

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 2nd March 2011 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Mr I Bowers (Chairman), Mr J Sharp (Vice-Chairman) Mr J Crisp, Mrs K McLester, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross and Mrs C Mundy (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Mr C Davies, Mrs J Griffiths and Mr K Howes.

10/63 Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

10/64 Declarations

RESOLVED to note that the following declarations were made:

Min 10/65 –

Mr I Bowers potential future sites for development may be on land owned by him.

Mr J Crisp potential land for development was adjacent to his home.

Min 10/68 – Planning application for removal of hedgerow

Mr I Bowers – Farms the land.

10/65 Presentation – Affordable Housing

Mrs Ela Goodall and Mrs Joanne Richardson attended the meeting to present the findings of the 'Housing Needs Survey' carried out of village residents in 2010.

There had been a good response to the survey and the findings had shown that there was a 'need' for up to 10 flats. Mrs Richardson explained that the 'flats' would actually be 2 bedroomed and would look like small houses with a garden area to the rear and the front. There would be 2 parking spaces and a driveway. All builds would be of a very high standard with eco-friendly facilities to ensure low running costs.

The property would be owned by the housing association and a tenant would be able to purchase between 25 and 85 % renting the remainder of the property from the housing association. For a tenant to be entitled to a property they would need to have a connection to the village. They would also be on the housing list. When tenants moved on a future tenants would also need to have a connection to the village such as they worked in the village or lived within 5 miles or had an association with the village.

The first thing to do was to carry out a Ward Walk to see what land was potentially available for development. It was agreed that this be undertaken on Wednesday 6th April at 10 am to meet at the Memorial

Hall. Prior to the commencement of any development a further survey would be undertaken to find out if there was still a housing 'need'.

RESOLVED that a Ward Walk be held at 10 am on Wednesday 6th April 2011.

10/66 Police Issues

The crime reports for the month were as follows:

2 incidents of criminal damage; damage caused by a wheelie bin in High Street; 1 of domestic violence.

A query was also raised about the Kia Sedona parked near to the shop. The vehicle had not moved for some time and was up for sale. It was deemed to be a problem as other vehicles were tending to park on the grass verge on the opposite side of the road, creating problems with the verge. The Chairman knew the owner of the vehicle and said he would contact him to see if he could move it. It was considered that if it was taxed it could legally be parked on the highway and there would be little that legally could be done about it.

10/67 Highways

Lamp outside 49 The Ridge

It was reported that the lamp was not working.

Potholes

The clerk reported that she had informed the County Council about the potholes along The Ridge, Earls Barton Road and Glenfield Drive and asked that they be put on the urgent list to be repaired.

Tree roots along Earls Barton Road

The clerk had reported the tree roots infringing the footpath in Earls Barton Road and highlighted the potential danger to footpath walkers and asked that the County Council carry out an inspection..

Pavement sweeper

The clerk had contacted the Borough Council and the pavement sweeper had visited the village. The Council had informed her that the sweeper would visit the village three times per annum.

Village Triangle repairs to wall

Two quotations had been received for the full repairs to the wall both for a considerable amount of money. It was agreed that due to the high cost this would not be funded at the current time though it was agreed that this would be considered in the future. The clerk would also ask County Councillor Blackwell if he had any Empowering Councillor funding available for after April that he would be prepared to use to assist in the funding of this project.

Wytch Elm Tree

The Chairman reported that he would shortly be making a start on the cutting back of the Wytch Elm tree.

10/68 Planning Issues

Removal of hedgerow - No objections.

10/69 Finance and Accounts for Payment

The monthly statement and following accounts for payment were approved:

Wicksteed Repairs to play equipment	1443.72
Mrs C A Mundy Salary December and January	525.00
M Kerlin Grasscutting, shelter and dog bins	435.00
Mrs C A Mundy Salary February and March	525.00
E-On Repairs to lamp 53 29 John Gray Road	65.69
Auditing Solutions Ltd Internal Audit	317.25

10/70 Any other business

Public lamp 8 – outside 21 The Ridge

The Clerk reported on the repairs that were required to be made to the above lamp in the sum of £274.95. The clerk had received correspondence from a company named Outdoor Lighting Solutions and she would approach them to see if they could provide a quote to see if this was any cheaper. This would be reported back to the next meeting.

10/71 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.
Next meeting 6th April 2011 at 7.30 pm

Chairman.....

