

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Great Doddington held on 2nd December 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 J Griffith, Mrs K McLester , Mr D Kelly and Mr I Ross
Also present Mrs C A Mundy – Clerk.

An apology was received from Mr K Howes.

09/58 Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2009 were approved as a true record.

09/59 Declarations of Interest

Mrs J Griffith declared a personal interest on Planning application WP/2009/0438 and left the room during discussion thereon.

09/60 Matters Arising

Salt Bins

Mr Kelly reported that the salt bin at the top of Glenfield Drive (the old entrance) needed replacing.

There was also a request for a replacement bin outside 34 Wilby Lane as the lid was damaged,

Goodens Lane the bin had been removed and needed replacing.

The Clerk would report all these.

Planning Decision

Mr Ross reported that the Planning application for John Gray Road had been refused by the Borough Council.

09/61 Police Matters

There had been an incident in St. Nicholas Road, where vandalism had happened to two vehicles with wing mirrors being smashed.

09/62 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Central Networks

The Chairman reported that a further new lamp had been required and this had been ordered from E-On. Central networks were continuing with the

work. A query regarding the making good of the pavements was raised with the golden gravel. The Clerk would raise this issue with Central Networks.

A kerb stone outside 1 Church Lane had also been damaged during the works and they would also be asked to make this good.

the works had been started but that there would be a slight delay as a closure notice was required for the slope and the Borough Council would need to approve the works.

The Clerk would contact Lee Haywood at Central Networks.

Highway works/Road sign improvements

The Clerk made reference to the email that had been received from the Courtney Claunch of the County Council in relation to highway works. The County had asked for suggestions of where works were required on highway signs and markings. Mr Ross and Mr Kelly had kindly taken some photographs of areas of particular concern and these had been forwarded to the County who had agreed to add them to their maintenance list.

Speeding Posters and Wheelie Bin Stickers

The Chairman made reference to a request that he had received for speed posters and wheelie bin stickers similar to those in Earls Barton.

The clerk had carried out some investigations and had been informed by Northants Acre that the posters formed part of the package for speed reduction under Community Speed Watch where parishioners had to partake and support with speeding surveillance. This was something that the parish had decided not to do previously, but Mr Ross would include this option, in a future edition of the Village News to see if feelings had changed and there was a will for this to be considered and whether there were any volunteers to be trained.

The Ridge

Residents had asked if consideration could be given to painting 30 MPH signs on the road. The Clerk had contact the County Council who had confirmed that this was a possibility though there was no budget to do this in the financial year or future years. The clerk would pursue the cost to see if it was something that the Parish Council could fund.

09/63 PLANNING

WP/2009/0438 - First Floor Extension Grove Farm House

There was no objection to this.

WP/2009/0437 - Plot 1 Hardwater Road - Revised elevation - No objection

7 Frost Court – Extension - It was believed that this was over-development of the Plot. There was no consideration to adjoining properties and it was recommended that a site viewing be held.

High Street application - it was reported that a site viewing meeting would be held at 10.15 am on 8 December 2009 should anyone wish to attend. The Planning meeting would be held on 9 December and requests to speak at the meeting would need to be with the Borough Council by 12 noon on that day.

09/64 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Marc Kerlin Grasscutting, dog bin clearance and cleaning of Bus Shelter	225.00
Marchean Press Limited Newsletter	295.00

09/65 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Iron Bridge

A letter had been received from a former resident of Great Doddington relating to the listing of the iron bridge believed to be Victorian across the River Nene. The concern was that the bridge was in need of repair and that it would benefit from being listed.

Following a lengthy discussion the Parish Council concluded that an application would not be made at this time to English Heritage. The Clerk would speak with Alex Stevenson, the County Council and Environment Agency regarding any information they had about the bridge and the process of listing.

Tree Services

The Clerk had received a note from Graham Shaw a tree surgeon from Little Billing offering his services. This would be kept on file.

Affordable Housing

Joanne Richardson of the Borough Council would attend the Parish Council meeting in March. The meeting would commence at 7 pm.

Projects

The precept for next year would need to be set in January and any proposed projects would need considering. The Borough Council had indicated that Parish Council's should be as prudent as possible in the current financial climate.

09/66 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Chairman