

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 20th October 2010 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Mr I Bowers (Chairman), Mr J Sharp (Vice-Chairman) Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mrs J Griffiths, Mrs K McLester and Mr I Ross and Mrs C Mundy (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Mr K Howes and Mr D Kelly.

10/36 Approval of the Minutes

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

10/37 Declarations

RESOLVED to note that there were none.

10/38 Police Issues

The police statistics indicated that there had been a rise in reported crime of 25% for this year. The total number of crimes reported was 25.

Mr Sharp mentioned that windows at the Church had once again been damaged.

The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint in relation to speeding and this had also been reported to the Police.

The Community Panel meeting on 7 October had confirmed that speedchecks would be on the list of priorities for Great Doddington. The Police were keen for residents to have its own speedwatch if residents wished to participate. Previous suggestions around this had resulted in parishioners not wishing to partake.

RESOLVED that the comments be noted.

10/39 Highway Issues

Grit Bins

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the County Council regarding the grit bins. Work was progressing with this and the County were hopeful that new replacement bins would be installed during November. The clerk would also enquire as to the cost of bins should the parish council wish to purchase one and find out the procedure for them being filled with salt.

Parish Enhancement Gang

It was believed that the parish enhancement gang had carried out work in the Village during the summer months. The Clerk was asked to enquire of MGWSP as to what work had been carried out and whether the gang would be returning at some point.

New Street Lamp Church Lane

The Chairman reported that he had no contact from Mr Millard to arrange a meeting to decide on the best site for the new lamp.

30 mph roundels at The Ridge

The Clerk would speak with the County Council again on whether 30 mph roundels could be placed along The Ridge and find out what the cost would be should the Parish Council wish to consider funding these.

10/40 Planning Issues

23 High Street

The Parish Council consider a planning application which had been received for the above property and agreed that a response be submitted as follows:

“We believe before this application can be approved by the Borough Council that the number of dwellings agreed in the application for the land adjacent to 23 High Street should be reduced from 2 to 1 as it was considered to be over-development of the site”.

10/41 Finance and accounts for payment

The monthly statement and following accounts for payment were approved:

Cirgraphics	740.41
E-On	
Maintenance to 30 9 10	329.89
BCW	
Grounds Maintenance	876.55
BDO	
Accounts	199.75
Wicksteed	
Balance from invoice	12.43
Mrs C A Mundy	
Salary and Accommodation	
Fee for Sept, Oct and Nov.	787.60
E-On	
Electricity Charges to 16 10 10	1778.61
Mr M Kerlin	
Grasscuttings	
Bus Shelter and installation dog bin	280.00
Royal British Legion	
Donation for Wreath	25.00

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10/42 Any other business

Hedges at Cemetery

Concern had been raised about the hedges particularly around the grave of Mrs Goodes where they were encroaching onto the grave. It was suggested that James Musson be asked if he would be interested in carrying out some tidying work around this area.

Annual Return

The Annual Return had been signed off. The only comment made was that the parish council may wish to consider an increase in the Fidelity Guarantee which currently stood at £25,000 to cover the whole amount in balances of the parish council. They also commented that this may increase the annual insurance subscription. The Clerk would make some enquires of the parish council's existing insurers and others who provided insurance to see what the quotation amounted too.

Repairs to Play Equipment – Roundabout

The clerk reported on the additional work required to the roundabout. The Parish Council considered this and decided that it was a well used piece of equipment and that the work should be carried out. The items on the safety report which had been referred to as trip hazards needed some soil putting down. The Chairman would provide the soil and carry this work out with anyone who was able to assist. It was agreed that anyone who was available would meet on 6th November at 9.30 am in the Recreation Ground.

Wall at Triangle

Earlier on in the year Mrs Newsome noted that there was a need for repairs to be made to the wall at the triangle. It was agreed that the existing stone should be used if possible. Previous work carried out by Mr S Mason had been of a good standard and the clerk was asked to obtain a quote from him for the work.

Village sign on the Green.

Mr Crisp reported that he had received a quote for £367 plus VAT for work to the Village sign. This was thought to be reasonable and Mr Crisp would make the necessary arrangements.

10/43 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm. Next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 1st December 2010.

Chairman.....

