

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 13 March 2019 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Howes.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

18/85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

18/86 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2019 were received and approved and signed as a true record.

18/87 POLICE MATTERS

The parish clerk had contact the police for suitable dates in early June for the Community Awareness session so the Memorial Hall could be booked.

There were no other issues raised for this month.

18/88 HIGHWAY ISSUES

The clerk had reported all potholes through the village and had been informed that these were all logged and the completion date was set for 26 weeks for all of them. She had written back to Highways and asked for the particularly bad ones to be prioritised as they were a health and safety issue, these included the ones in Cut Throat Lane and at The Ridge.

For information purposes traffic lights would be placed in late March on Doddington Road, near to the Prison for 10 days which may cause some traffic delays.

The clerk was asked to report that the area opposite the Stag at the Ridge was getting overgrown.

Fly-tipping – some parishioners had been carrying out litter picks particularly in the Hardwater Road area and Wellingborough Norse had provided equipment and would collect the bags. It was suggested that a Village Springclean be advertised on social media for Sunday 19 May

at 10am. The School normally participate and this would be raised with the Head to see if they wished to do something.

Street lamps - the work on the street lamps had been completed. Lamps were out in Lower Street bottom of Chapel Lane and at the Church. Both these had been reported.

Speed watch

The clerk reported that she had received an email from the co-ordinator seeking permission to put up signage on lamps about speeding. This was agreed. The co-ordinator had also expressed some concern that feedback she had received had indicated that the parish council wasn't fully supportive of the scheme. The clerk had assured her that this was most certainly not the case and that the parish council was very grateful to her and all the volunteers for undertaking this task. Whilst the members of the parish council had not been able to commit to volunteering due to work and personal commitments this did not mean that the parish council did not give its full support to all those participating in speed watch.

Concerns about Hardwater Road

There had been a number of concerns over the number of accidents in Hardwater Road recently. It was considered that the signage showing the entrance to Summer Leys would help as would cutting back of hedging near to the entrance and lighting. A reduction in the speed limit to 40mph would also be advantageous. The speed watch co-ordinator thought that a petition was to be drawn up about these concerns.

18/89 PLANNING ISSUES

There were no issues raised.

18/90 FINANCE

The following invoices for payment and the quarterly financial position were approved and noted and the chairman completed the governance questionnaire:

Payments			
Name	Details	Chq no.	Amount (£)
E-on 1 2 19 – 28 2 19	E-on Street lighting	1611	375.14
Information Commissioner	Annual fee	1612	40.00
Mrs C A Mundy	Salary/accommodation fee March 2019	1613	293.31
Aylesbury Mains	Lantern replacement – conservation area	1614	2760.00

It was agreed that the sum of £10,000 be earmarked and carried forward to the next financial year,(which included the sum of £5,000 previously earmarked), for the play equipment replacement at the recreation ground. This sum along with the monies through the fundraising group would prove to the borough council that the parish had sufficient match funding to enable them to pay the community capital grant towards the balance for the replacement of the recreation ground equipment.

18/91 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Play equipment replacement

Mrs Sharp confirmed her meeting with Timotay and that the scheme was now approved to progress in May 2020.

The clerk had established that the use of CCTV at play areas was something that could not be considered and that it would be very difficult to monitor due to safeguarding.

Health and Safety

No issues were raised.

Social Media

Mr Cunningham reported on the issues with fly tipping generally and the concerns over Hardwater Road and the recent injuries and death following road accidents. There was also some concern about a dog believed to be a large Rottweiler type that though on the lead was quite aggressive. It was not known who the owner was but this had been raised as a concern for other dog walkers.

Planting of a permanent Christmas Tree in amenity garden

Mr Sharp reported that his approach to the Gardening Team for a permanent tree had raised a number of issues which culminated in the Gardening Team not recommending that a tree be put in the amenity garden.

It was agreed that at the current time this not be considered and a one off tree would be purchased in December.

Monthly report from County Councillor Gough

The clerk had received the monthly report with nothing relating directly to Great Doddington. Separately she reported that Mrs Gough had given birth to a baby girl who was ten weeks premature and congratulations were extended to County Councillor Gough and his wife on her safe arrival.

Local Government Reorganisation

There were no further developments. Information was still awaited from the SoS expected in early April 2019.

Grass cutting contract

The clerk reported that there had been a small increase on Mr Puttnam's quotation of £130 for disbursements and she would update the contract accordingly.

Quotation for work at Cemetery

A quotation had been received in the sum of £150 for work at the cemetery. It was agreed that this be approved.

Approval of standing documents

The Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Governance form were updated and approved. With regard to Standing Orders these would be reviewed in the next financial year. The clerk was still awaiting information regarding the pension implementation date.

Village Sign on the green

It was considered that the sign on the green needed to be repainted. It was recommended that the clerk ask Mr Puttnam for a quotation for the relevant improvement works.

18/92 Next meeting date:

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 3 April 2019 at 7.30pm.

Chairman

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

