

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 8 May 2013 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Also present, Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk) County Councillor G Blackwell, Borough Councillor B Graves and 1 Parishioner.

Apologies were received from Mr K Howes and Borough Councillor Graves.

13/01 Welcome form the Chairman and Annual Report

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting and read his report on the activities for the year.

A favoured site for the affordable housing scheme was land opposite Glenfield Drive along Earls Barton Road. There would be a mix of propoerties including a bungalow with off street parking for 2 vehicles. People would need to have a connection with Great Doddington to be considered to live in them. Some concern had been raised over highway issues and regarding flooding from the fields which the developers believed could be alleviated.

Reference to the proposal to develop a crematorium on land located next to the prison. The parish council had listened with interest to the proposal and had submitted an objection due to the concern over highway issues. It was believed that even though there would only be up to 6 cremations a day that there would be a considerable increase in traffic. There were also concerns over the entrance which would be opposite the Merry Miller on the bend. The land had now been purchased by the borough council who were in the process of deciding what would be built. A presentation by Lark Energy had also been given to the parish council on a proposal to create a solar powered energy farm on the land adjacent to the crematorium site. A presentation was to be held for the parishioners to see what this would look like. A planning application was awaited.

Continuing complaints had been lodged with the county council about the numerous potholes around the village particularly the ones in Glenfield Drive. A new grit bin had been purchased for the corner of the High Street and Goodens Lane which would be replenished by the parish council.

Following damage to the seat in the amenity area a new seat had been installed. The parish council had also replaced the picnic benches at the recreation ground.

The parish council would no doubt continue to have a busy year with activities within the parish.

RESOLVED that the work of the Parish Council for 2012-13 be noted.

13/02 Report on the Poors Land Charity

Mr Sharp reported on the distribution of the Poors Land Charity funding for 2012-13.

Five book grants to students had been given totalling £250. The Great Doddington Jubilee Fund had also been given a grant of £500 to provide afternoon tea for the over 60's. Four luncheon clubs had been held which were frequently attended by between 50 and 60 people.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13/03 Report from Borough Councillor Graves

Councillor Graves had sent apologies for the meeting but had given a brief written resume of the work he had undertaken during the year, which the chairman read out.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13/04 REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor George Blackwell had retired as County Councillor. At the recent County Council election Councillor Paul Bell had been elected.

The parish council would invite him to attend a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the election of a new county councillor be noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm

Chairman