

## **GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 7 November 2012 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 S Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

An apology was received from Mr K Howes.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk) and 1 Parishioner.

#### **12/51 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

#### **12/52 DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations made.

#### **12/53 POLICE ISSUES**

PC Bowes represented Northamptonshire Police at the meeting and explained the 3 priorities for the current quarter which were Juvenile nuisance in Irchester, speeding in Finedon and motorcycle nuisance in Finedon.

The crime figures for October was low and related to a burglary in St. Nicholas Road, There was also damage to a vehicle in John Gray Road. Similar damage had happened on a couple of previous occasions and each time this appeared to have been deliberately caused by someone scratching a key along the vehicle.

Mrs Smith mentioned an issue with 2 youths who she had witnessed near to her car in her own private yard. Whilst nothing had been stolen she realised that they had entered her vehicle . PC Bowes considered that these would be opportunist thieves and stressed the need to keep vehicles secure at all times, even whilst on your own property.

Parking on pavements was also an issue that was frequently raised by parishioners. The Chairman asked if the police officer could provide some detail of the restrictions with regard to the law and parking on pavements. There seemed to be conflicting advice on this and whilst complaints were frequently received about parking on pavements the parish council was of course aware that on road parking was in some places of the village very difficult to find. PC Bowes confirmed that he would get the relevant legislation and police advice sent to the chairman for inclusion in the next village news.

## **12/54 PLANNING**

### **7 Hardwater Road**

Mr Sanders of Glenfield Drive attended the meeting. Mr Ross explained that the parish council had submitted a request for the property to be site viewed and that the borough councillors would be visiting the site on 20 November.

## **12/55 MATTERS ARISING**

### **Personal Interest Forms**

The clerk confirmed that she had received all the completed forms apart from Mr Crisp, who had declined to complete one, and Mr Howes who hadn't returned his completed form.

### **Moving of bench along The Ridge**

A letter would be sent to residents of The Ridge asking if they had any objection to the bench being moved to nearer the bus stop. The clerk would draft a letter for signature by the Chairman at the next meeting.

### **Cherry Tree top of Wilby Lane**

The clerk had asked Mrs Webber at the Council to take a look at the tree. Mrs Webber worked part time and had confirmed that she would give her opinion as soon as possible but that her workload was high and it may take a little time.

### **Foliage at land opposite The Stag**

The clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Street Doctor.

### **Seat for the Village Garden**

Details had been requested from Mrs Nunley to enable the seat to be ordered but were still awaited.

## **12/56 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

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|------------------------|---------|
| E-On UK – Maintenance  | 364.51  |
| Mrs C A Mundy – Salary | 1573.80 |
| Marchean Newsletter    | 320.00  |
| Royal British Legion   | 25.00   |

## **12/57 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Broken floodlights in churchyard**

Mr Sharp reported that there were 2 lights broken which needed repair. He reminded councillors that the parish council gave a donation each year to the church for the cost of lighting as it had been deemed

necessary to keep the footpath well lit for the safety of parishioners. This donation was normally given in January to the Church. It was believed that the cost of repair would be in the region of £80.

Agreed that the parish council would pay for the repair of the lights.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Signs**

Signs were requested for the neighbourhood watch scheme for Glebe Farm Court. The clerk thought that these used to be provided by the police but paid for by the parish council, she would find out where these could be obtained from and let Mr Sharp have the details to ensure that the correct sizes and styles were ordered.

### **Service of Mower**

Mr Sharp suggested that the parish council mower be serviced to ensure it was in good working order for next year.

Agreed that Mr Garron be asked to make arrangements for the mower to be serviced and that the parish council be invoiced for this work.

### **Pensioners Lunch**

A request had been made from Mrs Crisp for a donation to the pensioners annual lunch in the sum of £100.

Agreed that a S137 donation be made in December for £100 be given under S137 towards the pensioners lunch.

### **Dog Fouling signs**

A request was made for signs to be placed on the footpath to the Spinney and the footpath to the Memorial Hall.

The clerk would find out where these could be obtained from.

### **Social Media**

The chairman had received correspondence from a local resident who had set up a Great Doddington facebook page. The parishioner was keen to have the views of the parish council included on the facebook page but had been informed that as the parish council already had a website anything parish council related would be directed through its own site.

The chairman asked that should parish councillors wish to respond to issues on the facebook site that they do this personally rather than as a parish councillor. If they wished to respond to issues as a parish councillor he asked if they could make sure that they did this through the chairman or the clerk to ensure that consistent messages were being sent out.

The parishioner had also made a request to include an article in the Village News about the availability of the facebook site and it was

agreed that this would be included, space permitting, in the spring edition.

**Royal British Legion**

It was agreed that a donation of £25 be made to the RBL for a wreath for remembrance Sunday.

**Cemetery Policy**

The clerk and committee discussed the draft Cemetery Policy. This was approved for adoption.

**Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Following guidelines from the Northamptonshire Association of local councils the existing standing orders and financial regulations would remain as adopted until such time as the government issued fresh orders.

**Localism Act and Planning**

Mr Ross reported that he was going to attend a meeting where guidance would be given on neighbourhood planning, village plans and design statements and that he would report back to the next meeting of the parish council.

**12/58 Health and Safety**

There were no issues raised.

**12/59 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on 5 December 2012 at **7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Chairman.....**