

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council 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 Parishioner.

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

16/15 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2016-17

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mr Crisp that Mr C Davies be nominated as chairman for the municipal year. On being put to the vote this was unanimously declared carried.

RESOLVED that Mr C Davies be appointed chairman for 2016-17.

16/16 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2016-17

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mr Crisp that Mr J Sharp be nominated as vice-chairman for the municipal year. On being put to the vote this was unanimously declared carried.

RESOLVED that Mr J Sharp be appointed as vice-chairman for 2016-17.

16/17 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

16/18 CONFIRMATION OF ADVISORY GROUPS

Planning – it was agreed that Mrs Ross, Mr Crisp, Mrs Griffiths and Mr Sharp would be appointed thereto.

Governance and Finance - it was agreed that Mrs Ross and Mrs Smith be appointed thereto. The corporate governance questionnaire was approved and signed for submission.

Health and Safety – it was agreed that all parish councillors would report any health and safety issues as soon as possible.

16/19 POLICE ISSUES

Nothing was reported.

16/20 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Magna Grove -

The clerk was asked if a replacement street sign could be arranged for Magna Grove as this had been damaged in an accident.

Continuing concern was expressed in relation to the lack of a footpath from Magna Grove and the issues of residents walking through a gap in the fence. There was also concern regarding the danger relating to a drain that a child could easily fall into.

The clerk would contact Highways to see if anyone could meet with Mr Sharp, Mrs Ross and Mrs Smith on site to explain the issues.

St Nicholas Road

Mr Howes reported that there was an issue with the bin lorries getting into St Nicholas Road and that this had caused damage to the kerbing and grass verge. The clerk would report this to Wellingborough Norse to see if they could arrange to get this repaired.

Yellow lining Church Lane

The road markings in Church Lane had been there for a number of years and needed some maintenance work carrying out on them. The clerk would report to street doctor.

Cut Throat Lane

It was noted that there was a lot of gravel at the bottom of the lane travelling to the hardwater crossroads that could be a danger. The clerk would contact street doctor about this.

Street lighting replacement lamps

The clerk reported that Aylesbury Lighting had started to put in the trial lamps in John Gray Road. They were of differing types to see which local residents preferred. This would be monitored and reviewed.

Household Waste Recycling Centre at Wollaston

The clerk reported on a letter received from the chief executive of the council. The borough was looking for partners amongst parish councils to assist with the funding of the above centre. Wollaston Parish council was keen for the centre to remain open and had volunteered £5,000 of funding along with Wellingborough Norse who had contributed £10,000.

Parish Councillors discussed this in detail and whilst agreeing that the centre was useful and convenient, there were other alternative centres nearby which could be used. As parish council funding was required

for a number of projects this year it was decided that in this financial year Great Doddington would not offer any funding.

Tree in Amenity Garden

The clerk had contacted MB Tree Surgery who had visited the site and was awaiting a formal quotation.

16/21 PLANNING ISSUES

135 The Ridge Great Doddington

There were no objections.

Mrs Ross had also provided a list of planning applications from May 2015 to April 2016.

16/22 FINANCE

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Glason Uk Limited Dog bin and post (1330)	324.13
Towergate Insurance for gardening team (1331)	404.35
A-On Annual Insurance 1332)	1030.60
Lee Brothers – fencing hardstanding (1333)	3960.23
Wellingborough Norse Ltd Grounds Maintenance (1334)	918.00
Great Doddington United Reformed Church Chiropody 12 @ £16.00 (1335)	192.00
Great Doddington United Reformed Church Meetings 10 @ £16.00 (1336)	160.00

16/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Wicksteed Inspection

The clerk reported that Wicksteed had carried out the annual inspection and she would include this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Playground area

Mrs Sharp reported that she and a group of parents were setting up a properly constituted group to see what independent funding they could obtain via grants etc. She would regularly report back to the parish council.

Footpath TB15

The clerk reported that a Temporary Closure Order had been made on TB15.

Dog Bin for The Ridge

The clerk reported that she was in possession of the dog bin and would ask Mr Puttnam if he would be able to install it.

Christmas tree for Amenity Garden

There was some interesting in installing a Christmas tree in the amenity garden and a request had been made to see if this was possible.

The parish council couldn't see that this would be an issue and felt it would be very festive.

Costings and discussions regarding electricity supply would be needed.

Football Hut

Mr Howes would be looking into this further on behalf of the parish council and the clerk would forward relevant information to him.

Local Plan.

The clerk confirmed that one submission had been made and that a second one had been provided to her – produced by James Wilson. She would also make sure that this was submitted on behalf of the parish council.

Fencing at the hardstanding

Mr Crisp referred to the fencing work at the hardstanding and said there were a few bits that weren't correct. The clerk would speak to Lee Brothers and would await further instructions on completion before issuing them with a cheque for their invoice.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

Chairman