

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 29 June 2017 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk), County Councillor Robert Gough.

Apologies were received from Mr Howes, Mr Kelly and Mrs Sharp.

17/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Sharp declared a personal interest in relation to a planning application for a fence at Lower Street as the application had been made by the father-in-law of his son.

17/25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the two previous meetings held on 9 May 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

17/26 WELCOME

The chairman welcomed County Councillor Robert Gough to the meeting.

Councillor Gough addressed the meeting explaining that he was elected in May 2017 and that he was making his way around all the parish councils to introduce himself. He understood that of major concern to local residents were the issues with potholes and speeding. He appreciated these concerns and would endeavour to help any resident if he was able to do so.

17/27 POLICE ISSUES

The clerk reported that Sharan Wildman would be leaving the Wellingborough area. The JAG would continue to be held and David Kelly would attend its meetings and report back to parish council.

The chairman commented on the number of meetings that had been arranged to meet with the Police Commissioner which were then cancelled. This would be monitored.

17/28 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Goodens Lane

The clerk had reported the potholes to Street Doctor but had not had a response. This would be chased up.

Grasscutting

The clerk had made a request for highways to cut the grass as it was extremely long and had only been cut once this season.

Yellow lining at the School

This issue had previously been raised as the lining was fading and could do with being repainted. The clerk would chase Highways regarding this.

Electricity Pole – Goodens Lane

The warning cuff on the electricity pole in Goodens Lane, which prevented anyone climbing up it, was loose and needed to be reinstated.

General maintenance of highways

A number of potholes had been filled in but there were still areas which didn't comply with intervention levels which would be monitored.

17/29 PLANNING ISSUES

137 The Ridge

This had been permitted by the borough council.

36 Lower Street -

Application for fence and windows

There were no objections

31 Lower Street

This was a resubmission – there were no objections

Earls Barton Road – dropped kerb

There were no objections.

17/30 FINANCE

The accounts were received along with the internal audit to 31 March 2017. The annual return containing the annual governance statement and accounting statements, were signed by the chairman. The internal audit action plan points were discussed and recommendations noted/agreed. The following accounts/financial statement/ payments and receipts were approved and noted:

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| Dats Print Services (1527) | 610.00 |
| Newsletter 35 | |
| Auditing Solutions | |
| Internal audit to 31 March 1 (1528) | 428.00 |

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| Mrs C A Mundy | |
| Salary/Accommodation fee April to June (1529) | 803.50 |
| Reimbursement postage and plants | 15.50 |
| Accounting Solutions (1530) | 450.00 |
| Great Doddington Garden Team (1531) | |
| Purchase of Barrell for highway | 69.99 |
| Great Doddington United Reformed Church (1532) | 176.00 |
| Hire of Hall PC meetings | |
| Great Doddington United Reformed Church (1533) | |
| Hire of Hall – Chiropody | 192.00 |
| Wellingborough Norse (1534) | |
| Recreation ground – half yearly cut | 918.00 |
| NatWest Voucher statement fee | 6.50 |
| Natwest bank fee | 40.00 |
| Currys DD computer insurance April, | 7.50 |
| Currys DD computer insurance May | 7.50 |
| Currys DD computer insurance June | 7.50 |
| Interest received to 28 4 17 | 0.17 |
| Interest received to 31 5 17 | 0.16 |
| Receipts for newsletter | 412.00 |
| Headstone fees (Carter and Freeman) | 67.70 |

17/31 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Appointment of parish councillor

The borough council had published the relevant notices and no request had been received for an election. The parish council could therefore co-opt an additional member to the parish council to replace Mrs Griffith if they wished to do so.

The chairman also signed a letter of thanks to Mrs Griffiths.

Rights of Way

Further to the correspondence received from the county council, Mr Crisp had looked into the rights of way as listed, the usage thereof and the priority listing on behalf of the parish. He would update the list it would be forwarded to the county council.

Bin Recreation ground

Mr Crisp reported that a bin located at the recreation ground wasn't being emptied. He had reported this to Wellingborough Norse who had stated that the bin was not their bin. The bin was locked and the clerk was asked to clarify the situation with Norse.

Speedwatch

The clerk reported that she had been contacted by two further residents who wished to join the speedwatch group. Their names would be added to the list, once speedwatch was training again.

Website

The clerk reported that there was a slight delay with the website. Mr Burton would attend the next meeting.

Bench in memory of Julia Kelly

The bench was now in situ.

Newsletter

The chairman on behalf of the parish council thanked Karin Brawn for editing this edition of the village news, which was very informative.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 12 July at 7.30pm.

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Chairman

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm