

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 6th April 2011 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Mr J Sharp (Chairman) Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly,
Mr I Ross and Mrs C Mundy (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Mr I Bowers, Mrs J Griffiths and Mrs K
McLester.

11/01 Approval of the Minutes

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

11/02 Declarations

There were none.

11/03 Matters Arising

Wall at Village Triangle

Mr Kelly informed the meeting that he was aware of a local handyman
who he thought may be able to carry out remedial works to the wall. If
there was a desire he could ask him to provide a quotation.

Agreed that if a quote could be provided for some interim work to be
carried out this would be useful and worth considering.

11/04 Police Issues

It was reported that there had been one incident of criminal damage
and 1 Burglary in Church Lane.

The next Community Panel would meet on 20th April which Mr Kelly
would attend. Mr Howes suggested that the issue of potential anti
social behaviour be raised at the recreation ground now that the nights
were lighter and warmer.

A request had also been received for funding from the Parish Council
for the calibration of the speed gun, due to a cut in police budgets. The
request was considered a decision made not to make a contribution.

11/05 Highways

Telegraph pole in High Street

A telegraph pole had been erected without consultation next to the new
lamp in High Street. A notice had been placed on the pole asking that
BT be contacted if there was a problem. A draft letter of objection had

been written as the pole was casting a shadow where the light fell.
The Clerk would report the response in due course.

Potholes

Mr Kelly reported that some of the potholes had been filled in but not all. These would be monitored.

11/06 Planning Issues

Listed Building Consent Manor Farm

No objection.

John Gray Road

Two storey extension to the rear - No objection.

23 High Street

A revised plan had been submitted in relation to the positioning of the garage. This had been removed and repositioned to the front of the site. This therefore retained a view of the valley.

The majority of Councillors were pleased with the re-siting though there was still some concern over the pitch of the roof. A site viewing was still recommended.

11/07 Finance and Accounts for Payment

The monthly statement and following accounts for payment were approved:

Borough Council of Wellingborough	
Maintenance of Recreation ground	885.88
United Reformed Church	
Rent 1 4 09 – 31 3 10	110.00
1 4 10 – 31 3 11	100.00
Chiropody	
1 4 09 – 31 3 10	120.00
1 4 10 – 31 3 11	120.00
NALC - Annual Subscription	221.42
A-On Annual Insurance	1633.92
E-On lighting charge	1815.19
Mr M Kerlin	
Grasscutting March	235.00

11/08 Any other business

Cutting of Recreation Ground

The recreation ground had been cut extremely well and the clerk was asked to send an acknowledgement to the Borough Council.

Swings

It was considered that the swings needed to be replaced as soon as possible. The Chairman had received a quote from Playdale and the Clerk from Reids but neither were a like for like quote to Wicksteeds. The Clerk would pursue this and consult with the Parish Council as to which was the best value for money and get the swings returned to Ian Bowers at the farm.

Gardening Team

Mrs Newsome had contacted the Chairman to ask if the teams annual allocation remained at £1,000. It was agreed that as the team seldom used the full allocation a reduction would be made to £750 per annum.

Affordable Housing

The Ward Walk had taken place. Two landowners had offered land and one was a 'preferred site'. The Borough Council and Rural Housing Association would approach landowners and would in due course let us know developments.

Parking Issues Earls Barton Road

The Clerk was asked to write to the occupiers of 10 Earls Barton Road and ask them not to park on the grass as this had damaged the bulbs that had been planted.

11/09 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to commence at 7 pm on Wednesday 11th May 2011.

Chairman.....