

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 8 June 2016 in the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington.

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

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

Apologies were received from Mr J Crisp and Mrs Griffiths.

16/24 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2016 were approved and signed. Refer to corrections.

16/25 DECLARATIONS

No declarations were made.

16/26 Presentation re: Housing Needs Survey

Borough Council representative Mr Swann attended the meeting and spoke in relation to the recent housing needs survey and the results thereof.

Parish councillors asked questions regarding timescales, exception sites, whether the properties would be all rental or shared ownership.

There was a need for 14 properties and before anything further could take place suggestions for potential sites would need to be considered.

16/27 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Magna Grove

The clerk reported that the damaged street sign had been reported to both the borough and county council with a request for urgent replacement of the same.

The Enhancement Gang had trimmed back the long grass at the entrance to Magna Grove to assist with the sight-line. There were many concerns about the danger of pedestrians trying to cross the road at this point. There were also concerns over the drain at Magna Grove and this would be monitored and Mrs Howard had reported this to the county council as being of concern.

St Nicholas Road

It was reported that the drain at the bottom of St. Nicholas Road was once again blocked. The clerk would report this.

16/28 POLICE MATTERS

There were no crime figures presented for this month.

16/29 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The financial statements and following invoices were approved:

E-On maintenance to 31 3 16 (1324)	364.51
NALC membership subs (1325)	451.48
E-On street lighting (1326)	2412.02
Aylesbury mains (1327)	1123.20
E R Davies – updating od website (1328)	20.00
R Garon – grasscutting (1329)	610.70

16/30 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Enhancement Gangs

The Enhancement Gang had visited the village and carried out as much work as they could and had also managed to cut by Magna Grove as previously reported. The clerk would write and thank them for the work they had done.

The grass-cutting throughout the village had been severely neglected this season and the clerk had reported this on three occasions. She had received a response from the county council saying this would be done within the next ten days so she would monitor this.

Tree in the amenity garden.

M & B Tree Surgeons had carried out an inspection and were ascertaining whether there was a tree preservation order on the tree before submitting their quotation.

Crematorium

The crematorium had now been handed over to the Borough Council and would be known as the Nene Valley Crematorium. It was anticipated that this would be in operation in late August/early September and that open days would be held in July for the public and parish council.

Wollaston Recycling Centre

The clerk referred to correspondence received from the Chief executive asking if the parish council would be prepared to assist with a donation to funding the above.

Whilst it was agreed that this was a useful facility it was actually a county council function which the parish felt that they didn't wish to divert funding to as at the current time the parish council had other priorities, such as street lighting.

The clerk would notify the borough council of this decision.

Street Lighting John Gray Road

It was reported that the residents in John Gray Road were very pleased with the new street lighting. Before the next meeting in July parish councillors would take a look at the lighting and see which gave the best light so we can assess our budgets and move the street lighting programme forward.

Local Plan

The consultation had now finished on the local plan and this would be the subject of a report to the Development Committee in September 2016.

The Football Hut

Mr Howes reported that he had spoken with Mr Digby and Mr Law regarding a surrender of the Lease. He had advised them that they needed to write a letter which all the trustees needed to sign and instruct solicitors to move the surrender forward. The important factor was that the football hut needed to be insured which only the trustees could do.

Fencing around the recreation ground

It was agreed that Mr Puttnam be asked to carry out the work after the summer and to remove the wire fencing.

Play Area – lottery funding

Mrs Sharp reported that her and other parents from the school had set up a committee to fund raise for the replacement of the play equipment. This would enable other forms of funding to be applied for.

She would report back regularly with developments.

The clerk also confirmed that a formal application had been submitted to the Stanton Cross developers.

Wicksteed Playground - Annual Inspection

The clerk reported on the findings of the annual inspection and this would be discussed further at the meeting in July.

Dog Bin

The clerk was in possession of the dog bin and Mr Puttnam had agreed to install it in the near future.

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Next meeting

The clerk confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 20 July 2016.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.