

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Mr J Sharp (Vice-Chairman, in the chair, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross, Mrs S Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

(Apologies were received from Mr C Davies, Mrs J Griffiths and Mr K Howes.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

13/49 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 2 October 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.

13/50 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

13/51 POLICE ISSUES

There had been 1 burglary at The Stag where a bike had been stolen. Mr Kelly had attended the Joint Area Action Group and was awaiting the minutes from that which he would then circulate.

13/52 HIGHWAY ISSUES

30 MPH Signs

These still needed attention

Keep off the Grass sign

The Chairman would be reminded that this needed to be placed.

Steps at the Village Triangle

Repairs were underway.

Earls Barton Road development

Comments were made about the mess along Earls Barton Road. One of the parish councillors had seen the road being brushed by the developers. This would be monitored.

Street Lighting

The following lights were out:

Outside 22 Glenfield Drive

Outside 1 Glenfield Drive.

It was also reported that the light outside 29 John Gray Road had not been repaired yet.

13/53 PLANNING

WP/2013/0533 – 127 The Ridge

Loft conversion to provide two additional bedrooms plus bathroom. Front and rear dormer windows. There was no objection.

WP/2013/0535 – 51 Glenfield Drive

Front extension to garage. There was no objection.

WP/2013/04349 – Wall 19 Lower Street

The application had been refused by the borough council on the grounds that there had already been some 13 breaches in the wall to provide parking access in Lower Street. There was also an acute parking problem in Lower Street and the applicant has put a further application in.

Rural Housing targets

Mr Ross had attended a meeting at the council regarding Rural housing targets. County strategists had put forward suggestions which had met with a great deal of scepticism from the parish councillors in attendance. Over the next 10 to 15 years villages would be expected to take additional development. The current pressure was on the bigger villages of Earls Barton, Finedon, Irchester and Wollaston. Concern was raised that statistics suggested that by 2020 Great Doddington could take 115 additional properties.

Members discussed this and it was unanimously agreed that it would be impossible for 115 additional properties to be built anywhere in the village. It was believed that the borough council would be making representations to this effect.

Hardwater Road development

It was reported that the chairman had received notification from a resident in Glenfield Drive that they had put a formal complaint in to the Council regarding the development in Hardwater Road. The clerk would acknowledge receipt of the letter but no further comment would be made on this matter.

Development at Bourton Way

A request had been received from the Wilby Way Residents Association to give support to their objection to build more properties on land on that estate. The parish council had been consulted sometime ago on this and the only comment it had made was about the increase in traffic on the Wilby Way roundabout that additional homes would bring.

It was agreed that no further comment would be made.

13/54 FINANCES

There following accounts were approved for payment:

Wellingborough Norse Grounds maintenance October 2013 – March 2014	918.00
Royal British Legion Wreath donation	20.00
Mrs C A Mundy Salary and accommodation fee	1138.28
E-On Street Lighting 1 7 13 to 30 9 13	1842.73
E-On Street Lighting Maintenance to 30 9 13	364.51
Mr R F Garon	613.19

13/55 ANY OTHER MATTERS

Zebra Crossing

Discussions took place regarding the location for the proposed Zebra Crossing. It was agreed that this needed to be in High Sreet and as near to the school as possible. Concern was expressed that it couldn't be placed near to the bus stops as there would be chevrons either side of the crossing. The clerk would contact Helen Howard and ask the County to carry out a site viewing and recommend the best place for this.

Council Tax Consultations

A notice regarding the consultation that was taking place would be put on the noticeboard.

Cemetery

An application had been received for a kerb to be place around the grave of Mr Foard deceased and for an inscription to be place on the grave space for Roberts. These were both approved.

Affordable Homes

Parishioners had approached parish councillors to see if the new affordable homes had been allocated. When initial consultation had taken place the parish council had been informed that they would be consulted on the allocations. The clerk would contact the borough council allocations team to see how this was progressing.

Ring o Roses Playgroup

Some concern was expressed regarding the future of the playgroup. This was a charitable trust run by committee and there was concern over reduced numbers and the knock on effect this had on finances. The question was raised as to whether the parish council could give a substantial donation to the group. Councillors wondered if there had been any fund raising activities taking place and advertising to encourage attendance.

The clerk thought this was unlikely but would check this out with the financial regulations covering parish councils.

13/56 Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Wednesday 4 December 2013. The meeting would commence at **7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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