

## **GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 5 September 2018 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.**

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

Apologies were received from Mr Cunningham, Mr Howes and Mr Kelly.

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

#### **18/39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

#### **18/40 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2018 were received and approved as a true record.

#### **18/41 POLICE MATTERS**

It was noted that over the summer there had been four police incidents recorded. The neighbourhood alert scheme was running fully now and members of the public could sign up for this to be aware of incidents as they were happening or which had just happened.

#### **18/42 HIGHWAY ISSUES**

- Drain outside 49/51 High Street - this remained in need of repair;
- Pothole High Street - this had been reported and marked so it was hoped that this would be repaired soon.
- Pothole – near to the crematorium/Millers Park - the clerk would report this to Street Doctor.
- Overhanging tree at bus stop - The Ridge - this had been reported some time ago – the clerk would chase up.
- Dropped drain - High Street opposite Top Farm - this had previously been reported the clerk would chase this up.
- There had been no developments in relation to the cutting back of trees and suckers along Earls Barton Road.
- Hardwater Crossing bridge - no further date for completion of the repairs had been received. County Councillor Gough's petition was still on-line and available to sign.

#### **18/43 PLANNING ISSUES**

The planning sub-committee had received the following applications:

- 6 Chapel Lane - demolition and replacement of room to the rear - there were no objections
- 77 Earls Barton Road - the clerk informed the meeting of the representation received from a neighbour about the planning application - the parish council sub-committee concluded that these were no planning grounds to object to the application. No objections would therefore be raised.

## 18/44 FINANCE

The following invoices were approved for payment along with the reconciliation for the first quarter:

<b>Payments</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Chq no.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Aylesbury Mains	Invoice no 18405 – Lamps 59, 60 and 61 Glenfield Drive	1584	4230.00
NALC	Training Peter Cunningham - 7163	1585	42.00
E-On	Invoice 1 6 18 to 30 6 18 – H15FA2A6F9	1586	349.08
E-On	Invoice 1 4 18 to 30 4 18 and 1 5 18 to 31 5 18 – H15F80E2C7	1587	709.80
E-On	Invoice 1 7 18 to 31 7 18 – H16150E667	1588	360.72

## 18/45 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### **Defibrillator**

The clerk reported that following some interest from parishioners on social media she had reapplied for funding for a defibrillator. The type of machine that was available would need to be located in a central place and required a commitment that a large number of people would need to be trained in its use. The British Heart Foundation had therefore refused our application.

Discussions took place about whether to consider purchasing a defibrillator and where this would be best located. The cost would be in the region of £1500 and there would need to be ownership, management and maintenance of the machinery to ensure that when needed that it worked. It was decided that at the current time this be put on hold as a suitable location could not be agreed upon or a commitment to keep the equipment maintained and securely accessible.

### **Recreation ground - Matting**

The clerk had received notification from Norse that they would carry out the necessary repairs to the matting. Mrs Sharp would liaise with them in this regard.

**Picnic Bench** - this has now been repaired and returned to the recreation ground.

**Amenity Garden** - the gardening team were making arrangements for the amenity garden to be cut back in the next couple of weeks. This would hopefully be done prior to the new lamp, which was on order being installed sometime during September.

### **Capital grant funding**

The clerk was to meet with Mrs Sharp regarding an update to the application for capital grant funding made to the borough council. It was expected that the Grants Working party would take place in October and we would then know if capital funding was available.

### **Hardwater Crossing**

It was reported that there was a considerable amount of rubbish by the bridge with scrap etc. being placed there. The clerk confirmed that this had been reported to the council's enforcement team and they were dealing with this.

### **Tender for grasscutting**

The grasscutting contract had been extended for a year but was due for renewal from 1 April 2019.

It was agreed that the clerk advertise the contract for a two year period, to include the cemetery grasscutting, the emptying of bins, hedge cutting at cemetery and general clearance. This would be advertised from mid-October through to mid-November. The clerk would circulate the advertisement for approval.

### **Letter from Isham Parish Council**

The clerk reported on a letter received from Isham Parish Council regarding a planning application for a large development near to Kettering. The application had been refused but was now the subject of an appeal and the parish council was asking if we could write to give support to fighting the appeal.

The parish council discussed this and decided that, whilst sympathising with Isham's road traffic issues, it was unable to give its support as this would not directly impact the parish.

### **Grit Bins**

The clerk reported that the county council had written to say that some of the grit bins in its ownership, across the county, were to be removed unless the parish council wished to take these on. NALC had been

approached regarding the concern of parish councils' during the summer recess and was now engaging with the county council over whether this could legally be considered. In the meantime the clerk confirmed that the current grit bins were located at the top of Church Lane, Lower Street/High Street, Wilby Lane/Lower Street, John Gray Road/Earls Barton Road, John Gray Road/Wilby Lane, Glenfield Drive (no.13), Glenfield Drive/Earls Barton Road and the top of St Nicholas Road. The proposal was to remove the bin at the top of Glenfield Drive/Earls Barton Road. It was agreed that this bin should remain and the clerk would put a notice on it for it not to be removed and notify highways of this. Further discussions over costings etc. for the grit bins would be notified to the parish council as and when the information was available.

### **Street lighting renewal**

The clerk had received notification of the renewal of the street lighting contract with E-on. The parish council discussed the quotations and agreed a 24 month contract with E-on from 1 9 2019 to 31 8 2020. The chairman signed the contract.

### **Grave space cemetery**

The clerk had been approached by a grave space owner who no longer required the space as they intended to be cremated over whether the parish council would take the space back. It was agreed that in principle this could happen and the parish council could 'buy back' the space at the original cost. The clerk had asked the owner to formally write in with this request.

### **Email issues**

All parish councillors present complained that they had been unable to access their gmail accounts or if they had it had caused problems with their personal computers. The clerk would report this to Mr Burton to see if an alternative option to gmail could be set up.

### **Next meeting date:**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10 October 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

**Chairman**