

## GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

**Present:** Mr I Bowers, Mr J Crisp, Mrs J Griffiths, Mr K Howes, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross and Mr J Sharp.

Also present, Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr C Davies.

#### **11/06 Appointment of Chairman**

The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Mr Ross and seconded by Mr Sharp that Mr Ian Bowers be nominated for the position of Chairman for the Municipal year 2011-12. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that Mr I Bowers be appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council for 2011-12.

#### **11/07 Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr Bowers proposed Mr J Sharp and this was seconded by Mr Kelly. On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

**RESOLVED** that Mr J Sharp be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for 2011-12.

#### **11/08 Approval of the Minutes.**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2011 be approved and signed as a true record.

#### **11/09 Matters Arising**

##### **Co-option of Parish Councillor**

The Chairman made reference to the departure of Mrs K McLester and praised her for her hardwork and dedication during her period on the Parish Council. There was now a vacancy and the Parish Council could co-opt an interested person onto it. Applications should be submitted in writing to the Clerk.

## **Telegraph Pole Church Lane**

The Clerk confirmed that she had received an acknowledgement to her letter regarding the siting of the telegraph pole.

### **11/10 Police Matters**

Whilst there were currently no reported incidents the police were asked to continue to check the recreation ground now that the evenings were getting longer and stamp out any anti-social behaviour as soon as possible.

One of the Parish Councillors reported that an older gentleman had been seen on a regular basis at the recreation ground and that whilst this may be innocent the police had been informed.

Two vans had been seen driving around the village and parishioners were reminded to ring the police should they feel there was anything suspicious.

### **11/11 Highway Matters**

#### **Potholes**

Mr Kelly reported that between 32 and 38 Glenfield Drive there were 18 very large potholes. A number of people had contacted Street Doctor about these and it had been confirmed that these were programmed to be repaired.

The Clerk would email County Councillor Blackwell to see if he could fast-track the repairs.

#### **Traffic Congestion along The Ridge**

Some concern was expressed with regard to the traffic congestion along The Ridge where the new road was being constructed. It was believed that this would only cause problems for a couple of weeks during construction of the road but the situation would be monitored.

#### **Lamp Church Lane**

The Clerk was informed that the new lamp had still not been erected. She would chase e-on to see what the situation was.

### **11/12 PLANNING**

#### **Planning Sub-Committee**

It was agreed that the members of the planning sub-committee would be Ian Ross, John Crisp, Jim Sharp and Jo Griffiths.

#### **Extension 19 Glenfield Drive**

There was no objection.

### **11/13 Accounts and Financial Items**

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

Mr M Kerlin Grasscutting dog bins etc	235.00
Chapel Rent of Room for Royal Wedding meeting	10.00
Towergate Annual Insurance for the Gardening Team	347.29

### **11/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would give support to anyone who wished to establish a Diamond Jubilee Committee. This would need to be a separate entity to the Parish Council and would need to be properly constituted. Mr Ross reported that Mr David Smith was keen to participate.

#### **Repairs to Swings**

The Clerk reported that Wicksteed had returned the swings and chains to Mr Bowers and that Reids would be carrying out the repairs at a much lower price than that of Wicksteed. They did not believe that it was necessary to replace the top bar at the current time though at some point in the future it would need attention.

#### **Village Planters**

It had been found that remedial work on the planters would not be adequate to make them useable this year.

It was agreed that the planters should be repaired for use in this financial year. It was also agreed that the planters should have a lining to ensure that they lasted as long as possible. It was suggested that some circular piping be used which would then be surrounded by the stone work. Mr Bowers said he would contact the foreman at Hansons to see if they would be able to provide such piping. He would also contact Mr Skeats who gave the original quotation to see if he would be able to work with this.

#### **Wytch Elm**

Mr Bowers confirmed that he would be commencing work on the Wytch Elm tree shortly.

**Dog Bins**

Mr Sharp reported that two of the dog bins needed to be replaced as the lids were broken and not able to be repaired.

It was agreed that 1 new bin be ordered and that as there was already a post this would not be required.

**11/15 Close of meeting**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 1 June 2011.

**Chairman**