

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 5th October 2011 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington

Present: Mr I Bowers, Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly and Mr J Sharp.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Mrs J Griffiths, Mr I Ross and Mrs A Smith

10/98 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

10/99 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

11/01 MATTERS ARISING

Potholes in Glenfield Drive

Mr Kelly reported that a number of the potholes had recently been filled. Some still remained to be done and this would be monitored.

Tree in Wilby Lane

The Chairman had spoken to Mrs McLester who in turn was going to ask residents of Wilby Lane for their views on the removal on the tree and replacement with a smaller one. The Chairman would report back at the next meeting.

Bus Service

The clerk confirmed that the bus company had clarified that the timetable would be changed as soon as practicable.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Confirmation had been received from Mr Smith that he would take on the organisation of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations for the village.

The first meeting of the committee had been attended by 8 people and discussions had taken place to give consideration to the requirements for the event. Under discussion was a road closure, pensioner's lunch, mini-Olympics for the children, a village fancy dress parade with children in red, white and blue, a marching band to lead the procession and the planting of an Oak tree. Suggestions for the location of this tree would be appreciated. Discussions regarding the fund raising aspect

had also taken place and the committee asked the parish council if it would be prepared to make a donation.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the parish council would be prepared to give a donation of £500 towards the celebrations and that this would be provided to the committee when it had established its bank account;
- (ii) With regard to the planting of the Oak tree it was considered that this was a good idea and that it could be placed opposite the School on the lawn area.

11/02 POLICE ISSUES

There was nothing to report. A Community Panel meeting was being held on 13/10/11 at Mears Ashby Village Hall.

11/03 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Trees Earls Barton Road

The clerk had enquired of the county council when they had the cutting back of the trees programmed for. The information received indicated that because of the cuts in funding there was no definitive date when the work would be carried out. Members commented that in many areas the trees had often grown and formed an archway which was quite attractive. It was concluded that the base of the trees needed to be cut back as vision was obscured for traffic exiting John Gray Road and Frost Court.

Cut Throat Lane

The clerk had received notification that the road would be closed for 5 days from 17/10/2011.

11/04 PLANNING

Hardwater Mill – WP/20110394

There were no objections.

16 Goodens Lane – WP/2011/0302

Amended plans had been received. There were no objections.

11/05 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts and statement were approved for payment:

Outdoor Lighting	
Repairs to lamp at The Ridge & Slow down sign	96.30
Mr M Kerlin	
Grass cutting, clearance of dog bins and bus shelter	255.00
Mr N Peasnell	
Notice board repairs and replacement	440.40
Mr J Crisp	
Ancillary items purchased for refurbishment of sign	26.50
Royal British Legion Donation for Wreath	40.00

11/06 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Grass cutting

The clerk had produced a draft notice for discussion.

It was agreed that the notice would be placed from 1/11/11 until 30/11/11 and that quotations be returned by Saturday 3/12/11 so that discussion could take place at the meeting on 7/12/11. The contract would commence from 1/1/12 to 31/12/12.

Planters

The Chairman reported that Mrs Newsome had confirmed that the gardening team were happy for the planters to be rebuilt. The Chairman would speak to Hanson's to see if they would be able to sponsor the work.

Notice board

The Heritage Group had made an offer to refurbish the board by the shop so they could use it and asked if there would be any objection. It was agreed that this was acceptable.

Planting of daffodils

Mr Roberts the Scout Leader had received a donation from Nationwide and wondered if it would be acceptable to plant daffodils around the recreation field. It was considered that this would not be the best place because of the football. It was suggested that one of the following places would be good; between the play equipment and bottom hedge; or the triangle at the bottom of Lower Street and High Street; or on the green opposite The Stag.

Royal British Legion

The clerk had received notification from the Royal British Legion that the Remembrance Service would be held at Wellingborough and asking if we wished to have a wreath for a donation.

It was agreed that the parish council would make a donation of £40 towards the legion for the wreath. Mr Sharp would be on holiday for the church service and either the Chairman or Mr Davies would lay the wreath at the Church.

Tennis Nets

The key would be kept at the hairdressers.

Wytch Elm Tree

A quotation had been received from a Mr Barnes regarding the cutting and grinding out of the Wytch Elm tree. To cut off at ground level the cost would be £120.00 and for the full grinding out would be £270.00.

Agreed that Mr Sharp be instructed to place the order.

Inspection of Play Equipment

The clerk asked if the parish council would like her to order the annual professional inspection of the play equipment. Agreed that the request be made.

11/07 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting would be held on 9/11/2011 at 7.30pm. Mr Sharp asked that it be noted that he would not be in attendance.

Chairman.....