

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Great Doddington held on 9 September 2009 at the United Reformed Church Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Mr I Bowers, (Chairman), Mr J Sharp (Vice-Chairman) Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mrs K McLester , Mr D Kelly and Mr I Ross
Also present Mrs C A Mundy – Clerk.

09/30 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Griffith and Mr Howes.

09/31 Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2009 were approved as a true record.

09/32 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

09/33 Matters Arising

Vehicle Activation Signs.

The Vehicle Activation Signs were deemed to have been successful in reducing the speed in which vehicles travelled through the village. It had also helped that the Police had erected blue signs encouraging motorists to slow down and had attended with the speed guns on occasions during the summer. A number of people had received warning letters, been stopped and spoken to and 1 speeding ticket had been issued.

Following attendance by some residents of The Ridge at the June meeting a review of the location of the VAS along the Ridge had been promised. It was decided that at the present time this would remain in situ.

The residents had suggested that 30 mph signs being placed on the highway, the Clerk had raised this with the County Council who whilst not being adverse to the idea were unable to provide funding. The Clerk was asked to enquire of the County Council what the cost would be and then the Parish Council could consider whether this could come out of Project monies.

Lime Trees, Earls Barton Road

The work on the lime trees had been completed.

White/Primrose Lining at the School

The lining was still outstanding. The Clerk had asked County Councillor Blackwell to intervene and would report back on developments.

Engineering Bricks bottom of Church Lane

Repairs to these were still awaited. The Clerk had reported to Street Doctor.

Parish Enhancement Gangs

It was suggested that the Parish Council meet with a Manager acting on behalf of the Parish Enhancement Gangs to walk around the village to see what items could be put forward. The Clerk would make contact with MGWSP and find out if this would be possible.

09/34 POLICE ISSUES

As reported above the Police had been carrying out speed enforcement during the summer and had made this one of their priorities.

There was also some concern over distraction burglaries and Mr Ross would make sure that an article would be included in the Village News.

09/35 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Central Networks

The Chairman had received notification from Central Networks that the cabling was planned for November.

The Parish Council would need to purchase extra lamps to replace the current wooden lamps.

There would need to be a replacement lamp outside 8 Church Lane (currently a telegraph pole), one at the bottom of the slope at 2 Church Lane and one at the Recreation Ground. E-On would need to provide the lamp and fit but not connect as this would be done by Central Networks.

The Clerk would seek up to date costings and clarify the time schedule with Central Networks for the work.

Land opposite the Stag Public House

It was reported that sycamore saplings were growing onto the footpath and needed to be cut back as it was becoming difficult to pass. The clerk would report to Street Doctor as this was highway land.

09/36 PLANNING ISSUES

81 John Gray Road

An objection had been received to the application to build an extension onto the above property. The Parish Council took into account the objection and the issues raised but concluded that there was no reason to raise an objection.

Erection of wind turbine

An objection was submitted due to the height with a request that it be less intrusive.

Lean to at Memorial Hall

No objections.

145 The Ridge – Single Storey Extension

There were no objections.

95 The Ridge - Dropped kerb

There were no objections.

9/37 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Cirgraphics	
Tennis Net Wire Ropes	54.05
Accounting Solutions	270.25
Auditing Solutions Ltd.	293.25
E-On Energy	
Replacement lamp 5 Earls Barton Road	793.80
E-On Energy	
Electricity for 8.1.08 to 31 3 08	837.84
Electriciy 1.4 08 to 30 6 08	837.83
E-On Energy	
Electricity for 1 4 09 – 30 6 09	821.33
Mrs C A Mundy	
Salary and Accommodation fee July, Aug and Sept.	787.60
Mr M Kerlin	
Grasscutting for the months of June, July & Aug.	635.00
Cirgraphics	
Lock for Tennis Bin	19.38
Richard Wells	
Removal of Benches and installation of new bench	220.00

09/38 Any other business**Projects**

Proposals for projects were considered as follows:

- **Zebra Crossing**

Discussions in relation to a zebra crossing had taken place with Helen Howard earlier in the year. Whilst Mrs Howard would add this to a list of works to be considered it would be some time before funding was available. The Clerk would ask Mrs Howard for a quotation of how much the crossing would cost to enable consideration to be given to this forming a project for the village.

- **New lamps**

Three new Victorian style lamps were required for the conservation area. The clerk would obtain up to date costings for these.

- **Installation of seat at Bus Stop The Ridge**

A cost for this would be obtained by the Clerk.

Red Route

Another accident had happened at the Hardwater Crossroads, the driver, who had admitted liability, had been driving from Wilby and had said that he thought it was a straight road and did not see the Give Way sign.

The Clerk would contact Steve Barber at the NCC to see if some rumble strips and a STOP sign could be erected. Also overhanging branches needed cutting back around all the signs some of which were being obscured.

Noticeboard, The Ridge

As this was not used a suggestion was made that this be removed. This was agreed by all.

Mobile Post Office

When the Parish meeting was held about the closure of the post office it was stated that a Mobile Post Office would travel between villages. To date this had not been seen in Great Doddington and the Clerk was asked to enquire as to whether this had been implemented.

Village Store and keys to tennis courts

It was reported that on a number of occasions the keys to the tennis box/nets had not been returned to the shop. This had resulted in the nets being left up and not being returned to the storage bins. All the tennis balls and rackets stored in the bin had disappeared. Consideration may need to be given to the way in which the courts are managed in future.

Parking in High Street

Concern had been expressed over the parking on Saturday mornings, particularly in High Street which was believed to be because of the football. It was suggested that the Police be asked to attend to monitor the parking issues on Saturdays.

Mr Davies would raise this at the next Football meeting and ask that the footballers park their vehicles at the Working Mens' Club.

09/39 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 pm.

Chairman