

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 21 February 2018 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

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

17/88 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

17/89 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2018 were approved and signed as a true record.

17/90 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Following approval of Mr Cunningham's application to join the parish council, he duly signed his declaration of acceptance of office and provided the clerk with his member interest form for onward forwarding to the borough council's monitoring officer.

17/91 POLICE ISSUES

The clerk referred to the new police neighbourhood alert system that had recently been re-introduced. The clerk had circulated the link to this. Anyone could sign up for this service, which was free. The clerk had found the information to be useful and it have information on what was happening in a chosen area. It informed you of recent crimes that had taken place and what to look out for. The alert system indicated where the most crimes were committed. It was very clear, that whilst not wanting any crime in the village, Great Doddington still had an extremely low crime rate with most issues being around cars or windows being left open/unlocked. Residents were encouraged to keep doors, windows and gates locked and to secure their cars and remove anything visible from inside the vehicle.

Inspection Sharan Wildman would be returning to the Wellingborough area and it was believed that her intention was to continue with the JAG. Mr Kelly remained happy to attend this and had been in communication with the lead police officer.

Neighbourhood Watch – it was confirmed that there were four of these in existence in the village at The Ridge, Glebe Farm Court, Hardwater Road and Glenfield Drive.

17/92 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Street sign Lower Street

The sign had now been fitted following the accident in December.

Potholes, Cut Throat Lane/The Ridge

The clerk had reported all the potholes throughout the village to Street Doctor and also asked for the white road markings to be repainted in certain parts of the village. She also reminder the meeting that there was a link on the new website to the county council website <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx> where any issues could be reported to the street doctor service immediately to avoid a delay in waiting for the next parish council meeting.

17/93 PLANNING ISSUES

There were no new applications.

Mrs Ross referred to the Plan for the Borough of Wellingborough – the inspector would be attending at the council offices in April to carry out his inspection. She also referred to the Irchester Neighbourhood Plan which was out for consultation but considered that there were no issues affecting Great Doddington.

17/94 FINANCE

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

Aylesbury Mains Ltd – Lower Street/High Street (1558)	76.08
Great Doddington PCC – Donation to footpath lighting (1559)	400.00
Mr C Burton – website issues (1560)	50.00
Mrs C A Mundy – Salary/accommodation fee (1561)	819.73

17/95 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Recreation ground - Football complaints:

Mr Howes had attended a recent match and had witnessed the bad language, he said he would arrange for signs to be placed in the changing rooms to ask that players moderate their language. The parish council accepted that this was difficult to control but players and the referee had a duty to do this.

With regard to the rubbish on the site, Mr Howes had carried out regular inspections and had found this to be minimal.

A result on the request for additional bins was still with Norse who remained reluctant to supply a bin even if we paid for it.

Charity Ball: Mrs Sharp reported that the ball had now been postponed and would be held in September – further details would be issued in due course.

May Day: Celebrations would once again take place and there would be a road closure on 6 May 2018 for the parade with the main event taking place at the recreation ground.

Fundraising event: Lily Sharp had participated in a Cake Bake and had raised £100 towards the replacement of the play equipment.

Missing bench: Mr Crisp raised this as an issue. Mrs Sharp was aware that this had been removed for repair but would chase this up.

Chiropody:

The clerk had informed Mr Dunkley that the parish council would no longer be paying for the rental of the hall.

Earls Barton Road – Fridge

Mr Crisp reported that he had disposed of the fridge/freezer from Earls Barton Road. The parish council was most grateful that he had done this.

Website

The issues with the website had now been resolved. The clerk encouraged all parish councillors to take an individual parish council address which Mr Burton could put in place. This would mean that their personal email addresses would not be associated with any parish council issues. This would help should there be a Freedom of Information request and once GDPR came into effect at the end of May 2018 would protect both the parish council and individuals. The clerk circulated some information in regard to GDPR to councillors.

All agreed that they would benefit from a parish council address. It was also suggested that the main contact address on the website be the clerks, rather than individual councillors clerk@greatdoddington.com

In addition there would be an additional contact address for the chairman chairman@greatdoddington.com and also one for planning planning@greatdoddington.com

From these emails any relevant information could be forwarded to parish councillors on their greatdoddington.com addresses. Councillors were reminded that they would need to cease using their personal emails and remember to respond from their greatdoddington.com email addresses once they were set up.

The clerk would ask Mr Burton to put this in place and would let parish councillors know when this had been done.

Dog mess

It was reported that there was a big issue with people not cleaning up after their dogs; this was a particular issue in the John Gray Road area. This had been reported to the Environmental Services would said they would be monitoring the situation. Owners would be prosecuted if evidence was available.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

Chairman