

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 9 January 2012 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington

Present: Mr J Sharp, (Acting Chairman), Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mrs J Griffiths, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross, Mrs A Smith,

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk)

11/28 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

11/29 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations.

11/30 POLICE ISSUES

There were no issues raised.

11/31 HIGHWAYS

STREET LIGHTING

The cost of street lighting and maintenance was discussed. Consideration as to whether the parish council would be able to switch with a view to reducing costs. The clerk would also invite Mr A Nobles from Highway-Lighting to attend the February council meeting to give some advice. The clerk would also contact Mr D Millard at E-on to seek advice as to the maintenance charge and the way in which the street lighting charges were measured.

LAMPS ON POLES IN HIGH STREET

The chairman had been notified that Western Power was intending to start underground cabling works. This would result in the removal of certain poles and the need for the street lighting to be replaced.

The parish council agreed to view the site following the meeting and the chairman would contact Western Power with the information.

PLANTERS

It was agreed that prior to the commencement of seasonal planting the planters needed to be replaced. The clerk reminded members of the quotation received from S M Property Care to carry out the work in the sum of £1698.00. This would be considered further at the next meeting.

SALT BINS

The clerk had spoken with the county council and asked them to order and place a grit bin at the top of Goodens Lane. They confirmed that they would be able to do this but that it may take a few months for the legalities to be sorted out.

The situation would be monitored.

11/32 PLANNING

Proposed Wind Farm Wollaston

The application for the wind farm at Wollaston had been withdrawn.

11/33 FINANCE, ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND PRECEPT

The projected forecast for expenditure was presented to members. Following a discussion it was agreed that the precept for 2012-13 would be set at £22,000

The accounts were approved and the following cheques signed:

Mr D R Baldwin Village benches	360.00
E-On Street Lighting q/e December 2011	364.51
E-On Electricity street lighting 1 10 11 to 31 12 11	1819.57
BDO Stoy Hayward Audit of Accounts	222.00
Mr M Kerlin Clearance of dog bins Dec 2011	90.00
E R Davies Website	35.93
Barnes Tree Services Tree services for the Witch Elm	120.00

11/34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Borough Council had not received any applications which meant that the parish council could co-opt.

If anyone was interested they should be asked to send their details to the parish clerk for discussion at the next parish council meeting.

Church News

Following the resignation of Mr Bowers the Church News would be updated to show that he was no longer chairman.

Parish council computer

It was agreed that the parish council computer, which was now five years old would benefit from a 'clean-up' of the system. The clerk would contact Mr Rhod Davies to see if he could undertake this work.

11/35 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 1 February 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman.....

