

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 2nd April** 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

AND OUR NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE: www.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 last meeting and ongoing issues the Parish Council is currently working on include:

- **ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS**

The Annual Parish meetings are a meeting for residents to attend and hear reports from the past years activities and raise any issues/desire they want the Parish Council to focus on in the forthcoming years.

This year's meetings are to be held as follows:

Drakes Broughton and Wadborough Parish - 6.30pm, Thursday 7th May, preceding the Annual meeting of the Parish Council.

Pirton Parish – 7.00pm, Tuesday 12th May St Peters Church, Pirton.

- **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.

The date for the public consultation event has changed. Please keep your eye on the Parish Council notice boards and Parish Council website for progress updates and the new date for the public consultation.

- **PLANNING** – The Parish Council has submitted 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

- **ROAD SAFETY** – following requests from residents & the Parish Council, WCC Highways will be adding road markings to the S bending in Pirton to try and SLOW drivers down and reduce the number of accidents. Also, WCC highways has agreed to paint additional 30MPH roundels in various locations in Wadborough, to remind drivers of the speed limit through the village!
- **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** – Fencing and other works along the boundary where the garages were removed has been completed and I'm sure you will agree the area looks much better!
- **OPEN SPACE PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT** – The Parish Council is pleased to report that the application made by the Parish Council to access S106 money to be used to improve the facilities on the Playing Field in Drakes Broughton has been agreed. The new facilities will include 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 lobbying to retain the Community Buses alongside the WCC 'on Demand' buses.
A generous public donation has secured the Worcester leg for the next 12 months.
- **STREETLIGHTS** - The Parish Council owns and maintains many of the Streetlights in Drakes Broughton. The Council will shortly be undertaking its 5-year safety testing and bulb clean. 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 Parish Council has agreed to fully upgrade these to LED, this will take approx. 8-10 weeks.

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

Nikki Nicholson (Parish Clerk & RFO)

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- 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