

## **GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 2 September 2015 in the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington.

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

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk), two parishioners and PCSO Hurst.

Apologies were received from Mrs Griffith and Mr Howes.

### **15/29 PLANNING ISSUES**

#### **Planning application WP/15/00354/FUL – 12 Goodens Lane**

This had been approved by the borough council.

#### **Land Earls Barton Road**

There were no further developments with this matter.

The chairman allowed the parishioners in attendance to update the parish council on similar speculative applications in Bozeat and Irchester.

### **15/30 POLICE ISSUES**

PCSO Hurst attended the meeting and confirmed that no crimes had been recorded for the month of August. During July there had been seven incidents of violence four in one family and three in another family. These had both been isolated domestic incidents.

### **15/31 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July were approved as a true record.

### **15/32 DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations made.

### **15/33 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

#### **Bramble hedge near to the Crematorium**

The clerk had reported this to Street Doctor, however, it appeared that these had not yet been cut back. She would chase this up.

#### **Car High Street**

The car with flat tyres had been removed by the owner.

#### **Hedge, Hardwater Road**

The clerk had reported this to Street Doctor but visibility was still poor and it was not known if any remedial work had been carried out. The clerk would chase this with highways as a matter of urgency.

**Grass verge near allotments in Goodens Lane**

The grass verge had been cut, but not particularly well. The clerk would raise this with highways as a complaint.

**Footpaths, Earls Barton Road**

The clerk had reported this to Street Doctor but to date no action had been taken. This would be monitored and a reminder sent if nothing had been progressed by the next meeting.

**Roundabout near to Tesco, Turnells Mill Lane**

The clerk had raised the concern about the capability of the roundabout once Stanton Cross was developed with highways and been informed that highway improvement works had been included as part of the planning permission for the Stanton Cross development.

**Seat in churchyard**

Mr Sharp confirmed that this was being progressed.

**Tennis Court/Hardstanding**

The clerk had asked A1 Fencing to provide a quotation for the required repairs.

**Overhanging branches at 1-3 The Ridge**

The branches were obscuring the light from the lamp and had been reported to the clerk as an issue. The clerk had contacted Street Doctor to ask for them to be cut back.

**15/34 FINANCES**

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Auditing Solutions	390.00
Audit services (1498)	
E-On Electricity lighting (1499)	2408.90
DATS print services	
Newsletter(1500)	470.00
Mr R Garon	
Grasscutting	632.72
Mrs C A Mundy	
Salary/Accommodation fee(1501)	803.80
Mr E R Davies	
Website Hosting (1502)	76.04

**15/35 ANY OTHER BUSINESS****Newsletter**

Mr Taschini was thanked for his hardwork on the production of the newsletter.

### **Football Hut**

It was agreed that a surrender of the lease be progressed and that the clerk engage solicitors to deal with this.

Some information had been found which evidenced that funding had been given by the Football Foundation to Great Doddington Football Club for new changing facilities in 2002. This therefore appeared to indicate that the Football Club owned the football hut. Further enquires would be made of the Football Foundation in this regard.

### **Recreation ground**

Some fire damage had happened to the surface of one of the benches which had been believed to be damage proof. The clerk would write to the company who installed it to see if this was a fault with the design.

Graffiti in the play tunnel - it was reported that there was graffiti in the play tunnel. Mrs Smith volunteered to take a look and clean it.

Double gate leading from the playground – this needed urgent repair and Mr Puttnam had carried out a repair and would submit an invoice in due course.

### **Police Commissioner**

The clerk reported that the Police Commissioner Adam Simmonds had cancelled his meeting with the chairman. This would be rearranged.

### **Street Lamps**

The parish councillors all agreed that the preferred lamp was the LED one, an example of which had been placed on street lamp 7 The Ridge. Investigations would be made to see if this could be sourced any cheaper before a decision was made on where to order the lamps from.

The clerk reported that a number of street lamps were out, all of which had been reported. Indications had been received, when previously reported, that some of the lamps were now beyond repair and would need replacing. The following lamps were those that we were aware of:

12 John Gray Road	- repaired and should be working
19 John Gray Road	- has been repaired but recommended for replacement
40 John Gray Road	- timer is out by 12 hours – should now be correct
The Square/Drs Lane	
Near to bus stop	- repaired and should be working
125 The Ridge	- repaired and in full working order
10 Glenfield Drive	- repaired and in full working order
79 Earls Barton Road	- repaired and in full working order
The Ridge	- Lamps 1, 2, 7 and 9 all need replacing plus 4 others.

### **Street lighting electricity supply**

The clerk reported on the large increase in the cost of street lighting supply. She had made enquiries of other providers but these had proved to be higher than the current supplier who had not increased costs for some nine years and was still very competitive. The supplier had, however, recommended that it would be more cost effective for the parish council to move to a contract tariff and it was agreed that this would be done for a 12 month period back dated to 1 September 2015. The clerk would diary this for discussion in April 2016 to ensure that the best possible price could be obtained for electricity after September 2016. She also commented that with the upgrading of the lamps costs would be reduced.

### **Paddock adjacent to 19 Lower Street water seepage**

The chairman had received an email from the owners of the above property regarding some issues they were having with a water logged paddock. Their investigations with Anglian Water had indicated that the leak was a natural leak and not mains water. The clerk had referred this to the council and their investigations had indicated that this was likely to be a natural spring as the property was on the spring line. Seemingly springs like this often appear and disappear on valley slopes. If the water tank referred to was on the landowners land this would be their own responsibility to repair if tree roots had caused damage.

### **Pub Car park**

It was reported that there were a number of empty paint cans at the car park of the Stag which needed to be disposed of. The clerk would contact the publican about this.

### **Car parked on path in High Street**

It was reported that a car had been seen on a number of occasions parked over the footpath causing an obstruction which prevented pram or wheelchair users from passing. This would be monitored.

### **Footpath through The Spinney**

A request was made for the NCC to carry out an inspection of the safer routes to school footpath through the spinney to ensure the trees were safe and there were no issues with branches.

### **Speeding along The Ridge and generally**

The clerk reported on correspondence received in relation to continuing speeding along The Ridge. The parish council always had speeding as an issue and the speed vans attended the village as frequently as they could. This would continue to be monitored and raised as an issue. There had been discussions over traffic calming through the centre of the village but surveys had indicated to the highway authority that there was no need. The clerk would ask the highway authority if they could carry out an up to date survey.

### **Housing Needs Survey**

The clerk had received a request from Yvonne Markie at the Council to attend the next meeting to discuss the way forward for a housing needs survey as it had been over five years since the last one.

Parish Councillors commented that if there was a need for any further housing needs survey that it would indicate the necessity for more bungalows particularly suitable for elderly people as this would free up homes that would be more suitable for families.

The clerk would ask her to attend for no more than 15 minutes at the beginning of the next meeting.

**Health and Safety** - no issues were raised.

### **15/36 Next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 7 October 2015 at 7.30pm.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

