

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 7 May 2014 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr C Davies (Chairman), Mr J Sharp (Vice-Chairman) Mr J Crisp, Mrs J Griffiths, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross, Mrs S Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

Also present, Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk), Borough Councillor B Graves and 1 Parishioner.

Apologies were received from Mr K Howes and County Councillor Bell.

14/13 Election of Chairman for 2014-15

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mrs Griffiths 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 2014-15.

14/14 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2014-15

It was proposed by Mrs S Sharp and seconded by Mrs Smith 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 2014-15.

14/15 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

14/16 POLICE ISSUES

Nothing had been reported and no crime statistics had been received.

14/17 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Bus Stop Sign - the clerk reported that she had received communication from Stagecoach to say that this had been forwarded to the Highways department of the County Council and that the request had been added to the yearly programme for replacement bus signs. No date had been given as to when the bus stop sign would be replaced.

Traffic volume and speed - the clerk had written to Mrs Howard to ask for traffic calming measures to be implemented through the village. Mrs Howard had confirmed that once the work at the Wilby Way roundabout had been completed there would be a traffic survey carried out through Great Doddington and then any decisions over traffic calming would be made.

Litter on the A45 – Wellingborough Norse had carried out the clean-up of the A45 at a cost of £10,000.

Footpath in High Street and Safer routes to school footpath -

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from a local resident who used a mobility scooter; he had written with his concern over the footpath leading from High Street to the Stags Head and the poor state of it, which made it difficult for him to use. He also mentioned that his alternative route was to use the safer routes to school footpath but that the kissing gate prohibited this use as a mobility scooter could not access it. He had also spoken to another user of a mobility scooter who was also experiencing the same problems. He had also asked whether a bus shelter was to be placed in the square heading to Earls Barton.

Members discussed the concerns. The footpath in High Street was quite narrow and at differing levels, the parish council was not sure if anything could be done to improve this as this was the way it was constructed but would seek advice from the county council as highway authority. The safer routes to school kissing gate would also be referred to the county council to see if an alternative gate could be fitted to enable easier access to the footpath.

With regard to the bus shelter a decision had been taken not to erect a shelter because of issues with the location near to the frontage of people's houses and because of the cost. The clerk would notify Mr Basson of this.

14/18 PLANNING ISSUES

Wilby Lane – Extension

Mr Ross said that he was not receiving notification of applications and had located this on the council planning portal. The information and plans had been of poor quality which had made it difficult to give an adequate response. It was considered, however, that subject to the neighbours not making any adverse objections that no objections be raised by the parish council.

Mr C Davies declared an interest on the following item.

47 High Street

An application had been received for solar panels. This was a Grade II listed building. There were no objections, subject to there not being any restrictions being placed on listed buildings.

Wellingborough Plan

The clerk informed the parish council that its representations had been forwarded to Mrs Bateman at the Council and she had added them to the ones she had already received. The Plan would be out for full consultation in the autumn, when further details would be available and full representations would be able to be made.

Mr Ross highlighted reference to a proposal for land in Wellingborough to be turned into housing, this appeared to indicate that it would be at the Wyevale Garden Centre, this would be monitored.

14/19 FINANCES

The financial details were received and the following accounts were approved for payment:

Wellingborough Norse	
Grounds maintenance (1443)	918.00
E-On	
Street lighting (1444)	1802.68
E-On	
Lighting maintenance (1445)	364.51
NALC – subscription (1446)	252.85
Towergate Insurance	337.70
Gardening Team (1447)	
AON – Annual Insurance (1488)	1648.42
Mrs C A Mundy	
Salary and Accommodation fee (1449)	786.90

14/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Crematorium

Councillor Graves updated the parish council on the work of the Crematorium Advisory Group. A planning application would be submitted for 1 chamber and 1 chapel. There would be an option in future years to extend this to provide more capacity if required.

Prison Site

Councillor Graves clarified that there was no further information about the future of the prison site. He was aware that an outline planning application had been received for development but there was no further information.

Magna Grove - Asra Housing had now taken over the site and residents would be moving in from 8 May 2014. There was some concern that there was no footpath from the site, residents had to cross

the road and this was deemed to be extremely dangerous with the speed of the traffic.

A meeting would be arranged with Asra Housing, borough and county councillors, parish councillors and the county council to discuss this further.

Spring-clean - the spring-clean would take place over the weekend of 17 May with everyone meeting at the Memorial Hall at 11am.

The clerk had asked Wellingborough Norse to deliver bags etc. to the Chairman's home and if any excess rubbish was left at the side of the road they would collect.

Keep off the grass sign - this had been stolen. It was agreed that this would not be replaced.

Basketball Net - the clerk had contacted various suppliers regarding replacing the basketball net and had been informed that nets were no longer used. She had found nets on the internet but this would mean that they would need to be fitted. She asked for further instruction. Mrs Griffiths who had made the original request would consider this and report back to the next meeting.

Allotments - more chippings had been delivered outside the allotment gates. When approached and asked why the chippings were being placed outside the allotment the driver of the vehicle had said that he had been told to put them there. The clerk would write to the Secretary Stephanie Gillett to see if an alternative could be agreed.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

Chairman