey, please do complete the survey (either on paper or on line) and return it to Wychavon.

- **PLANNING** – The Parish Council has objected to several larger development schemes over the past couple of months, the expansion of housing in Drakes Broughton Village is disproportionate to its facilities and sewerage capacity! Please also be aware that outline planning applications are beginning to come forwards for the proposed new Wychavon Town. Anyone can review and/or comment on planning applications via Wychavon District Council Planning portal
- **PLAY PARK & VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK** – PLEASE BE REMINDED TO only use the Village Hall spaces if you are attending something at the Village Hall, the other spaces nearer the Play Park are the Community Spaces for those intending to use the Play Park and Playing fields.
- **PLAY PARK** – The Parish Council has recently had the larger equipment serviced as per safety guidelines along with weekly checks and annual inspections, please do advise the clerk if you see any damage or deterioration.

- **PLAYING FIELD** – The old garages were removed and the ground cleared, containers moved, fencing is being costed & work long the boundary will continue next month.
- **FLOODING SHED** – Unfortunately the flooding shed was broken into and damaged beyond repair, it will be removed hopefully before you are reading this!
- **OPEN SPACE PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT** – The Parish Council are applying to access the S106 funding from WDC and hope to start the phase 2 development soon, this includes a MUGA, Pétanque, pump track and a perimeter track.
- **SPEEDING!** The Community Speed Watch is always in need of further volunteers, if you are concerned regarding speeding in Drakes Broughton and can spare an hour, please get in touch.
- **BUSES** – The Parish Council are lobby to retain the Community Buses alongside the WCC ‘on Demand’ buses.
- **STREETLIGHTS** - The Parish Council owns and maintains many of the Streetlights in Drakes Broughton. The PC has secured a very competitive new contract for the electricity with only a marginal increase on the past 3-year deal, for the next 3 years! Please report any unlit or flickering streetlights to the Clerk. Please be aware that Column 1 and 35 have been reported as unlit and the contractor will be out to address in due course.

Should you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Nikki Nicholson (Parish Clerk & RFO)

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PLEASE NOTE THE WEB ADDRESS: <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/>

- Most highways issues such as potholes & damaged signs and much more can be reported directly to Worcestershire County Council via their HUB www.worcestershire.gov.uk
- For bins, litter and street cleansing contact Wychavon District Council, their telephone number is: 01386 565000 or you can report via their website www.wychavon.gov.uk NB: Not picking up after your dog is a crime and is punishable with a hefty fine! Please report dog fouling to www.wychavon.gov.uk/dog-fouling-removal.
- Public Footpaths are maintained by WCC via the Countryside Centre and issues should be reported to the WCC Hub www.worcestershire.gov.uk
- WCC Roadworks updates are available at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/roadworks