

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 30 June 2021 at the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr C Davies (Chairman), Mr J Sharp (Vice-chairman), Mr P Cunningham, Mr K Howes, Mrs L Ross and Mrs S Sharp.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk)

21/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Kelly and Mrs Smith.

21/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting were approved.

21/19 POLICE MATTERS

The clerk reported that the first reinstated JAG meeting had been due to take place today and that Mr Kelly was attending this on behalf of the parish council. At the last minute the meeting was cancelled. This would be rearranged.

One of the main areas of concern remained the fact that information on incidents was not being fed through to the parish council any longer and couldn't be found on the police website. The clerk and councillors had joined the notification app which indicated there had been no issues but confirmation was sought that this was a true reflection for the parish.

21/20 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Gigaclear – Footpath reinstatement

The clerk had once again written to Gigaclear to ask them to carry out a site visit to see if they would fully reinstate the golden gravel pavements.

Lamp 33 High Street

This had been repaired but was out of action again – the clerk had reported this and there was a connection issue that was being worked on to resolve.

21/21 PLANNING

Water tower change of use/Rugby Club Land

Mrs Ross reported that she had received a retrospective change of use to domestic for land owned by the Rugby Club to be transferred to the owners of the water tower. It was considered that this would be over development. She would comment accordingly.

21 John Gray Road - Approved

101 The Ridge – Approved

Manor House – wood burning stove - Approved

21/22 FINANCE

The quarterly finances and end of year figures were noted and the following invoices were approved for payment:

Mr M Puttnam Inv 26 (1716)	
Grasscutting x 3 Dog bins x 2	540.00
Aylesbury Mains Inv 20499 (1717)	16.20
Aylesbury Mains Inv 20485 (1718)	70.20
Mr M Puttnam	
Notice board installation (1719)	352.65
Aylesbury Mains Inv 20467 (1720)	146.28
Harvey Smith – Footpath Churchyard (1721)	1380.00
Great Doddington PCC footpath Lighting	
S 137 payment (1722)	400.00
PFK Littlejohn Inv 20205997 (1723)	360.00
F M Puttnam Inv 27	
Grass x 2 dog bins x 2 (1724)	380.00
WNorse – Rec Grasscutting x 2 (1725)	298.44
C A Mundy – Salary/Acc Fee April & May (1726)	595.34
C A Mundy – Salary/Acc fee June & July (1727)	595.34

21/23 Recreation Ground

Dog bin clearance

Mr Cunningham reported on some issues with the overflowing dog bin at the recreation ground, particularly the one located at the top corner of the rec. A resident had cleared all the bags that had been left near the bin. It was noted that there were a number of other bins in the location but these were not being used as owners were leaving the dog bags next to this one if it was full.

Following a discussion it was agreed that this would be monitored with potentially emptying being carried out more frequently – there would obviously be a cost for this. Additional bins could be purchased.

The wheelie bins were also filling up and the clerk was asked to contact WNorse to see if they would place two large bins, one at the top of the rec and one at the bottom of the rec and empty these on a

regular basis. The clerk wasn't sure if this would be classed as commercial provision but she would ask the question.

An issue was also raised that whilst there had been two cuts at the rec there did not appear to have been any cuts around the play equipment. The clerk would ask Norse to ensure this was carried out asap.

Tree roots and unsightly area Wilby Lane/Glebe Farm Court

A request had been received for permission to clear up an area where there was an Ash Tree and overgrowth near to 2 Glebe Farm. This property was rented out as the owner lived abroad. It was agreed that this could be carried out.

Trees through The Spinney

The clerk was asked to make sure that under the 'Safer Routes to School' scheme that the trees were checked through The Spinney.

21/24 Health and Safety Issues

There were no issues raised other than issues regarding the overflowing dog bins.

21/25 Social Media

The following issues had been referred to on social media:

- Dog bins (as mentioned above);
- Police Chase through the village – details not known;
- Church Path improvements welcomed;
- Gigaclear – comments about increased wifi speeds
- Road works near to the Prison;
- School Parking issues
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21/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Website upgrade

There were no further developments to report but this would be progressed over the next few weeks.

Cemetery/Churchyard

Mr Sharp reported that following investigation there were some weeds growing in this area. Mr Howes offered to get some weed killer to reduce these.

Footpath in the churchyard

The work was now complete.

Growth around the Trees Earls Barton Road

There was considerable growth around the base of the trees along Earls Barton Road. Land Prune had cleared a considerable amount from this area when they had cut back the trees and had recommended that this be maintained annually.

The clerk would obtain a quote for the clearance work.

Whilst discussing this the clerk also commented on the lack of cutting at highway points. She had raised this as it was particularly dangerous at Hardwater Road and also on exiting the A45. Whilst there was a campaign to encourage bees under the 'Pardon the Weeds' campaign it was considered that junctions should be cut back for visibility.

Co-option

The clerk had received confirmation that the parish council could proceed without a notice to co-opt an interested parishioner onto the parish council. Anyone who was interested need to write to the clerk with a letter of interest explaining what they felt they could bring to the parish council. This would be discussed further in September.

Village News

The clerk was asked to approach Karin Brawn to see if she would be interested in resurrecting the Village News for delivery in September.

Council computer

The clerk reported that the parish council laptop was beyond repair and no longer worked. This needed to be replaced asap. It was agreed that the clerk be given permission to source suitable equipment.

Risk Assessment and Assets update 2021

The clerk referenced the risk assessment and assets and recommended updates to both for members to consider. She would circulate these for further comment.

21/27 CLOSE OF MEETING

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and for maintaining social distancing rules and regulations and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

The next meeting was agreed for 4 August 2021 at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....

