

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 10 May 2017 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr J Sharp (vice-chairman) Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly, Mrs L Ross, Mrs S Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk) and two parishioners.

Apologies were received from Mr C Davies, Mr J Crisp and Mrs Griffiths.

17/14 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2017-18

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mr Sharp 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 2017-18.

17/15 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2017-18

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mrs Ross 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 2017-18.

17/16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and correct record thereof and signed accordingly.

17/17 CONFIRMATION OF ADVISORY GROUPS

Planning – it was agreed that Mrs Ross, Mr Crisp and Mr Sharp would be appointed thereto. There was one vacancy.

Governance and Finance - it was agreed that Mrs Ross and Mrs Smith be appointed thereto.

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.

17/18 POLICE ISSUES

The clerk reported on correspondence received from the police explaining how their policing priorities were changing. There would no longer be a regular police presence at parish council meetings but police would continue to patrol the village. All crimes or concerns should be reported in the usual way.

17/19 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Goodens Lane

Work had now been completed on the property in Goodens Lane but there were considerable issues with regard to potholes. The clerk would contact Street Doctor about this.

General maintenance of highways

The clerk had reported all the issues with the potholes to highways. She had received a response stating that these were all on the Highways radar but other than the work that would soon commence on Cut Throat Lane no dates were available as to when the work would be done. Councillors would notice that chalk had been painted round those potholes that were priority. The clerk encouraged councillors to get parishioners to report the issues directly on the county council's website.

17/20 PLANNING ISSUES

26 Wilby Lane WP/17/00209/FUL

This had been permitted by the borough council.

137 The Ridge - WP/17/00241/FUL

Re-submission for side extension and removal of garage.
No comments.

17/21 FINANCE

The financial details and following accounts were approved:

E-On – electricity payments (1376) 1 1 2017 to 31 3 2017 (2138.76 v 427.75)	2566.51
NALC Annual Subscription (1377)	468.39
Towergate Insurance for gardening team (1378)	405.94
A-on Annual Insurance (1379)	1054.13

Friends of Great Doddington School (S 137 donation) - 1380	73.00
Timotay - refurbishment of swings – 1526	508.20

17/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Resignation of parish councillor

Mrs Griffith had asked Mrs Smith to inform the parish council that it was her intention to resign from the parish council. She would formally send this via a letter.

The clerk would make arrangements with the borough council to advertise the vacancy. The chairman would write a letter of thanks to Mrs Griffith wishing her well.

Playground area

Mrs Sharp reported that a very successful May Day fundraising event had taken place and she thanked everyone for their support. A Duck Race would be held on 4 June.

Website

The clerk reported that the new website was currently being developed and a further report would be made to the next meeting.

Bench in memory of Julia Kelly

Mr Kelly reported that the bench for the amenity garden had been delivered but was damaged and had been returned to the manufacturer for a replacement.

Newsletter

The vice-chairman welcomed Karin Brawn to the meeting. Karin was the new editor of the Village News. She explained that she was working on the edition for June and had been seeking new advertisers whilst maintaining the current ones. She was keen to receive any articles and would be seeking a contribution from the chairman.

Date of next meeting

Due to the recently called General Election it was decided not to hold the parish council meeting on 7 June. A number of parish councillors were on holiday and to ensure there was a quorum it was decided to reschedule the meeting to the last week of June. The clerk would notify councillors of a suitable date by email.

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

Chairman

