

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 6 March 2013 in the Chapel Rooms, Great Doddington.

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

An apology was received from Mr J Sharp, K Howes and Mrs A Smith.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk) and 3 parishioners.

12/91 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

12/92 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

12/93 COMMUNITY PLANNING –MAIN OPTIONS

Mrs S Bateman, Senior Planning Officer, attended the meeting and detailed the options available to the parish council under the Localism Act.

The options which Mrs Bateman explained were to produce the following:

- Parish Plans
- Village Design Statements
- Neighbourhood Plans

Members asked Mrs Bateman a number of questions which related to the financial resources and people resources. Mrs Bateman explained that the Council could provide some assistance but it would need to be the parish council or a designated group of parishioners.

The cost of producing a plan could be extensive or could be low depending on the work that was required and whether consultants or specialists were required.

She also reminded Members that there were the Borough Council planning documents that were used to determine planning applications. The Council's website also contained further information on this.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Bateman for her useful presentation.

Members decided that this would be discussed fully at the next meeting in April.

12/94 Matters arising

Moving of bench along The Ridge

The clerk had asked Mr Puttnam to carry out the work on moving and securing the bench along The Ridge.

Cherry Tree top of Wilby Lane

The order had been placed for the removal and replacement of the trees. .

Dog Fouling signs

Mrs Smith had obtained some cheaper quotations for dog signs and a decision was made to order the sign saying 'clean it up maximum penalty £500' sign from UKsafetystore.

Picnic tables for the recreation ground

The clerk had received a quote for a picnic table from Glasdon made from Enviropol material which was heavy duty and was the most popular table for use in amenity areas due to its durability. It was agreed that the clerk order 2 of these for delivery to the recreation ground.

Bench for the amenity garden

The clerk had obtained a quotation for a black metal bench. The recommendation had been for a traditional style with recycled case aluminium sides finished with black enviropol slats.

12/95 POLICE ISSUES

There had been 3 crimes in the village. The first an attempted burglary in Lower Street; the second criminal damage in High Street by a known offender and the third a violent offence being an assault at the Working Mens Club. The police were also setting up a Joint Action Group with the first meeting being due on 28/3/13 and that Mr Kelly would be willing to attend and report back.

12/96 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Drain clearance in Glenfield Drive

Mr Kelly said that it had been noted that the drain outside number 82 had not been cleared and was missed on each visit. The clerk would speak to Street Doctor and see if this could be added to the list.

12/97 PLANNING

Large extension at St Nicholas Road

This application had been refused by the Borough Council due to over-development.

Plans – rear single storey extension 14 John Gray Road

There was no objection.

Crematorium – as previously reported the planning application had been approved. The borough council had now purchased the crematorium and would proceed with developing this.

Cringle House Farm, Grendon

An application had been received for a 50kw Solar System. It was believed that this would not be seen from Great Doddington. Application **WP/2013/0103** could be viewed on the planning portal.

12/98 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Mr R Garon	
Grasscutting	511.95

12/99 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chainlink fence

A quotation had been received for repairs to the chainlink fence at the basketball court. It was agreed that Mr Puttman be asked to carry out the work.

Parishes Forum

This would be held on 27 March should anyone wish to attend.

12/100 Health and Safety

There were no issues raised.

12/101 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 3 April 2013 at **7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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