

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 2 April 2014 in the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr C Davies, (Chairman), Mr J Sharp, (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Crisp, Mr K Howes, Mr I Ross, Mrs A Smith and Mrs S Sharp.

(Apologies were received from Mrs J Griffiths and Mr D Kelly.)

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk), 1 parishioner and County Councillor Bell.

14/01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2014 were approved and signed as a true record.

14/02 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

14/03 POLICE MATTERS

Nothing was reported at this meeting.

RESOLVED that this be noted.

14/04 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Bus Stop sign, Earls Barton Road

The clerk had reported the missing sign to Stagecoach the bus operator and requested a new sign.

Trees in the Spinney

The clerk had received confirmation from the County Council that the trees through the spinney had been inspected and as far as they could tell it was safe for the safer routes to school to be used. They did, however, comment that the trees were the responsibility of the landowner and should be maintained by him should there be any concerns in the future.

Traffic volume and speed

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from two concerned residents, over the speed and volume of traffic using the village at peak times, requesting that consideration be given to a 20mph zone through the centre of the village.

Parish councillors discussed this and referred to the request for a zebra crossing and the proposal by Mrs Howard that once the work on the A45 had concluded that a traffic survey would be carried out.

The clerk would contact Mrs Howard regarding this additional request and ask if consideration could be given to a 20mph zone, chicanes or priority traffic signs and request that a general highway survey, regarding speed, be undertaken to see what options could be considered.

Litter on the A45

Concern was once again expressed regarding the excessive amount of litter that had accumulated on the A45. It was believed that a great deal was coming from the lorries travelling to the former Allibones site just off the A45 at Grendon Road. Parish Councillors were particularly concerned over the potential danger of the large pieces of plastic that were littered along the road blowing onto car windscreens. Wellingborough Norse were aware on this on-going problem and were liaising with Allibones requesting that they ensure that whatever they were transporting was covered properly.

The clerk also confirmed that Wellingborough Norse was carrying out a clean-up of the A45 during the night of 26 April.

30 mph sign

Mrs Sharp reported that one of the signs had in fact been cleaned but that the sign on the right had side coming into the village from Earls Barton had not been. The clerk would contact the County Council again about this.

Amenity Garden – Brown Bins

The gardening team had reported that the brown bins had disappeared from the amenity garden.

The clerk had contacted Wellingborough Norse and requested two further bins which would be delivered within the next 10 days or so.

Earls Barton Road/Frost Court

Mr Howes had kindly visited the site and cut back the bushes that were infringing the footpath. With regard to the verge it would be monitored to see how it looked after the first cut.

Hardwater Road Speed Limit

The clerk reported that a formal application had been submitted to Mrs Howard who would put this before the panel. A response would be expected sometime in the summer.

14/05 PLANNING ISSUES

No new planning applications had been received.

It was reported that the application for an extension at St Nicholas Road had been refused by the Borough Council.

With regard to the new planning portal, the clerk confirmed that she had spoken with the Interim Head of Planning and Development Control who had explained that there had been some problems with the portal but that these had now been sorted and access should be easier. Mr Ross clarified that he was still experiencing difficulties and asked that planning applications continue to be sent in hard copy. The clerk would pass this onto the borough council.

14/06 FINANCE

RESOLVED that the following invoices were approved for payment along with the statement of accounts:

Mr R F Garon – Grasscutting	524.43
Mrs C A Mundy – Salary/Accommodation fee	786.90

14/07 ANY OTHER ITEMS

Housing, Earls Barton Road

The clerk confirmed that the borough council had been unable to divulge who the new houses had been let to, but they had informed her that they all had a connection with Great Doddington.

The clerk also reported that she had received a phone call from Mr Morson who was complaining that his granddaughter had not been allocated a property. The clerk had explained to him the criteria with regard to housing need. If he had continuing issues his granddaughter would need to contact Keyways.

It was hoped that the properties would be ready for occupation in a few weeks. That there was normally an opening ceremony attended by the Mayor. The chairman asked that the child who had named the road be included, should any invitations be extended to the opening ceremony.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

Ivy on walls in Cemetery

Parish councillors had inspected the wall and the ivy growth and concluded that the ivy was on the Wellingborough Homes side of the wall. Concern was expressed that should the ivy be removed that it may pull the wall down with it. It was mentioned that previously James Musson had carried out some clearance work and that it may be a good idea to contact him. Further consideration would be given to this as part of the annual spring clean.

Playground and play equipment

County Councillor Bell was in attendance at the meeting and the clerk had enquired of him whether he would be able to assist with the purchase of play equipment from his councillor empowering fund. Councillor Bell was pleased to confirm that he would be happy to

provide some funding for this scheme and that he would forward the relevant forms to the clerk for completion.

Further consideration over the best equipment to put on the site would still need to be given before a definite decision was made.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the parish council be extended to County Councillor Bell and that the play equipment become a standing agenda item.

Street Lighting

Mr Crisp reported that the lamp outside 29 John Grey Road was now working.

Allotments at Goodens Lane

It was reported that the area had now been tidied up. It had been suggested to the allotment users that they make sure that anything to be used be placed inside the allotment area rather than outside. This would be monitored.

Prison Site

There was no further information on the future of the site.

Cemetery

County Councillor Bell informed the parish council that a working party had been set up by the borough council to discuss the future design of the cemetery to enable a planning application to be submitted. He was hopeful that the cemetery would be running by 2015.

Springclean 2014

It was agreed that the springclean would take place over the weekend of 17/18 May 2014. The clerk would let Wellingborough Norse know and ask if they could provide bags and arrange to collect.

Lamps near to the Merry Miller

The Chairman asked if there had been any further information on this. The clerk had confirmed that this had been referred to county councillor Graham Lawman and that he had informed her that he had been told that an alternative lamp had to be turned off to accommodate his request. This was on-going.

The Borough Plan

Reference was made to the consultation that was taking place on the borough plan with members asking what changes were proposed for Great Doddington. Prior to the parish council being able to make a response a request would be passed to the borough council for information to be provided in relation to this. Once this had been received the clerk would email everyone and if it was deemed necessary an additional meeting would be called to discuss the content of the plan.

RESOLVED that the clerk contact the Planning Officer at the Borough Council of Wellingborough in relation to this consultation.

14/08 Report by County Councillor Paul Bell

County Councillor Bell attended the meeting and reported on developments during his term of office to date. A copy of his report is appended to the minutes.

Members asked questions for the purpose of clarity, particularly around the delay to the completion of the work at the Wilby Way roundabout.

Unfortunately County Councillor Bell did not know what the cause of the delay was, as this project was being led by the Highways Agency and not the county council.

14/09 Next meeting

The next meeting would be the annual parish meeting starting at 7pm to be followed by the annual meeting of the parish council and would be held on **Wednesday 7 May 2014**.

- Mrs Smith asked that it be noted that her new address from 9 April 2014 would be 16 Goodens Lane, Great Doddington, NN29 7TY.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Earls Barton Division County Councillors Report 2013-2014

Division made up of the following Parishes

- Earls Barton
- Ecton
- Mears Ashby
- Sywell
- Great Harrowden
- Little Harrowden
- Hardwick
- Orlingbury
- Isham
- Redhill Grange
- Great Doddington
- Wilby

Issues within the division

- Visit Earls Barton Infant school and attended planning meeting school numbers in Earls Barton.
- Still have a problem with lighting in Compton way still trying to sort
- A number of issues with traffic and parking in the villages
- Attended public meeting with regard to Redrow developments I have received a number of letters etc which are noted at this stage.
- Tebbits Yard resurface of road request that parish council add to it urgent road repairs list
- School place problems Wilby.
- Attended public meeting in Wilby re parking and traffic problems in the village
- Attended parish council meetings Great Doddington, Wilby ,Mears Ashby, Ecton, Little Harrowden, Hardwick, Orlingbury, Earls Barton.

County councillors empowering fund

Provide fund the council request for speed sign

- Community changing rooms
- Attain a push bike for the CST based at the Earls Barton police station.
- Wellingborough rugby club
- help with long term pain.
- Foot path survey Orlingbury
- Provide part funding for new Gleneagles church.

County councillor work as assistance cabinet member

- Visit NCC county parks
- Midterm review of Library service and have start to visit the 36 libraries in the country
- Stake holder meeting at Chester Farm.
- Visit a number of libraries in the county
- Update on the NCC births Deaths and marriage, service

Other county councillor issues

- Isham by-pass getting funding.

