

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 8 November 2017 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

17/66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

17/67 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

17/68 WEBSITE UPDATE

The clerk confirmed that the new website was up and running. A considerable amount of work had been undertaken to ensure that the details were correct but should any information need updating please let the clerk know as soon as possible. Work was ongoing to update the policies and documents to make them suitable for the new website and these would be uploaded in due course.

17/69 POLICE ISSUES

It was reported that a white van driven by a male had been seen on a number of occasions driving around the village stopping and speaking to children. This had been reported to the police and the school children had been asked to be vigilant and report anything to their parents or the school and not engage with anyone in this way.

The clerk had received a copy of the latest traffic survey which had indicated that there was a small amount of non-compliance (i.e. vehicles travelling over 30mph). Surveys would continue to be carried out and the van had been seen in the village again recently.

17/70 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Church Lane

Following our feedback regarding the survey of Church Lane, the clerk had received notification that this was an annual survey which was not repeated during the year, however, the clerk had made the point that this had been carried out during the school holidays and was therefore not a true reflection of the highway issues experienced in that part of the village. The highways team said they would endeavour to repeat the survey if they could and it would be added to their extensive list.

**Potholes
Glenfield Drive**

The potholes had been repaired.

Drains

The clerk had reported the drains to highways. These would be cleared as part of their maintenance programme.

Street lighting Amenity Garden

The light was working again. Both Aylesbury Lighting and E-On had been involved in the repair to this lamp. Mr Sharp reported that he thought it was on the daytime and at night. He would clarify and report back to the clerk.

Electricity Pole – Goodens Lane

The cuff was still not repaired. This would continue to be monitored. .

Hardwater – Boat

The clerk had heard back from the Environment Agency who were the navigation authority for the River Nene. They had not received any complaints about the boat being illegally moored or causing a hazard or causing any water pollution. The clerk had also checked with Environmental Health as the council who had not received any complaints about excessive noise, littering or anti-social behaviour. Mr Kelly had raised this following a JAG meeting with the Police as a Wollaston representative had raised an issue that the area was untidy and unsightly. If others considered this to be the case they should report to the borough council on 01933 229777 asking for Environmental Health.

In the circumstances it was agreed that this be monitored.

Trees Earls Barton Road

The clerk had received a response from street doctor – there was no planned maintenance expected. The growth of the trees would be monitored but there were no issues of concern.

Trees – Safer routes to School

This had been reported to street doctor – an inspection had been undertaken and there was no cause for concern.

17/71 PLANNING ISSUES

Mrs Ross reported on the following:

29 Wilby Lane – Side porch extension - there were no objections;

Water Tower, Cut Throat Lane - alteration to existing permission - there were no objections.

17/72 FINANCE

The following accounts and financial statement were approved for payment:

Aylesbury Mains Ltd (1543)	97.68
Wellingborough Norse	
Cutting of recreation ground (1544)	918.00
Christopher Burton	
Website upgrade (1545)	350.00
Mrs C A Mundy	
Work on information for website during August, September, October (1546)	150.00
CAM Salary/Accommodation fee October, November and December 2017 (1547)	803.50
Mrs C A Mundy (1548)	
Statutory 1% increase on salary for 2016/17 (x4)	
Statutory 1% increase on salary for 2017/18 (x3)	56.46
Royal British Legion	
Donation for Wreath for remembrance Sunday (1549)	25.00
Mr R Garon	
Grasscutting/Dog bins etc – final 2017	690.29

Mr Sharp asked if the parish council wished to support the purchase of a Christmas tree for the amenity garden and this was agreed. He would submit an invoice in due course for this.

The chairman made reference to the death of former parish councillor Mrs J Griffith and expressed condolences to her family and friends. Jo had been a parish councillor for many years and worked tirelessly for the community. She would be greatly missed. It was proposed that the parish council send a wreath to her funeral on behalf of the parish councillors and parishioners. The clerk would make arrangements for this and report back on the cost to the next meeting.

Both of these items would be funded from section 137 monies.

17/73 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Remembrance Sunday – laying of wreath

The clerk had obtained the wreath from the RBL and this would be placed by the chairman at the service at the church.

Funeral of Mrs J Griffith

This would take place at St Nicholas' Church on Friday 17 November 2017 at 1.30pm.

Village News

Karin Brawn would be asked to place a tribute to Jo in the Village News and to remove reference to the vacancy on the parish council in this edition. A request was again made to deliver the church leaflets with the village news and this was agreed.

Complaint of bad language

The clerk had received a complaint of bad language from a resident of The Ridge emanating from the football teams on a Saturday. She had referred this to Mr Howes, who had spoken with the manager of the football team. It was thought that this was probably from an away team but the situation would be monitored.

Play Equipment

Mrs Sharp reported that one of the pieces of equipment needed some remedial work under health and safety grounds at a cost of £1300. It was confirmed that this be done asap and if necessary that the equipment be cordoned off. She was working on the fundraising ball for 2018 and would report further on this in due course.

Recreation Ground

Requests had been received to ban dogs completely from the recreation ground as owners were not clearing up after them. This was considered to be a danger, particularly to children. It was agreed that at the current time dogs would not be banned. The chairman would add a piece to the Village News about this issue.

Bin Recreation ground

Norse seemed to be reluctant to provide a wheelie bin/bins for this area. The clerk had assured them that arrangements would be made to wheel the bin to the Memorial Hall for emptying. The clerk was awaiting confirmation that this could be provided.

Fencing of recreation ground

The clerk had received a quote to supply and install 100Lm of 1.2m high chain link fencing to existing concrete posts with one break in the sum of £1476.00. It was agreed that this would be discussed further as a project for 2018-19.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

Chairman