

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 19 May 2021 at the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr C Davies (Chairman), Mr J Sharp (Vice-chairman), 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 two parishioners.

21/04 SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Following the election on 6 May 2021 the following councillors had been elected as parish councillors for a four year term of office:

Chris Davies, Jim Sharp, Peter Cunningham, Kevin Howes, David Kelly, Linda Ross, Sarita Sharp and Alison Smith – there remained one vacancy to fill and in due course someone would be co-opted into this position. All members signed their declaration of acceptance of office.

21/05 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2021-2022

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mrs Ross that Mr C Davies be nominated as chairman for the municipal year. Mr Davies accepted the nomination and on being put to the vote this was unanimously declared carried. Mr Davies signed his acceptance of office as chairman.

RESOLVED that Mr C Davies be appointed chairman for 2021-2022.

21/06 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2021-2022

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

RESOLVED that Mr J Sharp be appointed as vice-chairman for 2021-2022.

21/07 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

21/08 CONFIRMATION OF ADVISORY GROUPS/APPOINTMENTS

Planning – it had been agreed that Mrs Ross, Mrs Smith and Mr Sharp be appointed thereto for 2021-2022.

Governance and Finance - it had been agreed that Mrs Ross and Mrs Smith be appointed thereto for 2021-2022.

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 and respond on any issues of concern on social media for 2021-22.

21/09 POLICE ISSUES

The clerk had been speaking with Northants Police regarding the lack of information being provided on a monthly basis. She had been informed that there was an intention to resurrect the JAG meetings, even if these were held on Zoom in the short term. This would enable issues of concern to be raised and the sharing of information.

21/10 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Doddington Road, Wellingborough closure - Following the closure of the road between Great Doddington and Wellingborough the clerk was asked to enquire as to why this was not the subject of traffic lights rather than full closure which had caused disruption to the parishioners.

Prison works

The clerk reported that work, agreed under the planning permission, was to start on the construction of the roundabout and junctions between Great Doddington and Wellingborough. As far as possible the work would be controlled by a three-way traffic light system. There would however inevitable be delays.

Tree – 1 The Ridge

It was confirmed that the tree had been cut back.

Gigaclear - No response had been received regarding the replacement of the golden gravel through the centre of the village. The clerk would chase this.

20/11 FINANCE

The quarterly finances were approved and the following invoices were approved for payment:

Aylesbury Mains Inv 20375 (1698)	97.68
Aylesbury Mains Inv 20381 (1699)	86.40
NCALC Inv 1065 (1700)	468.05
E-ON 1 3 21 (1703)	400.73

Markel Insurance – Gardening Team (1704)	100.80
Mr D Price – 1 The Ridge (1705)	280.00
Mr D Price – Sycamore Tree (1706)	400.00
Sywell Mowers – Repairs to Mower (1707)	150.00
Sywell Mowers – Service (1708)	75.00
Martin Puttnam – Inv 24 (1709)	234.80
Martin Puttnam – Inv 25 (1708)	430.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd Inv 20393 (1709)	70.20
Wellingborough Norse – April (1710)	298.44
E-On – 1 4 21 (1711)	387.00
BHIB – Annual Insurance (1712)	986.00
F M Puttnam – Noticeboard (1713)	352.65

21/12 Planning

21 John Gray Road – Rear extension – No objections;
Water Tower – Large extension – No objections but comment made that it could be deemed as over-development;
101 The Ridge – Rear extension – no objection

21/13 Health and Safety Issues

There were no issues raised other than for the clerk to obtain quotations for maintenance as the quote already received for this was deemed to be high.

A complaint had been received from a group walking their dogs at the recreation ground about someone who they believed along The Ridge being aggressive and demanding that they walked there dogs elsewhere as the park should be for the use of children and free of dog mess. This would be monitored.

21/14 Social Media

The following issues had been referred to on social media:

Shutting of Road, Great Doddington to Wellingborough

Comments made about the closure.

Opening of café at Summer Leys

Comments about a café being opened at Summer Leys had been made but there was nothing currently on site.

Dog Bin, Earls Barton Road

Comments were made about the dog bin which had been blown up believed to be by a firework. Other villages had been targeted in a similar way.

Prison protest

A 'quiet protest' had been held at the Prison site about employment issues and working conditions.

Wild Flower Initiative – a comment had been made suggesting that wild flowers be planted at the path at the bottom of the rec.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

There was a campaign to plant a tree for the jubilee – the clerk had further information on this.

21/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Website upgrade

The clerk had contacted our current provider who said he was no longer in a position to take forward the creation of a new website or an upgrade to the current one. Mr Kelly said he had a contact and he would ask the person to get in touch with the clerk. In the meantime members would consider what they wished to see on the website for the specification as this would determine the cost, including monthly maintenance etc.

Dog bin

The new dog bin for Lower Street had been ordered. A further bin would be required at Earls Barton Road to replace the damaged one.

Bin Lids

The bin lids had again broken in the amenity garden. WNorse would be asked to provide new bins for the area.

Cemetery/Churchyard

The clerk had received a complaint about the Yew trees and Ivy in this vicinity. The clerk had visited the area and the cemetery part, maintained by the parish council was neat and tidy and it appeared that the complaint referred to the churchyard area. Mr Sharp would take a look at this.

Footpath in the churchyard

Completion of the work was still awaited. The clerk would chase this up with Timotay, the contractor.

Parking on pavements

A complaint had been received about parishioners parking on pavements throughout the village. Particular concern was in Chapel Lane and Lower Street and in the High Street vicinity. Whilst it was appreciated that the roads were narrow this did result in people being unable to use the footpaths which were there for safety. This would be monitored.

21/16 CLOSE OF MEETING

The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and for maintaining social distancing rules and regulations and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Chairman.....

