

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 9 May 2012 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

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

12/06 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 Mrs Smith that Mr C Davies be appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2012-13. On being put to the vote the motion was carried and Mr Davies accepted the position.

RESOLVED that Mr C Davies be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for 2012-13.

12/07 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr Crisp 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 2012-13.

12/08 Approval of the Minutes.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved and signed as a true record.

12/09 Police Issues

P C Elliott Lee attended for this item. He reported on 2 recent crimes, one had been when a lady had fallen having thought she was about to be attacked by a dog and the firing of airgun/shotgun at Summerlee Park.

The anti-social behaviour experienced earlier in the year did not appear to have been repeated and frequent police patrols had taken place.

12/10 Matters arising

Underground Cabling

The work had now been completed and Western Power only had to complete the replacement of the golden gravel in High Street where the cabling had been replaced.

Highway maintenance issues

The clerk confirmed that she had reported problems with potholes at drains in High Street and The Ridge. Mr Kelly reported that there were continuing problems in Glenfield Drive which himself and his neighbours constantly reported to Street Doctor. The clerk would also report these.

Village Planters

It was agreed that the village planters would be 'patched-up' to enable them to be planted for the summer.

Bus Service

Following considerable correspondence, the clerk had received confirmation from Stagecoach that from July they would be reintroducing the early morning bus service through the village.

12/11 Accounts and Financial Items

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

E-On Energy 1 1 12 to 13 3 12	1819.57
Mrs C A Mundy Salary	524.60
Wellingborough Norse	
Grounds Maintenance	918.00
AON Insurance Policy	1679.54
Towergate Insurance for Gardening Team	346.50
Mrs C A Mundy – Salary/accommodation fee	786.90
NALC – annual subscription	233.31
E-ON maintenance 30/3/12	364.51

12/12 Any Other Business

Jubilee Celebrations

The Chairman updated the parish council on the events to be held for the jubilee celebrations. There would be a calypso steel band, Morris dancing, entertainment for the children, a lunch for the over 70's would be held on the Saturday. The beacon would be lit at 10.15pm at the club. The road closure had been confirmed and insurance was in place.

Cemetery Policy

The clerk reported that she had received a number of phone calls from the family of a recently purchased plot at the cemetery. There was a family dispute over what could or couldn't be placed on a grave. The church had a policy for the churchyard but the parish council did not have a policy as this would be extremely difficult to enforce. There had also not been any previous issues. The clerk needed to know if the parish council wished a policy to be drawn up and what its requirements would be and also how this would be enforced.

Mr Sharp as a member of the PCC said he would obtain a copy of the policy for the churchyard and see if that could form a basis for a policy for the cemetery should it be needed.

12/13 Close of meeting

There being no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 13 June 2012 at 7.30pm.

Chairman