

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council
held on 5 April 2017 in the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington

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

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

Apologies were received from Mrs Griffith* and Mrs Sharp.

17/01 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

17/02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

17/03 POLICE MATTERS

It was reported that there had been a burglary in Earls Barton Road and the theft of a bike in High Street.

Due to the lack of manpower there would be little attendance at future parish council meetings from the police unless there was a particular issue that needed to be discussed. Crime figures would continue to be supplied and the police could still be contacted directly. The JAG meetings would continue to be held and Mr Kelly would attend when he was able and report back.

17/04 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Wollaston Household Waste Recycling Centre

The clerk confirmed that a decision had been made at a recent meeting at the council to close the site at the end of May 2017.

Potholes Glenfield Drive and St Nicholas Road

Parish councillors commented on the very large potholes that had appeared in the above locations. The clerk would report these to the county council Street Doctor service and also asked that encouragement be given for others to also report issues to this service. The more complaints received the more quickly the repairs appeared to be carried out.

Footpath High Street

It was reported that the footpath was very bumpy and the golden gravel needed replacing, there were a number of elderly residents who were unsteady on their feet in this vicinity and there was concern that there could be an accident. The clerk would report to street doctor.

Wall – Wellingborough Homes

The wall near to the bungalows in High Street had been knocked down. This wall belonged to Wellingborough Homes and the clerk had already made a request for it to be repaired as soon as possible. This would be monitored. The disabled access at the Memorial Hall also needed to be repainted as the painted lines had faded.

Church Lane markings

The clerk was asked to report the fading primrose lining in Church Lane. She would notify Helen Howard and ask her to add it to the maintenance list.

17/05 PLANNING MATTERS

Prison Site, Millers Park

The planning application for the prison site was being heard tonight by the borough council's planning department. The decision would be reported at the next meeting.

Applications for 53 Glenfield Drive and 1 Wilby Lane had been approved.

(*Mrs Griffith joined the meeting.)

17/06 STREET LIGHTING

It was agreed that at the current time the additional lamps that needed replacing would not be replaced and would only be replaced as they became beyond repair. The lamp in the amenity garden was on all day and off at night; the clerk would ask Aylesbury lighting to sort this out.

The clerk would notify Western Power of all the changes to lamps and this would reduce the electricity charges for the coming year.

17/07 FINANCES/GOVERNANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:

It be noted that the clerk had today been informed that Aylesbury Lighting had not received the cheque she would cancel the one issued last month and redraw the cheque below as two cheques as the VAT element had already been requested from HMRC:

Aylesbury lighting	
Replacement street lamps (1373)	21041.00
VAT (1374)	4208.20
Aylesbury Mains	
Lamp and column PL 70 Glenfield Drive (1375)	1322.41
Grasscutting and dog bins (1372)	743.63

Governance questionnaire

The chairman completed and signed the governance questionnaire to be submitted with the accounts in due course.

17/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Council website

The clerk had been in discussion with Mr Burton who would proceed with the new website. He had informed her that new photographs would be required and he would arrange to take these. The chairman said there were a number of photographers in the village and he would see if anyone could provide photographs.

Playground Equipment

Mrs Sharp had asked if the parish council could give a donation towards the ribbons for the maypole in the region of £100. This was agreed to be donated from S137 funding.

She also wished to refurbish the swings and it was agreed that the parish council would fund this from the donation given by County Councillor Bell for the playground refurbishment.

Defibrillator

The parish council had been unsuccessful with their request for a defibrillator on this occasion.

Boundary Fencing around the Recreation Ground

The clerk had received a number of queries over the extend of the fencing requirement; it was agreed that this should extend from the stables to the gate adjacent to the path and that a gap behind the goal posts beleft. This was about 100 metres in length.

Memorial Bench

Mr Kelly confirmed that he had order the bench in memory of his daughter Julia to be placed in the amenity garden.

Litter Pickers

Two ladies from Earls Barton who regularly walked through the village had been litter picking. Their action was commended and the clerk was asked to write to them and purchase some flowers using section 137 funding by way of thanks for their work.

17/09 NEXT MEETING

10 May 2017 (Annual – starts at 7pm)

The chairman asked if the date could be moved forward as he would not be present. The clerk would see about availability for Tuesday 9 May 2017 or Monday 8 May 2017 and confirm this in due course.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Chairman