

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council
held on 16 February 2013 in the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington.**

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

An apology was received from Mr K Howes.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

12/80 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

12/81 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

12/82 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr M Lee of Lanchester Land and Planning Limited and Nr B Gilver of Northants Rural Housing Association attended the meeting.

They made reference to the Housing Needs survey that had been conducted in the village. The result of the survey had been that there was a proposal for 10 rental properties and 3 shared ownership properties. Five sites had been identified as being suitable for housing and it was proposed that site 4 in Earls Barton Road was the best option. This site was supported by planners and highways.

Mr Lee presented the plans of the development to the parish council and asked if there were any questions.

Members raised issues that a roundabout had originally been requested as Earls Barton Road due to the volume and speed of traffic using the road. Mr Lee said that the highway authority had not been keen to support a roundabout and had considered that the junction as sited was the best option. Members felt that traffic calming measures should be included to slow the traffic down. Other concerns were raised regarding drainage from the field. The owner of the property adjacent to the field had experienced a number of issues with regard to flooding and it was considered to be of high importance that these issues were addressed properly so that the properties in Glenfield Drive were not adversely affected by any flooding issues. Mr Lee said there may be a possibility to look to place a water storage facility under the parking bays to the front of the site along with a new water gully.

On looking at the plans Members considered that there was a good mix of properties but commented that more parking spaces would be beneficial. Mr Lee explained that the parking was sufficient for each property with 2 per dwelling and that there would be some opportunity for on-street parking for visitors.

Members asked who would have the opportunity to live in the homes. Mr Gilver clarified that they would need to have a local connection to Great Doddington or the surrounding parishes.

Mr Lee confirmed that if the parish council was reasonably happy with the plans he would shortly be submitting a planning application to the Borough Council of Wellingborough.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lee and Mr Gilver for attending the meeting and giving the interesting presentation.

Mr Lee and Mr Gilver left the meeting and the parish councillors discussed the proposals.

It was agreed that the development looked very nice and would be a good asset for the village. The clerk would write to Mr Lee and express the concerns regarding the highway, drainage and parking.

12/83 Matters arising

Moving of bench along The Ridge

No responses had been received from residents of The Ridge. Quotes would be obtained to move the bench and relocate it set back slightly from the road, under the tree near to the bus stop.

Cherry Tree top of Wilby Lane

Quotations had been received for the work to remove and replace the trees it was agreed that the smaller trees be ordered.

The Clerk was asked to place an order with Wilbytree Surgeons Limited for the work to be carried out.

Dog Fouling signs

A quote had been received which the parish council considered to be quite high. Mrs Smith said that she would speak to one of her contacts and get an alternative quote.

The clerk would get some quotations and options for dog fouling signs and forward them to Mrs Sharp.

Picnic tables for the recreation ground

The clerk had received a quote for metal picnic benches along with some photographs. Following a discussion councillors decided that

they would prefer to have the wooden benches. The clerk would obtain some quotes and report back.

12/84 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Clearance of drains in the village and 'dykes' along The Ridge

Mr Crisp reported that the drains had been cleared. Some potholes had been filled but possibly not properly. The situation would continue to be monitored. The cutting out of The Ridge needed to be done and this would be forwarded to the Community Enhancement Gang for inclusion in this year's visit.

12/85 PLANNING

There had been no applications,

12/86 PRECEPT SETTING 2013/14

Dispensation for Precept setting

Correspondence had been received from the Head of Finance at the Council to explain the new legislation regarding the impact that Council Tax Support would have on the council tax base this year and in future years. The Borough Council had agreed to fund this in 2013 but in future years the parish council's precept would be reduced.

12/87 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

E-On Electricity Maintenance to 31 12 12	1839.58
E R Davis Isams Computer Services	50.33

12/88 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Grasscutting

Two quotations had been received for the grasscutting and ancillary works. The 2 quotations were for a total of £1500 and £1680. It was agreed that the contract be awarded to the lowest tenderer Mr R Garon for the forthcoming year.

Signage for Grass area in the High Street

The clerk was asked to obtain quotations for an A4 size sign on posts stating 'Please do not park on the grass'. It was suggested that the quote be obtained from Abbott Signs.

Padlock on gate of playing field

Mrs Sharp asked why the padlock on the gate of the playing field was not unlocked for matches and asked who should do this. Parish Councillors confirmed that the padlock should not have been locked. Mrs Sharp said she would check with the person who had raised it with her.

Hard play area/tennis courts

Mrs Griffiths raised an issue over the chain nets for the basketball. Quotes would be obtained for two new nets.

Additional noticeboard in the amenity garden

Mr Dunkley had made a request that the chapel have a noticeboard in the amenity garden. It was agreed that as long as this was paid for and maintained by the Chapel this would be acceptable.

Local Government Boundary Commission

The clerk informed the meeting that an electoral review of Wellingborough would be taking place with initial representations being required by 18 February 2013.

Tree works at The Vicarage

A Section 211 Notice of proposed tree work had been served as the trees were dying from dutch elm disease.

Community Speed Watch

It was agreed that the parish council would not participate but that an article would be placed in the village news to see if there were sufficient volunteers to enable future participation.

12/89 Health and Safety

There were no issues raised.

12/90 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 6 March 2013 at **7pm** as there would be a presentation by Mrs Bateman of the Planning department at the Council.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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