

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 4 October 2017 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr C Davies (Chairman), J Sharp (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Crisp, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly, Mrs L Ross and Mrs A Smith.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Mrs S Sharp. .

17/58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

17/59 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

17/60 WEBSITE UPDATE

The clerk confirmed that the funding that had been applied for had been granted. The money was ring-fenced for the new website and for staffing costs to bring it up to date. Mr Burton was currently away but it was hopeful that this could go live very shortly. There was more work that needed to the site but this could be done once it was live. The clerk would ask Mr Burton to submit his invoice.

17/61 POLICE ISSUES

There were no issues reported.

The clerk had, however, been in discussion with the police and highways regarding continuing issues with speeding particularly along The Ridge. The speed van had visited on more than one occasion in recent weeks. The clerk would try to establish what the outcome of these sessions had been.

17/62 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Church Lane

The clerk had responded to highways regarding the primrose lining. They had agreed to carry out a further inspection and report back.

Potholes

Mr Kelly again made reference to the issue with the highway in Glenfield Drive. The clerk had previously circulated information to councillors regarding the definition of a pothole for their information. She would, however, report this again to Street Doctor.

Drains

It was reported that the drains in the village needed to be cleaned as the falling leaves were blocking them.

Street lighting Amenity Garden

The clerk had reported this and this would be monitored.

Electricity Pole

Mrs Smith reported that this still hadn't been fixed. The clerk would report it again.

Hardwater Crossing

At the recent JAG meeting, Wollaston Parish Council had raised an issue in relation to the boat located by hardwater crossing as to whether there were any environmental issues. This had been raised some time ago and the Environment Agency had said there were no issues. The clerk would ask them to review the current position.

17/63 PLANNING ISSUES

Mrs Ross confirmed that the two applications from last month had been permitted by the borough council.

17/64 FINANCE

The following accounts and financial statement were approved for payment:

Aylesbury Mains Ltd (1540)	76.08
Lamp repairs Memorial Hall	
BDO Stoy Hayward (1541)	
Audit fees	408.00
Mrs C A Mundy	
Salary/Accommodation fee	
July, August, September (1542)	803.50

17/65 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bin Recreation ground

A replacement bin was discussed for this area. It was considered that a wheeled bin would be preferable and that it would be beneficial for this to be collected from the Memorial Hall. The clerk would see if Norse would agree to this.

Health and Safety - Trees

The clerk had highlighted the parish council's concerns over the trees throughout the village.

The trees along Earls Barton Road were also raised again with a request for a date for when these would be cut back.

Parking of vehicles on highway

The issue had improved. This would be monitored.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2018

The clerk had nominated Mr Sharp as a representative for the county. It would be sometime before a decision was made by NALC and this would be reported back in due course.

Funeral traffic

An issue was raised about the parking throughout the village following funerals be they at the church or at the crematorium. Cars were frequently being parked near to The Stag and very near to the bend in High Street and along The Ridge. Whilst it was appreciated that this was only for a short period of time, there was concern that there was dangerous parking.

Parish Councillors discussed the options. It would be very difficult to police this and whilst the publican could respectfully ask the family to ask mourners to park carefully they could not actually do anything about it. There were also discussions about maybe asking the pub to put out cones to ensure that vehicles didn't park on the bend.

For the moment this would continue to be monitored.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 8 November 2017.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

Chairman

