

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 16 January 2019 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Cunningham and Mr Crisp.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

18/69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

18/70 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2018 were received and approved as a true record.

18/71 POLICE MATTERS

There was much concern over the number of burglaries that had taken place in December and January particularly in the Lower Street area of the village. The police had been notified of all incidents and parishioners were asked to be vigilant and report anything of concern.

Speedwatch - the co-ordinator had reported that Great Doddington had been accepted onto the programme and training would be given prior to the first speedwatch starting later on in the year.

18/72 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Some white-lining had been carried out through the village, which was appreciated, though there was concern that the bends hadn't been done and that some of the workmanship had not been of the best. The clerk would remind highways about the bends and mention the workmanship.

Hardwater bridge - the bridge had been re-opened before Christmas and there had already been a number of accidents. There was still concern over the number of cars that failed to stop at the crossroads. It was considered that this was because the signs either side said 'Give Way' rather than 'Stop'. The clerk would again contact Helen Howard to see if anything could be done about this.

Street lamps – it was believed that all street lamps were now operational.

Replacement lamps - High Street

The order had been placed with installation due in February.

18/73 PLANNING ISSUES

Mrs Ross reported that a planning application had been received for a temporary car park at the Prison site. There were no objections to this.

12 St Nicholas Road - No objection

18 Glenfield Drive - With regard to the issues, the borough council's enforcement officer was now dealing with this.

18/74 FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Payments			
Name	Details	Chq no.	Amount (£)
Aylesbury Mains	Repairs to lamp	1603	145.92
Aylesbury Mains	Replacement lamp – Amenity Garden	1604	1685.00
Aylesbury Mains	Lamp repairs – Church Lane	1605	126.84
E-On	Street lighting - Nov	1606	401.94
E-On	Street lighting – Dec	1607	415.33
Martin Puttnam	Installation of bin and Christmas tree	1608	171.97

18/75 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Financial projection and precept 2029-20

The clerk presented the financial projections to the meeting. She explained that with the issues over finance at the county council it was difficult to know what the county would stop doing in the future in any proposed cut backs. The decision on unitary status was still with the Secretary of State and as such NALC had recommended that some money be set aside for training, conferences etc to assist with no information relating to unitary authorities. An Order had been made to confirm that there would be no parish election in 2019 and it was thought that this would take place in May 2020.

Members agreed that they wished to finalise the upgrade of street lighting and to complete the work at the recreation park. They were mindful of ensuring that there was sufficient money should the county council cut services that parishioners considered to be important.

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mrs Ross that the parish council precept remain at £25,000 for 2019-20. On being put to the vote this was declared carried.

Play equipment replacement

Following the confirmation of capital grant funding it was confirmed that Mrs Sharp would obtain up to date figures from the chosen supplier for the play equipment. There was some concern that once replaced the play equipment could be damaged by vandalism and the clerk was asked to find out if surveillance cameras (CCTV) could be provided/monitored by the borough council.

Health and Safety

No issues were raised.

Social Media

There was nothing to report.

18/76 Next meeting date:

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

Chairman

