

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 14 March 2018 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

An apology was received from Mr Howes.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk) and one parishioner.

17/96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

17/97 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

17/98 HIGHWAY ISSUES

The chairman allowed the parishioner present to address the meeting. He expressed concern in regard to the white lining which had faded particularly on the two bends near to The Stag and Village triangle corners. The white lining at Wilby Lane junction was also faded.

The clerk clarified that this had already been highlighted with the county council as being a danger as people were cutting the corners and there was potential for an accident to be caused because of this. The county council had not given a date of when, or even if, this work will be carried out though they had confirmed that it was on the remedial list of works.

Drains in various locations

It was reported that various potholes around drains particularly in the High Street and Earls Barton Road vicinity had got worse and were dangerous particularly for cyclists or motorcyclists. The clerk would report to Street Doctor.

Any issues could be reported using the website and by following the link below:

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx>

17/99 POLICE ISSUES

The Rural JAG meeting had taken place but as it was short notice nobody had been able to attend. The neighbourhood alert system was working well but crime figures were difficult to find. Mr Kelly would raise this at the next JAG meeting.

17/100 PLANNING ISSUES

One new application had been received as follows:

WP/18/00127/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension plus pitched roof to existing kitchen - 9 St Nicholas Road

There were no issues raised with this application.

17/101 FINANCE

The following invoices, along with the financial statements, were approved for payment:

NALC – Training for clerk (1562)	36.00
ICO – Registration – annual fee (1563)	35.00

17/102 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bin in recreation ground

Wellingborough Norse had clarified that the only bin they would be able to provide was a commercial bin, this would be quite expensive and incur collection costs. They suggested that the park users and the football team be encouraged to take home their rubbish for disposal or that alternatively an additional litter bin be provided.

Fencing at hardstanding

Wellingborough Norse was now trying to 'back-track' on their admission that the fencing had been damaged by their operative. The clerk, however, had an email where they had admitted liability and contacted the director of Norse who had agreed to instruct that the repair work be carried out.

Tender for grasscutting

It was agreed that the tender for the grasscutting be extended for a further year. The clerk would diary this to review in Autumn 2018.

Complaint about parking near to school

Mr Crisp reported that he had received a complaint from a parishioner who had parked his car near to the school in High Street to drop off his grandchild. His wing-mirror had been damaged whilst parked and he was complaining about the volume of cars parked in the area at school times.

Mr Crisp had acknowledged his complaint but there were a number of alternative locations where parents could park such as the Club and at The Stag, subject to availability, other than on the roadside. The parish council had raised this issue regarding parking with the school who

regularly asked parents to park considerately. The police needed to be contacted if there was obstruction or concern about the safety of children.

Village Spring clean

It was agreed that a village spring clean would be carried out during the weekend of 18/19/20 May. The clerk would ask Wellingborough Norse to provide bags and dispose of any rubbish that was collected. Mr Davies would liaise with the school. Mrs Ross asked if it would be acceptable for a family member to join in the organised event and this was agreed.

Dog Mess – John Gray Road area

There was a particular issue in the above vicinity with one dog owner regularly leaving yellow bags on the pathway/roadside. This was not acceptable particularly as there were plenty of dog bins around the village. If anyone was aware of who was doing this they should report it to Wellingborough Norse.

Invitation to Buckingham Palace:

Mr Sharp reported that he had received an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace but was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. He hoped that he would get the opportunity in the future to attend.

Provision of defibrillator:

Someone had asked why the parish did not have a defibrillator. This had been discussed previously and due to the location of the village the request for funding had been refused as access was good to main routes with emergency services being able to access the village quickly. The parish council had decided that it would not purchase a machine as it was difficult to know where this would best be located and where and how it would be maintained and kept secure.

Chiropody:

The chiropody service would continue at the Chapel and the Chapel would invoice the owner of the business directly in future.

Risk Register and Asset Register:

These were both discussed, updated and agreed.

GDPR

The clerk reminded members that GDPR was fast approaching with the implementation date being end of May 2018.

Cemetery fees:

Agreed that the cemetery fees be increased in line with those of the borough council for consistency.

Clerk's contract and pension payments:

The clerk clarified that she was still awaiting information regarding the staging date for the workplace pension, which was causing some confusion because of her other employment, once this information was received the contract of employment would be reviewed.

Appointments:

Agreed that the membership of the planning group and governance group remain as previously agreed.

Website

Mr Burton was preparing individual email addresses for each parish councillor, thought the main contacts would be via the Clerk and the Chairman and there would be a separate email for Planning.

Calendar of meetings

The proposed list of meetings was circulated. These were approved.

Next meeting:

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

Chairman