

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 5 September 2012 in the Working Mens Club, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr C Davies (Chairman), Mr J Sharp, (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross, Mrs S Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J Crisp, Mrs J Griffiths and Mr K Howes.

(Due to ongoing works at the Chapel the meeting had been convened at the Working Mens Club.)

12/31 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

12/32 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

12/33 MATTERS ARISING

E-On Lighting maintenance

The Clerk had contact Mr Meeks from E-On regarding the concern that the lamps had not been cleaned adequately. He said he had carried out a spot-check on the job and had considered it to be satisfactory but would ask his operative to return to check all the lamps and reclean any that were particularly bad. This would be monitored.

Glenfield Drive

Mr Kelly reported that some of the potholes had and were continuing to be filled and repaired. He would continue to monitor the situation and report directly to Street Doctor should they not be done.

Parish Enhancement Gang

The gang had visited the village in August and had carried out some of the work that had been requested. Unfortunately the one day allocation was insufficient to carry out all the work required.

12/34 POLICE MATTERS

It was reported that there had been 2 crimes during July being a theft of a number plate and 1 incident of domestic violence.

In August there had been 4 crimes these being 1 burglary, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 1 theft and handling and 1 violent offence.

12/35 PLANNING MATTERS

23 High Street, Great Doddington

Mr Ross had been informed that the planning application would be put before the Planning Committee on 12 September but it had not been included on the agenda. A site viewing had been requested. As an update the application for rendering the property had been withdrawn and the 'Stegu' finish would be used.

Application for single storey extension at Wyevale Garden Centre.

There were no objections.

87 Earls Barton Road

It had been brought to the parish council's attention that a gateway was being installed at the entrance to the spur in Glenfield Drive. The owner of the property had been under discussion with the County Council. However, a formal planning application needed to be applied for and this was awaited.

Repairs to Wall 1 Doctors Lane

There were no objections to this.

12/36 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Auditing Solutions -	348.00
Annual Internal Audit	
Accounting Solutions -	282.00
Annual Accounts	
A-On Insurance -	17.31
Fidelity Guarantee Insurance	
Mr R Garron -	583.02
Grasscutting	
E R Davies -	20.00
Website repairs	

12/37 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Remuneration for Grasscutting

Following additional work which had been carried out due to the extreme weather conditions by Mr Garron it was agreed that for each additional cut that he had done the parish council would make an ex-gratia payment of £100. Mr Ross agreed to speak with Mr Garron and

ask him to submit a formal invoice. The Clerk would also write expressing the parish council's gratitude for the work that he'd done.

Swarming bees

Mr Kelly asked what could be done if there was a repeat of the 'swarming bees' situation as had happened during the summer in Glenfield Drive.

Mr Ross clarified that the 'Beekeepers Association' would always take a swarm of bees away. He would include an article in the Village News so people knew who to contact.

Planters at the Village Triangle

Mr Mason had supplied a quotation for the rebuilding of the stone planters. This work included the taking down of the stone work, the installation of 'weep vents' into the block work to allow water to escape, the rebuilding of the planters and the top up of planters with top soil. The cost would be £1592.00. Should he be appointed to carry out the work he would be able to commence in mid-October.

RESOLVED that he be appointed to carry out the work as detailed in his quotation.

Signing of cheques

It was agreed that cheques still be signed by the clerk to the parish council and two parish councillors.

Fidelity Guarantee Insurance

The clerk had been informed that the cost of increasing the fidelity guarantee would be £17.31. It was agreed that the payment be made and the amount increased in line with the audit recommendation.

Letter from resident

A letter had been received from a local resident regarding the use of the buses and pavements for those with failing eyesight.

He particularly raised the following points:

- (i) the provision of seating in the bus shelter on the square;
- (ii) the provision of a shelter and seating on the other side of the road;
- (iii) the re-siting of the seat on The Ridge nearer to the bus stop by Top Farm Lane;
- (iv) vehicles persistently parking on the pavements.

The clerk was asked to respond as follows:

- (i) this would be reviewed when undergoing the budget setting for next year;

- (ii) a decision had been made a couple of years ago not to place a shelter on this side of the road;
- (iii) the parish council would look at this option to move the seat;
- (iv) letters were frequently sent to people who parked on the pavements. It was suggested that the resident report each incident directly to the Police who had the power to sort this out.

Bunting

It was asked when the bunting would be taken down in the village.

It had been agreed that this would be kept up until the end of the para-olympic games.

Telegraph Pole

It was reported that there were flyers being placed on one of the telegraph poles in the centre of the village. Mr Ross would mention, in the next newsletter, that fly-posting was not permitted.

Personal Interest Forms

The clerk had received the majority of the personal interest forms back. However, parish councillors did raise their concern about the fact that their signatures were on the form and whether this would be an issue with regard to data protection when they appeared on the borough council's website. The clerk would speak to the monitoring officer with regard to this.

Cemetery Policy

The clerk had reviewed the policy and concluded that this did not seem to be appropriate for the cemetery area. She had carried out some research and found a policy from another parish which she believed to be more appropriate. She would draw up a draft for discussion. There remained concern about how compliance with the policy would be policed.

Cemetery applications

An application had been received as follows:

Inscription for Shirley Jean Drake to be added to the plot of Ernest and Alice Wootton. There was no objection.

Youth Football

The clerk had received a request from Mr Howes for assistance from the local councillor for the provision of 9 v 9 football goals.

The borough councillor no longer had funding allocated to assist with this and the clerk had forwarded the request to the County Councillor Blackwell to see if he had **any funding and could make a small contribution towards this.**

Later Life matters Event at The Castle

Correspondence had been received that an event would be held at The Castle on 26 September 2012 from 10am to 4pm.

12/38 Health and Safety

There were no issues raised.

12/39 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 10 October 2012 at **7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman.....

