

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 11 May 2016 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk), Borough Councillor B Graves and 2 Parishioners.

Apologies were received from Mr C Davies and Mr D Kelly.

16/11 Welcome form the Chairman and Annual Report

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting of the parish council and read out the report on the activities for the year.

He explained that the parish council had had a busy and eventful year.

There had been concern over a speculative development along Earls Barton Road and comments had recently been passed to the Borough Council who was reviewing the local plan to ensure that this remained as environmentally open space for the future. Street lighting had taken up a lot of time and the parish councillors had finally agreed for some temporary lighting to be installed in John Gray Road to see which style parishioners preferred.

There was continuing concern over the lack of a footpath from Magna Grove into the village and there were continuing ongoing correspondence with the Highway department.

Improvements had been made to the fencing around the hardstanding following receipt of a grant from the Scarecrow Fund. Another major issue was around the football hut which had been empty for some time. A recent enquiry had been received to create a senior team so it was hopeful that this would move on and that the parish council or another group could take this on. Fund raising was being sought for the replacement of playground equipment.

The Nene Valley Crematorium would soon be open and the parish council would be taking particular note over whether this would affect transport through the village.

Quotes had been sought for an upgrade to the playground equipment to replace the existing old equipment. It had been found to be extremely expensive and way beyond the funding that the parish council had so funding would need to be sought to achieve the desired specification and upgrade.

The vice-chairman thanked his fellow parish councillors, the clerk and Mr Taschini for editing the village news.

16/12 GREAT DODDINGTON POORS LAND CHARITY

The vice-chairman reported that there had been four pensioners lunch clubs held and applications from students towards book grants could be submitted.

16/13 REPORT BY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR GRAVES

The vice-chairman welcomed Councillor Graves and congratulated him on his year of office as Mayor of the Borough.

Councillor Graves reported on the work that he had carried out on behalf of parishioners during the year.

This included the following:

Civic Service - This had been held at St Nicholas Church with a reception afterwards at the Chapel he had been delighted to be able to hold his service at this venue.

Scarecrow Festival - in his role as Mayor he had been very pleased to open the Festival and Village Fete and meet so many parishioners.

Mrs Audrey Carter - as Mayor he had been very pleased to visit Mrs Cater at Tasker House Residential care home in Wellingborough and was saddened to hear of her passing.

He was also invited to attend the induction of Reverence Jane Buck in the parish church and to open the new playground area at the School. The children did exceptionally well in local sporting events and won several prizes at the County Sports in July.

He had also dealt with 9 complaints from residents which included litter on the A45; fly tipping; Vegetation at Hardwater Road; Noise nuisance; Refuse collection and footpath issues in Glenfield Drive.

16/14 REPORT ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Councillor Bell was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7.20pm

Chairman