

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 2 January 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).

12/70 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

12/71 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

12/72 MATTERS ARISING

Moving of bench along The Ridge

The clerk confirmed that the letter had been posted to residents of The Ridge regarding the proposal to the move the bench. She would bring any responses to the February meeting.

Cherry Tree top of Wilby Lane

Mrs McLester had confirmed that she and her neighbours would be more than happy for the Cherry Tree to be removed and replaced.

It was also agreed that an additional cherry tree needed to be removed and replaced.

Mr Crisp had looked into the type of trees recommended by the landscape officer and reported on the varieties to committee. It was decided that 2 whitebeams be ordered to replace the cherry trees.

The clerk would contact Wilby Tree Services to obtain a quote for the removal of trees and replanting of 2 whitebeams.

Dog Fouling signs

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

Asset and Risk Assessments

These were reviewed by the parish council and approved, with slight amendment.

12/73 HIGHWAY ISSUES

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

Mr Crisp reported that there was no evidence that the drains had been cleared out despite Street Doctor reporting that the job had been completed. There was rubbish and silt in all the drains in the village and this needed to be addressed. The 'dykes' along The Ridge were still in need of being 'cut out' and rubbish and overgrowth dealt with.

The clerk would contact the highway team to see they could shed some light on what was happening following the report from street doctor that the work had been completed.

12/74 PLANNING

87 Earls Barton Road

Retrospective change of use had now been received for the strip of land in front of the above property to be changed from highway land to residential. There was no objection to this.

Proposed Crematorium

Outline Planning Permission had been granted for the site by the Borough Council Planning Committee on 19 December 2012.

Extension St. Nicholas Road

It was believed that this application was an over-development of the site and not in keeping with other properties in the area.

Mr Ross would respond to the Planning department with the parish council's concerns.

Affordable Housing

The Chairman asked if anything further had been heard about the affordable housing project. The clerk reported that she had spoken with the Housing Manager at Wellingborough who had made enquiries and been informed that there was nothing to report but that work was ongoing on the project. Funding was available for the scheme and the housing association would be in touch with the parish council as soon as its investigations had concluded.

Members asked if a written update could be provided for the next meeting.

12/75 PRECEPT SETTING 2013/14

Dispensation for Precept setting

All parish councillors present had applied and been given dispensation to enable them to vote on the annual precept until May 2015.

The clerk presented members with the projection for the next year for discussion. She also referred to the legislative changes regarding Council Tax support which would have an affect on future parish precepts. The Borough Council was awaiting information from the government on these changes and would inform the parish council in due course what these were.

It was proposed by Mrs Smith that the precept be set at £22,000 and this was seconded by Mr Sharp. On being put to the vote this was declared carried.

12/76 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

E-On Street lighting to 31 12 12	302.09
Great Doddington PCC	
Floodlighting of footpath	500.00
C A Mundy	
Salary/accommodation fee	786.90
J Hurst	
Replacement of 2 lamps	241.92
P Ludlow	28.00
Neighbourhood Watch Sings	

12/77 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Grasscutting

The grasscutting contract had been for a 12 month period and the time had come to re-tender the contract.

It was agreed that the tender would be for the cutting of the grass 12 time per year over a 10 month period, the cutting of the hedge once a year, the cleaning of the bus shelter four times per year, the clearing of six dog bins every two weeks and the removal of items of memorabilia from the cemetery area.

Mr Ross would put the notice on the noticeboard and itemised expressions of interest were required to be submitted by Monday 4 February 2013 to the Clerk.

Mr Ross also reported that the grass verge opposite the shop had been damaged with people parking their vehicles. Parish Councillors wondered if a notice could legally be placed on the grass verge asking people to 'Keep off the grass'. The clerk would make enquiries and report to the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Planning

The Clerk had requested that the planning officer attend the March meeting to discuss the best options for Great Doddington.

12/78 Health and Safety

There were no issues raised.

12/79 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 13 February 2013 at **7.30pm.**

The Chairman referred to the March meeting and due to the availability of the hall asked if the meeting could be brought forward to 6 March 2013. The Clerk would check on this and let everyone know.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Chairman.....