

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 4 April 2012 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington

Present: Mr J Sharp, (Acting Chairman), Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mrs S Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Griffith, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly and Mr I Ross.

11/54 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

11/55 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

11/56 POLICE MATTERS

Two police officers attended the meeting and updated the parish council on the problems that there had been during February in the churchyard and Wilby Way. The youths involved had been spoken with and the police had been making increased visits to the village.

They also updated the committee on the offences that had taken place during March which included criminal damage to a vehicle, a fraud connected to E-Bay, 1 drug offence, 1 theft from motor vehicle and 2 caravan break-ins.

The priorities for the next quarter remained the same as previously discussed and included antisocial behaviour, speeding and parking issues around schools.

11/57 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Lamp in High Street

A quotation for a new Victorian style lamp in High Street had been received and circulated to parish councillors following the underground cabling works which had been taking place in the High Street.

Parish Councillors discussed this and concluded that although this lamp would enhance the street scene, in the current financial climate the lamp should not be replaced.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken.

STREET LIGHTING

Maintenance

The Clerk had received confirmation from E-On that they would shortly be carrying out the maintenance work of the street lamps throughout the village.

Unmetered Electricity Supply

The Clerk reported that Mr Howes had produced an inventory of all the street lamps within the village. Parish Councillors reviewed this list and considered it to be accurate.

Undergrounding of Cables

The Chairman informed the meeting that the underground cabling was more or less completed and had been carried out extremely well with very little disruption.

Community Enhancement Gangs

The Clerk had received a request for items for the Community Enhancement Gang for the coming year to be submitted. This was formerly known as the Parish Enhancement Gang.

It was suggested that the following be requested:

Lopping back of the base of the Lime trees along Earls Barton Road; the tidying of the footpath between Top Farm and the playing field; pot holes throughout the village needed to be filled; a sign regarding dog fouling needed to be placed on the slope up to the Memorial Hall and a spring was required on the gate from Church Lane to the Memorial Hall.

11/58 PLANNING

New house on High Street

Work had commenced on the new property in the High Street. There had been some concern expressed about the height of the construction but this had been confirmed as being correct with the planning authority.

11/59 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts had been approved:

Mr R F Garon
Grasscutting

533.78

11/60 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Personal Interest Forms

The Clerk updated members on the requirement for personal interest forms to be completed and returned to her to pass onto the Monitoring Officer at the Borough Council. She would circulate these by email also should people wish to submit them on-line.

Bus Service

The Clerk reported that despite numerous attempts to contact Mr Burd at Stagecoach no reply had been received to the request for more 'work' friendly buses to be provided to residents. She would continue to pursue this.

Health and Safety

There were no issues raised.

11/61 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting and would be held on Wednesday 9 May 2012 and would commence at **7pm**.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman.....

