

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The minutes of a meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council
held on 11 September 2019 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane,
Great Doddington.**

Present: Mr C Davies (Chairman), Mr J Crisp, Mr P Cunningham, 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) and one parishioner.

19/34 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as a true and correct record thereof and signed accordingly.

19/35 DECLARATION

The chairman declared an interest in an item to be raised about an artificial turf pitch and the tennis court as he was treasurer of GD Football Club.

1936 POLICE ISSUES

Mr Kelly reported that he had attended the Police JAG meeting. He reported that of major concern were the 'county lines' relating to drug issues and child exploitation, particularly on-line and with safeguarding issues. There were courses available for schools on safeguarding for both governors and teachers and the chairman would raise this with the school at the next Governors meeting.

Speeding checks - this had particularly been requested for Earls Barton Road.

Parking in the village - this had been raised as an issue following a recent altercation about parking when the police had been called. The issues seemed to arise around school times, i.e. in the morning and mid-afternoon. The school would be asked to remind parents to park sensibly and not double park or park on corners. The police would be patrolling at school times.

19/30 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Hardwater Crossroads – correspondence had been received from highways confirming that investigations were taking place over the accidents and issues at the crossroads. The outcome of these investigations were awaited.

Speed watch

The speed watch group was expected to have a loan of the camera again in September.

The Ridge - 1 The Ridge – Branch cuttings – this had been report to ‘fix my street’ and would be monitored.

Hedge St Nicholas Road

This had been reported to Greatwell Homes and would be monitored.

Request for dog bin at the Wellingborough end of The Ridge –

It was agreed that a dog bin and post be placed at the end of The Ridge. The clerk would arrange for Mr Puttnam to install this and to also add it to the list for clearing.

19/31 PLANNING ISSUES

Solar Farm:

This had been granted by BCW;

143 The Ridge:

This application had been withdrawn;

Enforcement action:

18 Glenfield Drive

There was no further information in relation to the enforcement action and the submission of an application. The clerk would ask the planning department for an update

Enforcement – Hardwater – Nick’s Boats

There was no further information from the enforcement officer. The site was becoming even more cluttered and unsightly. The clerk would see if the enforcement officer could prioritise.

19/32 FINANCE

The financial details for the quarter and following invoices were approved. Mr Davies and Mr Kelly’s details still needed to be updated by them to conclude the bank mandate update.

Payments made:			
Name:	For:	Chq. no.	Amount
Eon	Street lighting 1 7 19 to 31 7 19	1643	421.36
Eon	Street lighting 1 8 19 to 31 8 19	1644	421.36
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Invoice 18843 lamp 4 - 83 The Ridge	1645	70.20
Cardiac Science	Defibrillator	1646	1824.00
J Hurst (Electrical)	Installation of defib.	1647	160.00
GD PCC (Mrs C Hurst)	S137 donation for lighting of footpath	1648	400.00
DCK Accounting	Yearend accounts to 31 3 19	1649	300.00

solutions			
Mr Puttnam	Grasscutting, dog bins and removal memorials	1650	279.80
Mr Puttnam	Grasscutting, dog bins invoice 05	1651	234.80
Mr Puttnam	Installation of defibrillator	1652	65.00
Currys	Insurance July	DD	7.50

19/33 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Social Media

Scouts/Beavers clean up

The recent clean-up had been very successful and was much appreciated. WNorse had collected all the bags.

Installation of defibrillator

This had received a very positive response on social media. Mr Cunningham would also offer out training on the use of the defib. and see what response there was before booking anything. When used the defib. explains exactly what to do but training was an option.

Dog bags in the park

It was once again reported that there were bags all around the park, there were sufficient dog bins for people to dispose of them properly and this would be reference on social media.

Dog barking near the Church

There had been some complains about the persistent barking form a dog near to the church.

Complaint re: Summer Leys

There had been a complaint that the gates were locked and bird watchers could not access the car park.

Health and Safety Issues

Nothing was raised in this regard.

Replacement mower

Mr Crisp had spoken to Mr Puttnam about a suitable replacement mower and detailed the three most suitable machines for the work. Mr Puttnam would discuss the option of using Mrs Smith's Flymo and if this was not suitable would be asked to contact the clerk about the purchase of a replacement.

Tennis Court

The chairman, who had declared an interest, informed the meeting that he had been approached by the GD Youth Football Team to see if they could convert the tennis court into an Artificial Turf Pitch.

The parish council noted that the tennis court was seldom used as a tennis court, however the school used the area at the parish council's discretion so it would need to be raised at school governors.

The club would have to seek grant funding and the clerk suggested that they contact the council's sport development officer, Quintin Allen to see if he could help them.

Rubbish outside flats in High Street/Drs Lane

It was noted that there was quite a bit of rubbish outside the flats, including tyres and a bird stand.

The clerk would report this as fly tipping to Wellingborough Norse.

Scope Bin

Scope was a charity who collected unwanted items. The club had agreed to have a bin placed in their car park so parishioners could dispose of their items.

Lamps

The lamp outside 29 John Gray Road needed repairing.

Overgrown Conifers, High Street

It was reported that the leylandii trees at the house next to the amenity garden were infringing on the footpath. The clerk would write to the homeowner and ask if they could cut these back.

Highway gutters

It was noted that the gutters were no longer weeded and that in some areas of the parish it was very noticeable. The clerk confirmed that this had been one of the cut-backs but she would report it on 'fix my street' as an issue so they were aware.

Signage to the club

The club had asked if they could have a sign pointing down Chapel Lane so people would know where the club was located. The clerk confirmed that this would have to be requested from highways and would be subject to their discretion. The parish council would support any request submitted. Mr Crisp would report back to the club.

Funding for speed cameras

Mr Kelly reported that he had been informed that there was funding available from Stephen Mould, the PF&CC for 'flashing' speed cameras. The clerk would see what was on offer.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Chairman