

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council of Great Doddington held on 6 May 2009 at the United Reformed Church Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Mr I Bowers, (Chairman), Mr J Sharp (Vice-Chairman) Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mr K Howes, Mrs K McLester and Mr I Ross
Also present Mrs C A Mundy – Clerk, County Councillor G Blackwell and two Parishioners.

09/07 Apologies

An apology was received from Mrs Griffiths.

09/08 Nominations for the appointment of the Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the appointment of the Chairman for the year 2009-2010.

It was proposed by Mr Sharp and seconded by Mr Davies that Mr I Bowers be nominated. Mr Bowers accepted the nomination. On being put to the vote the motion was declared to be carried unanimously.

Resolved that Mr Ian Bowers be appointed as Chairman for the year 2009-2010.

09/09 Nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman for the year 2009/2010.

It was proposed by Mr Crisp and seconded by Mr Ross that Mr J Sharp be nominated. Mr Sharp accepted the nomination. On being put to the vote the motion was declared to be carried unanimously.

Resolved that Mr Jim Sharp be appointed as Vice-Chairman for the year 2009-2010.

09/10 Co-option of Parish Councillor

It was proposed by Mr Bowers and second by Mr Sharp that Mr David Kelly be co-opted onto the Parish Council. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

Resolved that Mr D Kelly be co-opted as Parish Councillor and he duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.
(Mr Kelly joined the meeting)

09/11 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

09/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

09/13 Items for discussion

Apple Tree

The apple tree in the amenity garden had been cut back and the stump made into an owl. The tree would not be replaced as it would continue to shoot and would be suitably maintained.

Seats in the Amenity Garden

Mr Wells had confirmed that he would be removing the seats as soon as possible. Mr Sharp would liaise with Mrs Newsome regarding this.

Pedestrian Crossing

The meeting had taken place with Helen Howard of the County Council and it was agreed that a pedestrian crossing would be beneficial. This would be located in High Street near to Church Lane where there were dropped kerbs. There was no date given for the work to be programmed into schedules and it was thought that it would be some time before this was placed on a programme of works.

Website

There was a further delay with the new website of 2 months, due to the name Greatdoddington.com which if possible would still benefit from being used.

It was agreed that if necessary the name could be amended to Greatdoddington.co.uk if this would speed the process up.

Mr Ross would keep all informed of developments.

09/14 POLICE ISSUES

A number of incidents had been logged of very expensive garden furniture being stolen from properties in Great Doddington. PCSO Hurst was incident officer and was keenly watching e-bay to see if some of these items were up for sale as they were very unusual.

With regard to the Church, the Police patrols had been increased to the churchyard.

The Clerk had also received a copy of the Policing pledge which she would ask the Police to provide copies of (520) to distribute with the next Parish newsletter.

09/15 HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Ridge - 2 signs had been erected along The Ridge in Great Doddington relating to speeding. It was believed that these had been requested of the Police by residents of The Ridge. Mr Howes confirmed that this probably was the case and that this would result in speed enforcement.

Vehicle Activation Signs

The location surveys had been carried out by Westcotec and it was hoped that these would be installed shortly.

Street Lighting

16 Wilby Lane - the lamp outside this property was out.

Glenfield Drive - the lamp was still on all day – E-on engineers had been seen working on this so the Clerk would establish whether there was a particular problem.

Both would be reported by the Clerk.

Church Lane

The engineering bricks at the bottom of Church Lane needed to be replaced.

Entrance gates to the Village

The 30 mph signs had been removed from the top of the gates by the County Council. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to see if they could make some improvements to these to make them look more visually acceptable.

Lighting generally

The Chairman in his report for the Village Newsletter had posed the question as to whether with a view to saving costs and the environment some street lights should be turned off during the night as long as this wasn't detrimental to the village (i.e. maybe every other street lamp turned off at 1 am).

A discussion ensued about this and it was agreed that the Clerk contact E-On to see if this would be possible, what the implications of this would be financially and with regard to carbon emissions, the legality of doing so and whether it would require digital clocks to be fitted to all the lamps and if so at what cost.

09/16 PLANNING MATTERS

The sub-committee had not received any applications for discussion.

9/17 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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| Allianz Cornhill Insurance | 1,390.66 |
| E-On Electricity 1.1. 09 to 31.3 09 | 820.01 |
| Great Doddington Chapel Donation towards refurbishment | 100.00 |
| Mrs C A Mundy Salary,Acc. Fee/expenses April, May and June | 787.60 |
| Wilby tree services Cutting back of crab apple tree | 138.00 |
| D R Baldwin Painting of village benches | 290.00 |
| Towergate Insurance for gardening team | 336.25 |
| Mr J Crisp Reimbursement for 3 keys | 9.00 |
| Mr M Kerlin Grasscutting - April | 205.00 |

09/18 Any other business

Old Church Hall Site

The site had now been cleared, however, it would benefit from having some topsoil disposed there. Mr Bowers informed the meeting that he was able to do that.

Village Newsletter

This was published and available for distribution.

Lime Trees

The trees were very large now and needed some attention as the buses were hitting them. The Clerk would contact the County Council to ask them to carry out the remedial works.

09/19 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Chairman