

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 13 June 2012 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington

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

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Crisp, Mrs J Griffith and Mrs A Smith.

12/14 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting and the meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 May 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

12/15 DECLARATIONS

Mr Sharp made a personal declaration on item 12/19 Prospect Park.

12/16 MATTERS ARISING

Western Power and completion of works

The underground works had now been completed but the replacement of the golden gravel had not been finalised. The clerk had been assured by Mr Howard of Western Power that they would be replacing the golden gravel within the next two months.

Potholes in Glenfield Drive

Mr Kelly reported that some of the potholes at the top of Glenfield Drive had been repaired but that the ones lower into Glenfield Drive were getting worse and had not been touched. He had encouraged his fellow residents to report these via Street Doctor but would take photographs and send them through to Street Doctor to show how bad the situation had become. The clerk would also forward them to County Councillor Blackwell.

Repairs to planters at the Village Green

The clerk reported that the letter to Mr Puttnam had been returned 'not know at this address'. The parish council considered further the repairs that were needed and concluded that a full replacement of the planters should be carried out. The clerk would contact Mr Steve Mason to see if his original quotation stood and whether he would be in a position to carry out the work and if so the clerk would ask him to do so. She would also clarify whether the planters would be lined and whether there would be a warranty with the work.

12/17 POLICE MATTERS

It was reported that there had been 2 crimes this month, 1 being theft and the other handling.

12/18 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Parish Enhancement Gangs

The clerk reported that she had received confirmation that the request of the parish council had been logged and that MWGSP were programming the work and awaiting confirmation of budgets from the county council. The work would not be completed until later on in the year and they would notify us of what and when the works would be done.

An email had also been received from a resident about the overgrown path from Wilby Lane through the Spinney asking if the area could be tidied up. The clerk confirmed that as this was a safer route to school the county council normally cut the foliage back a couple of times per year. At other times of the year residents voluntarily reduced any overgrowth. Mr Ross had kindly walked along the path and had cut back some of the lower branches. The clerk would remind the county council of the need to cut it back and would respond to the resident with the information above.

12/19 PLANNING

59 Lower Street - WP/2012/0234/F

An application had been received to erect a timber conservatory to the rear of the above property. This had been considered by the sub-committee and it had concluded that there was no objection.

Prospect Park

The clerk had also received information on the proposed development by Hampton Brook at Prospect Park off Wilby Way/A45. No formal planning application had been received. Hampton Brook had contacted the clerk to ask if they wished them to give a presentation to the parish council. The parish council discussed this and decided to decline the offer at this stage.

16 Goodens Lane WP/2012/0281

An application had been received for Dormer windows to the front and rear of 16 Goodens Lane. No objections were raised, though the builders would be asked to keep access clear for the working farm at the end of the lane.

12/20 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Marchean Press	
May newsletter	322.00

12/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Personal Interest Forms

The clerk reminded councillors that they needed to ensure that their personal interest forms had been completed.

Playing field

Mr Howes reported that the O's and X's equipment had been repaired.

Cemetery Policy

Mr Sharp had experienced difficulty in obtaining this but would speak to the vicar.

Diamond Jubilee event

The diamond jubilee event was extremely successful and the Chairman of the committee would be written to with a formal thank you for the hard work of the committee members in making the event so successful.

Overhanging branches - High Street, Great Doddington

The clerk would write to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Shannon to request that they cut back their overhanging branches.

E-on Electricity

The clerk had received some comparison figures for suppliers. Initial consideration indicated that the current supplier was adequate but if a contract was taken out over a longer period there may be savings. The clerk would forward the details to Councillors for them to consider.

Health and Safety

There were no issues raised.

12/22 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 18 July at **7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman

