

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 11 July 2018 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Cunningham and Mr Howes.

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

18/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

18/33 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 6 June 2018 were received and approved as a true record.

18/34 POLICE MATTERS

Due to the lateness of notification from the police of the JAG meeting, nobody from the parish council had been able to attend on this occasion.

There had been some interest by parishioners, in setting up a community speed-watch group. A number of volunteers had put their names forward and a parishioner had agreed to be the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator would liaise with both the county council and police in regard to training and the loan of equipment. It was expected that this could be in place by the spring of 2019. The parish council was happy to support this proposal.

The Ridge allotments – it was reported that there had been a break-in at the allotments with damage caused. Any information should be passed to the police.

18/35 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Clearance of drains - the clerk had been informed that there was no timetable for the clearance of drains as such, they were, however, cleared of debris annually.

Drain outside 49/51 High Street – it was reported that the drain had dropped and could be dangerous to cyclists/motor-cyclists. This had been reported to the county council's Street Doctor.

18/36 PLANNING ISSUES

No new applications had been received.

18/37 FINANCE

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

Payments			
Name	Details	Chq no.	Amount
PMP	Village News May	1575	362.25
Broxap	Bin – recreation ground	1576	431.94
DCK Accounting Solutions	Annual accounts	1577	305.27
Aylesbury Mains	Lamps 34 & 82	1578	98.16
Auditing Solutions	Internal audit	1579	420.00
Aylesbury Mains	Inv. 17406	1580	62.78
Aylesbury Mains	Inv. 18296	1581	159.60
Mrs C A Mundy	July & August	1582	546.42
Mr R Garon	Grasscutting, Petrol, repairs to mower	1583	766.21
Receipts			
From	Details	Date	Amount
BCW	Precept funding	27 4 18	15000.00
NatWest	Interest	30 4 18	0.77
NatWest	Interest	31 5 18	1.38
NatWest	Interest	29 6 18	1.24
Nat. Playing Fields Ass.	Repayment of standing order	28 6 18	25.00

18/38 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bin in recreation ground

The bin had been installed by Mr Puttnam his invoice was awaited. It was noted that this may need more frequent emptying and this would be monitored.

Hardwater Closure

Following an accident at Hardwater bridge which had resulted in the closure thereof, County Councillor Rob Gough had set up an on-line petition for those who were concerned over the expected delay in the bridge being re-opened. He would place a hard copy of the petition in the shop, should people wish to sign it.

Dog fouling and use of the recreation ground

A concerned resident had contacted the parish council about dogs fouling in the recreation ground. Whilst his issue wasn't about people picking up, it was about the fact that both children and the football teams used this area and he was concerned at the possible health dangers that fouling may cause and was asking if consideration could be given to this area being closed to dogs as there were plenty of alternative areas of the village where dog walkers could go.

A discussion was held about whether this was a viable option. And a decision was made that the recreation ground should not be closed to dog walkers. The Friends of Great Doddington Park would give consideration to whether fencing would be possible around certain parts of the play area, though previously this had not been possible because of the space required for the football pitches. The clerk would notify the concerned resident of this conclusion.

Social Media platforms

The parish council had previously decided against having either a Facebook or Twitter site as both needed to be managed and monitored frequently. Mr Cunningham had, however, volunteered to check and respond to the 'Great Doddington Facebook page' and bring anything on the site to the attention of the parish councillors. With the approval of the parish council he would also post comments or signposting guidance if the subject matter was something that the parish council didn't deal with.

Play area damage

Mrs Sharp made reference to the damaged matting in the play area which had been caused by Wellingborough Norse. This had been reported directly to Wellingborough Norse and photographs had been sent of the damage. The clerk would chase up Norse as to what they were doing about this.

Quotations for equipment

Mrs Sharp had received updated quotations from Timotay and Sovereign which she would circulate to all parish councillors for information. Whatever was decided this would need to be carried out in phases.

Picnic Bench - This had not been replaced and Mrs Sharp would chase up the location of the bench with Timotay in time for the school holidays.

Trees along Earls Barton Road

There was continuing concern over the growth on the base of the trees which had been referred to County Councillor Gough to take up with the county council as the street doctor reporting had not had any affect.

Street Lighting

The clerk reported that the orders had been put in for the replacement lamps and columns in Glenfield Drive which would also be re-sited more appropriately if possible. The lamp in High Street had been repainted. The amenity garden lamp would need replacement as the fittings were now obsolete.

Audit

The internal audit had been received from the auditors who concluded that no significant issues had been identified. They made some recommendations which were discussed and noted and the action plan was annotated accordingly with the parish council responses thereto.

Next meeting date:

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 5 September 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

Chairman