

## **GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 12 July 2017 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.**

**Present:** Mr J Sharp (Vice-Chairman in the chair), Mr J Crisp, Mr D Kelly, Mrs L Ross, Mrs A Smith and Mrs S Sharp.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Davies and Mr Howes.

#### **17/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Kelly declared that he knew the owner of 24 Glenfield Drive.

#### **17/33 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2017 was approved and signed as a true record.

#### **17/34 WEBSITE UPDATE**

The chairman welcomed Mr Burton to the meeting. Mr Burton was creating the new parish council website and attended the meeting to go through the design of the site and the content thereof.

Parish councillors considered the site to be more user friendly and more modern looking whilst keeping the importance of Great Doddington being a small village with a sense of community.

Mr Burton would provide the clerk with log-in details so she could update any of the content before it went live.

#### **17/45 POLICE ISSUES**

There were no issues reported.

#### **17/46 HIGHWAY ISSUES**

##### **Goodens Lane**

The clerk reported that highways had attended Goodens Lane but had reported that the potholes were not on highway land and an intervention could not be authorised. Mrs Smith said that this was not factually correct and the potholes were on the part of the lane that fell under highways. The clerk would report back to this affect.

### **Land opposite The Stag**

This area of land was again overgrown and needed some maintenance. The clerk would report this to street doctor.

### **Yellow lining at the School**

The county council had inspected this and found that the lining still complied and it would therefore not be repainted. This would, however, be monitored.

### **Electricity Pole – Goodens Lane**

The clerk had received an acknowledgement that inspection of this would be carried out and any necessary work done.

### **General maintenance of highways**

A number of potholes had been filled in but there were still areas which didn't comply with intervention levels which would be kept an eye on.

### **Street lighting Amenity Garden**

The light in the amenity garden was not working at all and it was believed that the lamp needed replacing. The clerk would ask Aylesbury Lighting to do this.

## **17/47 PLANNING ISSUES**

### **24 Glenfield Drive – WP/17/00425/FUL**

This application was for an extension. No objections were raised.

### **Planning Working Group**

It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Ross, Mr Sharp, Mr Crisp and Mrs Smith be appointed to the Planning Working Group.

## **17/48 FINANCE**

The accounts were received along with the internal audit to 31 March 2017. The annual return containing the annual governance statement and accounting statements, were signed by the chairman. The following accounts and financial statement were approved for payment:

Mr E R Davis – Isams Computing Services (1535)	92.32
Mr R Garon – Grasscutting etc. (1537)	633.84

## **17/49 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of parish councillor**

There remained one vacancy on the parish council, which could now be co-opted.

### **Bin Recreation ground**

With regard to the bin this had been put at the recreation ground by the parish council when the hard standing / tennis court was built. and was for the use of the school, as they used the hardstanding as part of the playground.

Mr Howes recalled that Mr Denton used to empty the bin but more recently he had obtained a key and had been doing this and would arrange to empty the rubbish which had obviously accumulated.

### **Recreation Ground**

It was reported that was quite a large hole in the grassed area at the recreation ground. The vice-chairman would arrange for this to be looked at with a view to it being filled-in.

### **Boundary fencing**

The clerk reported that she was still awaiting a quote.

### **Energy Renewal charges**

Following the replacement of the lamps the clerk had received notification of a reduction in the annual costs. Indicative figures estimated the cost of the contract to be in the region on £3,320 for a 12 month contract. It was agreed that the parish council would continue with a 12 month contract and that the clerk would bring final costs (based on the contract date of 1 9 17) to the next meeting.

### **Rural JAG**

This would take place at 2pm on 19 July 2017 at Wellingborough Police Station.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6 September 2017. Mr Crisp sent his apologies for this.

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

**Chairman**

