

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 13th January 2010 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr I Bowers (Chairman), Mr J E Sharp (Vice-Chairman), Mr C Davies, Mrs J Griffiths, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly and Mr I Ross.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy, Clerk and Borough Councillor Barry Graves.

Apologies were received from Mr J Crisp and Mrs K McLester.

09/67 Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2009 were approved.

09/68 MATTERS ARISING

Issues with the snow.

The Parish Council was pleased with the way that the main roads had been gritting giving parishioners access to Earls Barton, Wellingborough and the A45. There was some concern that the side roads hadn't been gritted and that the salt bins hadn't been replenished on a more regular basis. However, it was noted that people had been using the salt from the bins to clear their own drives and roads.

The Clerk would continue to press for the salt bins that had been removed to be replaced as a matter of urgency, particularly at Goodens Lane and Glenfield Drive.

Central Networks

Because of the weather there had been a delay in completing the work. Asbestos had been found near to the slope in Church Lane and whilst not a danger to parishioners, meant that the workers had to be properly equipped to deal with it.

It was reported that the lamps that had been installed appeared to be different to the existing ones. The Clerk would contact Doug Millard about this.

Iron Bridge

Enquiries about ownership had been fruitless. The Parish Council would continue to make further enquiries.

09/69 DECLARATIONS

There were none.

08/70 POLICE ISSUES

The following incidents had been reported:

Distraction burglary Earls Barton Road.

Wilby Lane theft of motor vehicle.

Parcel taken from a porch along The Ridge which had been opened and located further along The Ridge.

08/71 HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Conservation Officer had suggested a traffic management plan for the conservation area.

Parish Councillors suggested the idea of roundabouts at Wilby Lane and Glenfield Drive as it was often very difficult for residents to leave these streets because of the volume of traffic.

The clerk would pass this suggestion to the Borough Council and ask how things were progressing.

Grass cutting

The County Council had asked if we wished to carry out our own cutting.

Resolved that the County Council be asked to continue with the grass cutting.

Road Closure Hardwater Crossing

There had been an order for a road closure for 12th January but due to the inclement weather this had been put off. The Clerk would ask the County when this was scheduled for as this had implications for a considerable number of parishioners.

08/72 PLANNING

7 Frost Court

A site viewing had been held and the recommendation was for refusal by the Borough Council.

23 High Street

Plans had been submitted for 2 dwellings on the site without garages. There was no objection to these but the Parish Council asked if a condition could be added excluding the building of garages in the future.

Wall in 23 High Street

There was no objection to the removal and re-siting of the wall.

08/73 PRECEPT FOR 2010/11

The Clerk had prepared income and expenditure accounts and a projection for the expenditure for next financial year taking this year's expenditure into account.

It was proposed by Mr Ross and seconded by Mr Davies that the precept be for the sum of £22,000 for 2010/11.

An amendment to this proposal was made to reduce this to £20,000. On being put to the vote there were 3 votes in favour of the amendment and 3 against.

On the casting vote of the Chairman the proposal to precept for £22,000 was resolved.

08/74 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following invoices were approved for payment along with the monthly budget statement:

E-On	
Street Lighting Maintenance to 31 12 09	352.48
BDO Stoy Hayward	
Year end accounts	218.50
Isams (E R Davis)	
Website hosting	34.43

The audit had been concluded by BDO Stoy Hayward with a recommendation that the fidelity guarantee be increased to cover parish council balances and that the outstanding cheque (for Currys) be written off.

Agreed that the clerk be instructed to deal with these two items.

08/75 BOROUGH COUNCIL ISSUES AND WARD FUNDS

Councillor Graves made reference to his ward support monies of £500 available for use within the parish. It was suggested that the memorial Hall may be assisted by this money. The clerk would contact Mr Hancock and see if they required any assistance and get back to Councillor Graves. There was also empowering councillor funding available from County Councillor Blackwell should the football club wish to apply to him for funding for goal posts.

08/76 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pensioners Lunch

Resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Crisp for her hard work organising the pensioners lunch.

Old lamps

Mr Howes asked if the old lamps could be utilised elsewhere in the village. Mr Bowers would make some enquiries about this.

08/77 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Next meeting to be held on 10th February 2010.

Chairman.....