

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 5th May 2010 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr I Bowers, Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mrs J Griffiths, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross and Mr J Sharp.

Also present, Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk) and 2 Parishioners.

Apologies: Mrs K McLester.

10/05 Appointment of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Mr Sharp and seconded by Mr Ross that Mr Bowers be Chairman for the municipal year 2010-11. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that Mr I Bowers be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for 2010-11.

10/06 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr Ross proposed Mr J Sharp and this was seconded by Mrs Griffiths. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that Mr J Sharp be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2010-11.

10/07 Approval of the Minutes.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2010 be approved and signed as a true record.

10/08 Matters Arising

Victorian Lamps

The lamps still needed to be painted. The Clerk had contacted Mr Milleard who confirmed that this should have been done. He would chase up the contractors to ensure this was given priority.

Telegraph Pole Church Lane

Reference was made to the telegraph pole that was no longer required and located in Mr Denton's garden in Church Lane. British Telecom

would be contacted to see if they could remove the pole and arrange for the telephone line to the school to be provided in an alternative way.

If this was agreed a new lamp would be needed at the bottom of the slope in Church Lane.

Gravelling of footpaths
This had been completed.

Gardening Issues

The Chairman allowed Mrs Newsome to address the meeting. She commented on the Bank – stones had come to the surface, the gardening team had sown grass-seed but Mrs Newsome thought this was connected to the Central Networks work and wondered if they could be asked to return to look at this.

It was concluded that as this was a minor issue it would not seem practical to ask Central Networks to return.

Planters

Mrs Newsome said she would arrange to plant the planters for the summer but that they would need to be repaired in the Autumn.

Ironbridge

Information had been obtained that the County Council would be replacing the ironbridge.

10/09 Police Matters

Information from the Police showed that there had been 11 incidents 4 of which had been criminal damage.

There was to be a new method of reporting and the Parish Council would monitor this.

The Police priorities for the following 3 months were to tackle the speeding issues through the village.

10/10 Highway Matters

Potholes

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had reported a number of potholes along the main roads through the village to Street Doctor.

Parish Enhancement Gangs

The Clerk had compiled a list of 'jobs' that need addressing if there was anything else that anyone noticed whilst walking through the village, she should be contacted to add it to the list.

10/11 Accounts and Financial Items

The following accounts were approved for payment along with the financial statement:

Nalc Membership	220.28
E-On Street lighting	1 778.61
Aon Annual Insurance	1 483.74
C A Mundy Salary/Acc. Fee April/May	525.06
Marc Kerlin – Grasscutting	265.00
Towergate Gardening Insurance	340.75
Great Doddington Heritage Group donation	100.00
Mr S Mason composter	480.00

10/12 Projects

Water Supply to Cemetery and Churchyard

A quotation had been received for the supply of water to the cemetery and churchyard for £480. The water supply would be provided via the Church and the Church would pay for ongoing costs.

Agreed that the parish council would fund the work.

10/13 Any Other Business

Crossing Point

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from a local resident in relation to a recent incident when he was crossing at the lowered kerb crossing near to Lower Street. A speeding vehicle had suddenly appeared from the Earls Barton direction and very nearly knocked him over, leaving him very shaken. Had he not been so able bodied he believed there could have been a serious accident.

Consideration was given to whether there was any possibility of installing a traffic light controlled crossing at this point. Consideration was also given to whether it would be possible to get rid of the crossing point. It was thought that this would be impractical as people would cross wherever they wished.

Parked Vehicle Earls Barton Road/Wilby Lane

A car continued to be parked on the corner of Earls Barton Road and Wilby Lane obliterating drivers views when turning right. The Clerk would write to the owner of the vehicle and ask him to park more considerately and away from the junction. This would be copied to PC Elliott Lee who said he would be able to help if he had the registration number of the vehicle.

Ward Support

The Clerk reminded the meeting of monies available from County Councillor Blackwell and Borough Councillor Graves from their empowering councillors funding and ward support funding. Both had funding available for village projects. It was suggested that Mrs Newsome contact Councillor Blackwell for funding for the supply of the water as detailed above and that Mr Howes contact Councillor Graves and Blackwell for assistance with the funding of the football goal posts.

Lawnmower

Mr Sharp highlighted that there would probably be a need for a replacement mower next year. Repairs were required which the Parish Council would fund this year.

Churchyard Grasscutting

Mrs Newsome asked if the number of cuts of the churchyard could be increased and that the grasscuttings be placed in the composter rather than left on the ground.

Following a discussion it was thought that it would be impractical for the grasscutter to collect the grasscuttings or use a box on the front of the mower due to time constraints and the layout of the churchyard. The Parish Council would be unable to pay for additional cuts. However, should the gardening team wish to pay for additional cuts from their own budget they could do so should Mr Kerlin be able to fit such cuts around the current programme. The gardening team would consider this suggestion.

10/14 Close of meeting

There being no further business the Cairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Chairman