

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 10 January 2018 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

(Apologies were received from Mr Howes, Mr Sharp and Mrs Smith)

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

17/81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

17/82 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

17/83 POLICE ISSUES

Reference was made to the Northamptonshire Police website and the difficulties being experienced in finding the crime figures. This had been previously raised with the police who were aware that some were finding the site hard to navigate. They were hoping to reintroduce the alert scheme which had previously been abandoned. This would alert people to issues in their neighbourhood if they signed up for the information. The clerk would send details when it was launched.

17/84 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Lamp Village Triangle Lower Street and High Street

The lamp had been repaired. The sign to Lower Street had been knocked down at the beginning of December and the clerk had reported this to the borough council. The sign was on order and would be fitted in due course. This could take up to 12 weeks. .

Potholes, Cut Throat Lane

There were a number of new and previously repaired deep potholes along Cut Throat Lane, just past the Rugby Club. The clerk would report these to Street Doctor.

17/85 PLANNING ISSUES

Mrs Ross updated the committee on previous applications:

The Water Tower and 29 Wilby Lane had both been permitted.

Mrs Sharp raised concern over the mud on the road from the development in Doddington Road, Earls Barton. This would be monitored, though a wheel wash should be provided on site to avoid this issue.

There were no further applications.

17/86 FINANCE

The following accounts and financial statements were approved for payment:

Aylesbury Mains – lamp repairs High Street (1557)	62.76
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Precept for 2018-19

The clerk reported on the circulated financial projections for 2018-19. This included the provision of fencing around the recreation ground, the continuing replacement of lights that were obsolete or failing, assistance with the replacement programme in regard to the replacement of play equipment at the recreation ground and the day to day running of the parish council.

Parish councillors considered that a great deal of money had been spent on the replacement lamps, which had proved to be beneficial for the residents of the parish and also financially beneficial from a revenue point of view, as the electricity charges had considerably reduced.

The precept funding, for a number of years had been used for this project and consideration now needed to be given to other improvements that needed to take place, whilst being mindful that further lamps also needed to be replaced. Councillors were also aware that the constraints on the county council funding could also have a negative impact on the services they provide which may, if not governed by statute, be pushed to the parish council.

It was proposed that a precept of £25,000 be set for 2018-19, this was seconded and being put to the vote declared carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the precept for 2018-19 be set at £25,000.

17/87 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Co-option of parish councillor

An application had been received from Mr Peter Cunningham to join the parish council. The chairman referred to the application and asked fellow parish councillors if they would like to consider the application. This was put to the vote and it was declared carried that Mr Cunningham be co-opted onto the parish council with effect from the next meeting due to be held on 21 February when he would need to sign his acceptance of office forms.

Recreation ground

Football complaints: More complaints had been received in relation to the bad language from players during football matches. Parishioners were reluctant to take their children to watch matches because of this and residents living nearby were also unhappy. Parish councillors commented that they thought referees had a duty to chastise players and stop them using excessive bad language. Complaints had also been received regarding the volume of rubbish that was left following matches. The clerk was asked to contact Mr Howes to see if he could speak with team captains and referees and ask them to keep the bad language to a minimum and to also ask players to remove their rubbish. The clerk was still pursuing the request for additional bins but Norse was reluctant to provide these stating concern that the wrong rubbish would be put in the wrong bin and that the bins may not be wheeled down to the Memorial Hall for collection.

Charity Ball: Mrs Sharp reported that the ball had now been finalised and would be held on 10 March 2017 at Highgate House, Creton with tickets costing £45 to include meal, wine and live band.

Chiropody

No further information had been received regarding the chiropody sessions. It was decided that the parish council would cease paying the rental to the Chapel from 31 March 2018. The clerk would inform Mr Dunkley of this and he could then contact the provider and see if they wished to continue to hire the hall.

Earls Barton Road – Conifers

Concern had been raised about the conifers planted on the verge in Earls Barton Road near to Hardwater Crossing as they were growing and could potentially obstruct the pavement. It was considered that this was not a problem at the current time but that this could be monitored.

Earls Barton Road – Fridge

A large fridge/freezer had been placed outside a property in Earls Barton Road. There was concern as this needed to be disposed of properly by the owner and was potentially a hazard particularly if it fell over. Wellingborough Norse would be asked to remove this, though there would be a cost to the resident for doing this.

Website

The clerk informed the parish council of some teething issues with the website which Mr Burton was working on. It was hoped that this would be updated and back in use as soon as possible.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

Chairman