

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 12th January 2011 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

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

Apologies were received from Mrs J Griffiths, Mrs K McLester and Mr I Ross..

10/54 Approval of the Minutes

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

10/55 Declarations

RESOLVED to note that there were none.

10/56 Police Issues

It was reported that there had been 4 incidents reported by the Police; 2 burglaries, one at offices in Church Lane and the other at the Building Site on Hardwater Road; 1 drug related offence; badly scratched vehicles in Earls Barton Road and John Gray Road.

In addition it was known that there had been problems at the Memorial Hall with a fire extinguisher being used by youths with ancillary damage caused and industrial bins being pushed into the caretakers car. All of these had been reported to the Police.

10/57 HIGHWAYS

Grit Bin Goodens Lane

Following discussion on whether to replace the bin at the top of Goodens Lane using Parish Council funds it was agreed that a replacement bin would not be ordered at the current time.

Underground Cabling

The Chairman reported that E-On had contacted him as they wished to continue underground cabling from the flats in High Street along to 1 The Ridge and Goodens Lane on both sides of the road.

This would potentially need the replacing of 4 lamp posts. The Parish Council would need to fund the replacement of the lamp post but E-On would pay for the connection. This would need to be budgeted for from 1/4/2012.

Street Sweeper

The clerk was asked to find out when or if the street sweeper ever visited Great Doddington and if the Borough Council could diary its visits on a regular basis.

Pavement Parking

It was noted that a number of vehicles were being parked on the pavement outside homes in Earls Barton Road. Whilst it was appreciated that the pavement was quite wide it was still an obstruction for those using the pavements with wheelchairs and buggies. Agreed that this be reviewed at a future meeting.

Rose Cottage

The trees and bushes at Rose Cottage were once again hanging over onto the path making it difficult for people to walk along. The Clerk would write to the home owner asking them to cut them back.

Lime Tree outside 52 Earls Barton Road

The roots of the tree were destroying the footpath making it difficult to negotiation. The Clerk would contact the Highways Department and report this.

Verges and footpaths near to Hardwater Road

It was believed that the development at 1 Hardwater Road would soon be complete and the Clerk was asked to enquire about conditions on the planning permission relating to the making good of the verges and cleaning of footpaths.

10/58 Planning Issues

6 Earls Barton Road WP/2010/05672/F

There were no objections raised.

10/59 Finance and accounts for payment

The monthly statement and following accounts for payment were approved:

E-On Uk	
Lighting Maintenance Dec 10	356.92
E-On	
Lighting Charges to 31 12 10	1778.61
Isams – E R Davies	
Website Hosting	35.18
John Crisp	
Plastic Containers	49.62

10/60 Precept

The Clerk presented Members with income and expenditure figures for 2010/11 along with projected figures to the end of the financial year and for 2011/12.

Members considered the information and discussed the anticipated requirements of the village taking into consideration the need for prudence in the current financial climate.

It was proposed by Mr Davis and seconded by Mr Sharp that the precept be set at £22,000 for the financial year 2011/12. On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED that the precept for 2011/12 be set at £22,000.

10/61 Any other business

Royal Wedding

The clerk reported on the responses received regarding the proposal for a village celebration to mark the Royal Wedding. Whilst there was some interest in a celebration it was considered that there was insufficient time in which to plan anything too elaborate and that it may be better to consider marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

A village meeting would be called for Wednesday 26th January for those interested to attend to see what would be the best way forward. The Clerk would write to those who had responded and would also place a notice on the noticeboard inviting all interested parties to attend. The meeting would start at 7 pm at the Chapel Rooms. Mr Crisp, Mr Kelly and Mr Sharp would be in attendance.

Planters at Village Triangle

The Clerk had contacted Steven Mason who was going to visit the site and submit a quotation.

Village Cutlery and Crockery

Mr Crisp had, as agreed, purchased suitable strong containers for the cutlery and crockery which would in future be located at the Memorial Hall for anyone to borrow.

Affordable Housing Presentation

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on **Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 7pm** so that the Borough Council could attend to give a presentation on the results of the Affordable Housing survey carried out.

10/62 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.
Next meeting 2nd March 2011 at 7 pm. .

Chairman.....