

## GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 8 May 2013 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

**Present:** Mr J Sharp, Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mrs J Griffiths, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross. Mrs S Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

Also present, Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

An apology was received from Mr K Howes.

#### **13/05 Appointment of Chairman**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Mrs Smith and seconded by Mr Sharp that Mr C Davies be appointed as Chairman for the municipal year 2013-14. On being put to the vote the motion was carried and Mr Davies accepted the position.

**RESOLVED** that Mr C Davies be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for 2013-14.

#### **13/06 Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr Ross proposed Mr J Sharp and this was seconded by Mrs Smith. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that Mr J Sharp be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2013-14.

#### **13/07 Approval of the Minutes.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and signed as a true record.

#### **13/08 Police Issues**

Mr Kelly referred to the crime reports that had been received. The next JAG report was to be held on 9 May and a report would be brought back to the next meeting.

## **13 /09 Matters arising**

### **Lark Energy**

Lark Energy would be at the Working Men's club on the afternoon/evening of 8 May. Parish councillors would endeavour to attend on a rota basis to answer any queries and collate the comments of parishioners.

### **Highway issues – Garages and Earls Barton Road**

The clerk had contact Wellingborough Homes regarding the above. At the present time there was no intention to do anything further with the garages but Wellingborough Homes was making improvements to a number of their garage areas across the borough. With regard to Earls Barton Road, they would write to the tenants and ask that they park more considerate and not park on the grass verge.

### **Wellingborough Norse**

The clerk had contacted Wellingborough Norse who had been apologetic and would ask the drivers to make sure that they didn't drive over this area.

### **Glenfield Drive**

County Councillor Paul Bell would be contacted by the Clerk to see if any action could be taken to speed up the repairs to the highway.

### **Overgrown Bushes in High Street**

The clerk was asked to write to Mrs Shannon and Mrs Thompson to ask them to cut back their bushes/trees.

## **13/10 PLANNING**

### **93 John Gray Road**

A planning application had been received for an extension at the above property. Concern was expressed about how the extension would look next to the adjoining property and that it would be out of keeping.

Mr Ross would pass this comment on.

### **Lark Energy Solar Farm**

The planning application was still awaited.

## **13/11 Accounts and Financial Items**

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

Nalc Membership	240.92
Rainbow Signs and Graphics	47.94

Towergate gardening insurance	331.07
A-On Insurance annual insurance	1618.96
Great Doddington Heritage Group Donation	100.00
E-On Uk lighting maintenance	364.51
Mrs C A Mundy – Salary and accommodation fee	524.60
Glasdon seat amenity garden	992.36
Glason 2 x picnic benches for recreation ground	1087.50
Great Doddington United Reformed church	132.00
Chiropody	
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Rental for meetings	

## **13/12 Any Other Business**

### **Community Planning**

Following a discussion it was agreed that at the current time no further action would be taken regarding a neighbourhood plan or similar.

### **Keep off the grass sign**

The sign for the grassed area would be ordered to be put on stakes so it could be easily removed for grasscutting and it would read 'Please do not park on the grass'.

### **Lease of amenity garden**

The NCC had written regarding a renewal of the lease of the amenity garden. Members agreed that this should be at nil cost to the parish council as it was maintained at a cost to the parish council. This included any charges for legal fees.

### **Request for assistance from the School**

A request had been received for assistance towards the cost of high visibility jackets for the school. It was agreed that this was something that the parish council could not fund and that it be suggested that FOGS be asked to fundraise for this.

### **Village Clean**

Agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Seat along The Ridge**

Mr Puttnam had taken a look at the relocation of the seat and he thought that this may be a little difficult to do. Mr Crisp would liaise with Mr Basson (who had made the original request) and him about this.

### **Calendar of Meetings**

The calendar of meetings would be placed on the website.

## **13/13 Close of meeting**

There being no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 5 June 2013 at 7.30pm.

**Chairman**