

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 1st September 2010 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Apologies were received from Mr I Bowers and Mr K Howes.

10/28 Approval of the Minutes

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

10/29 Declarations

Mr Sharp declared an interest in the purchase of a replacement lawnmower.

10/30 Matters Arising

Police Issues

The crime report had been received. Mr Sharp reported that in addition to these there had been two broken windows at the Church. The screen around the bins at the churchyard had also been damaged. Wrought iron gates along the Ridge had been stolen. Damage had occurred to the tennis nets and because of this a decision had been made to keep them in the lockers and therefore they will not automatically be put up each year. Mr Ross said he would include an article on this in the newsletter.

Mr Howes had also reported in the summer that there had been evidence of youths staying over night at the rec and burning a fire. He had directly reported this to the Police and asked for a higher police presence.

The police had visited those drivers parking on the pavements and this had seemed to have improved but would continue to be monitored.

Overhanging branches

Concern was expressed over the Ivy that was spreading from Mrs Thompson's property onto the highway. The Clerk would write and ask that it be removed as soon as possible.

Water leak near to Rugby Club

Mr Kelly reported that there appeared to be 2 water leaks. He was advised to contact Anglian Water to report and that they normally responded in 24 hours.

10/31 Highway Issues

Grit Bins

The Clerk would contact the NCC to remind them of the need for additional grit bins outside 34 Wilby Lane, Top of Glenfield Drive and Goodens Lane.

Wall High Street/Church Lane

The clerk reported that she had consulted with the legal team at the Council to see if ownership could be ascertained from deeds. Unfortunately the deeds were no longer in the possession of the Borough Council and it was thought that these may have been transferred to Wellingborough Homes who had purchased the housing stock from the Council.

10/32 Planning Issues

There had been no applications received this month.

10/33 Finance and accounts for payment

The monthly statement and following accounts for payment were approved:

Accounting Solutions	
Accounts to 31 3 10	276.12
Wicksteed Leisure	
Inspection Fee	71.00
Mr M Kerlin	
Grass cutting July and August	240.00
Petrol	50.00
Dog Bins	180.00
E-On	
Street Lighting 1 4 10 – 30 6 10	1778.61

The accounts had been received for approval. Councillors had raised a number of queries relating to the complexity of the production of the accounts and asked if this was necessary to comply with the Audit needs. The Clerk reported that the accounts had been done in this format for a number of years and that the accountants carried out the

same work for a number of Parish Councils across the Country. A number of the queries raised had been responded to by the accountants. Parish Councils thought the format was somewhat involved for the relatively small sums involved but noted that the fees charged were reasonable. The Clerk would mention this to the accountants.

RESOLVED that the accounts be approved as drawn and that the Annual Return be duly submitted.

10/34 Any other business

Purchase of new mower.

Mr Sharp reported that the lawnmower was no longer working and beyond repair. A new mower would need to be purchased.

RESOLVED that Mr Sharp on behalf of the Parish Council be authorised to purchase an appropriate machine to replace the old mower.

Health and Safety Inspection of the Playing field.

Wicksteed had duly visited the playing field and reported on the items of repair that were required. The cradle seat had been removed for repair. Messrs Sharp, Davies, Crisp and Bowers along with Mrs McLester would meet at the playing field at 10 am on Saturday 18th September to check the items on the list that needed repair.

Site Specific Proposals Plan

Correspondence had been received from the Borough Council to inform the Parish Council that a consultation would be taking place in the Autumn on proposals for development in Great Doddington.

At the current time it looked like very little change was proposed to the Plan for Great Doddington.

Village sign on the Green.

It was reported that the village sign was in need of refurbishment. It was thought that the work should be carried out by a carpenter.

Mr Crisp would obtain quotes from two carpenters and report back to next meeting.

Projects

New Lamp: The Clerk had placed an order for an additional lamp in Church Lane, near to the path to the Memorial Hall. Mr Millard of E-

On was going to arrange to meet the Chairman to ensure that this was located in the correct place.

Fly tipping by the Rugby Club

It was reported that there had been a dramatic increase in fly-tipping near to the Rugby Club since the changes had taken place at the Wollaston Centre. The Clerk would report this increase to the County Council and ask the Borough Council to support this as its resources were being used to clear the fly-tipping.

10/35 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

An updated list of meetings would be circulated.

Chairman.....