

## **GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 7 May 2019 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.**

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

**Also present:** Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk) and one parishioner.

#### **19/13 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2019-20**

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mrs Ross that Mr C Davies be nominated as chairman for the municipal year. On being put to the vote this was unanimously declared carried.

**RESOLVED** that Mr C Davies be appointed chairman for 2019-20.

#### **19/14 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2019-20**

It was proposed by Mrs Ross and seconded by Mrs Smith that Mr J Sharp be nominated as vice-chairman for the municipal year. On being put to the vote this was unanimously declared carried.

**RESOLVED** that Mr J Sharp be appointed as vice-chairman for 2019-20.

#### **19/15 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 April 2019 were approved as a true and correct record thereof and signed accordingly.

#### **19/16 CONFIRMATION OF ADVISORY GROUPS/APPOINTMENTS**

Planning – it had been agreed that Mrs Ross, Mr Crisp, Mrs Smith and Mr Sharp be appointed thereto for 2019-20.

Governance and Finance - it had been agreed that Mrs Ross and Mrs Smith be appointed thereto for 2019-20.

Health and Safety – it was agreed that all parish councillors would report any health and safety issues as soon as they became aware of an issue.

Social Media – Mr Cunningham be appointed to monitor and report any issues of concern.

## **19/17 POLICE ISSUES**

The police website was reported that there had been 1 'other' crime and 2 Violence and sexual offences. It was believed that this was what the police reported at last month's meeting.

The community safety evening would be held on **Monday 3 June 2019 at 8.15pm at the Memorial Hall**. Members of the police would attend and parishioners would be able to ask questions and raise concerns. Mr Cunningham would advertise on social media and the clerk would put a notice on the website.

Mr Crisp reported that a neighbour had commented that her milk had been stolen from her doorstep. He was not sure if she had reported this to the police as she considered it to be a trivial matter.

## **19/18 HIGHWAY ISSUES**

### **Street lamps repairs**

All lamps that had been reported had been repaired. Mr Sharp thought that there remained one lamp to be converted at the playing field. The clerk would arrange for this to be done.

## **19/19 PLANNING ISSUES**

The following applications had been received:

Addison - Hardwater Road  
143 The Ridge

There were no objections raised to either application.

**18 Glenfield Drive** – Mr Kelly reported that the issues surrounding the work at the above address were still not concluded and that the work was degrading to the other properties in the area; enforcement action had now been sought to ensure that the planning permission was adhered to.

**Hardwater Road bridge** - it was reported that there was a considerable amount of rubbish on the land near to the bridge. This had been raised with the council's enforcement officer last year and the clerk would do so again to see if anything could be done to improve this eyesore.

## **19/20 FINANCE**

The financial details and following accounts were approved.

The clerk reported that the cheques to Timotay had not been honoured by the bank as they said there was an issue with one of the signatories.

The clerk had redrawn the cheque twice (no. 1618 & 1625) and arranged for an alternative signatory to sign it for it to be re-presented to the bank. Subsequent investigations with the bank had resulted in there being an error with the mandate the 'clearing house' held for signatories – the bank's version being some 15 years out of date. This has subsequently been rectified by them.

Payments made			
E-On	Street Lighting 1 3 19 to 31 3 19	1619	415.33
BHIB Insurance	Annual Insurance	1620	965.33
Markel Insurance	Gardening Team Insurance	1621	89.60
Aylesbury Mains	Lighting repairs	1622	205.20
Martin Puttnam	Repairs to Mower & Strimmer – reimbursement	1623	198.50
Martin Puttnam	Invoice 1 – Grasscutting	1624	371.05
Funding received			
BCW	Precept funding (part)	BACS	15000.00
BCW	Community Grant (Lamps)	BACS	5000.00
BCW	Community Grant (Play Equipment)	BACS	10000.00

## 19/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Playground area

Mrs Sharp reported that another successful May Day had been held. Work had commenced on the installation of the new equipment. The clerk had invited the mayor to attend to officially open it and Mrs Sharp noted that the council needed to be mentioned in any publicity for providing a community grant towards the project, along with the parish council and the fundraising group. Mrs Sharp also made reference to the Nest Swing which had been damaged, she would ask Timotay to repair this whilst they were on site.

**Social Media** – Mr Cunningham reported that there had been discussion on the sites about the springclean between Earls Barton and Great Doddington – he had also put details of the Village Spring clean to be held at 10am on 19 May, Wellingborough Norse would deliver pickers and bags to the chairman on the Friday before.

There had been a nasty incident with a dangerous dog at the recreation ground resulting in the dog, now needing to be muzzled. The owner of the dog who had been hurt was seeking recompense for the vet's fees.

### Village Sign

Mr Puttnam had provided a quote to refurbish the village sign in the sum of £110.00. The clerk was asked to ensure that the enhancement to the colour on the sign was included in this price.

**Public Byways TB15 (GD) and TV15 (Wollaston)**

The clerk reported that a temporary closure order had been received in relation to the public byway TB15 in Great Doddington and TV15 in Wollaston which prohibits pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists and motorists from proceeding along those lengths of byway.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12 June 2019.

The meeting concluded at 8.05pm.

**Chairman**