

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 3rd March 2010 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington.

Present: Mr J E Sharp (Vice-Chairman), Mr J Crisp Mr C Davies, Mrs K McLester, Mr D Kelly and Mr I Ross.

Also present, Councillor Graves, J Martin and E Goodall.

Apologies were received from : Mr I Bowers, Mrs J Griffiths, Mrs C A Mundy and Mr K Howes.

09/89 Affordable Homes Presentation

The Vice-Chairman welcomed J Martin and E Goodall to the meeting who gave a presentation on the Affordable Homes scheme.

The first requirement would be to establish a housing need within the village. An article would be placed in the Parish Newsletter due out in May explaining what a survey would be trying to find out.

This would be followed in mid-June with a Housing needs survey on which the Parish Council would be able to have an input. Residents would be given a 2 week response period and be issued with a Freepost envelope. There were currently 21 people with a local connection on the Council waiting list.

Once the survey had been returned the responses would be collated and presented to the Parish Council. If there was a need for affordable housing potential sites would then be identified, landowners contacted and agreements reached. Planning applications would then be submitted.

Any planning permission would be the subject of a Section 106 Agreement which would ensure that anyone renting or purchasing a property had a local connection the criteria of which would be set by the Parish Council.

Any build would be sustainable to level 4 and will blend in with its surrounding. Properties and would be for renting or limited shared ownership.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and that information would be placed in the next newsletter and a housing needs survey conducted in June 2010.

09/90 Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2010 were approved as a true record.

09/91 MATTERS ARISING

Central Networks.

It was reported that the return of Central Networks to complete the works was still awaited.

New lamp columns

Following discussions with e-on it was agreed that the 'new' style Victorian lamps were acceptable.

Parish Enhancement Gangs

The Chairman had not been contacted by Mr Gray. The clerk would ask if there was anyone else that could meet with the Chairman.

09/92 DECLARATIONS

There were none.

09/93 POLICE ISSUES

No reports received.

09/94 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Traffic Management Plan

The Conservation Officer had not progressed this matter further due to pressure of work. It was noted that it would be sometime before the Parish Council heard anything more regarding a traffic management plan for the conservation area.

Anglian Water

The water leak in St Nicholas Road had now been repaired. The Earls Barton Road leak would be monitored.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Anglian Water regarding the lack of water pressure within the village.

Glenfield Drive

The large hole in High Street had been repaired. Repairs were still required to a number of large potholes in Glenfield Drive. This would be monitored.

Salt Bins

The replacement salt bin was still awaited. This would be monitored. .

Direction Sign

The height of the sign coming into the village from Earls Barton had not been raised. The Clerk would write to the NCC to establish a timescale of when this may be done. .

09/95 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

EON New lamps	2233.18
Mr M Kerlin Dog bins & Grass cutting	345.00

09/96 PLANNING

Appeal – Peasnell - 81 John Gray Road.

It was reported that the appeal had been refused.

High Street Development

Approved with caveats as requested by Parish Council.

53 Earls Barton Road

Confirmation received that planning permission was not required for the building of a swimming pool.

09/97 PROJECTS

Consideration was given to projects for 2010-11.

Bus Shelter - There were no further developments and the clerk was awaiting information from Stagecoach on bus stop usage.

Painting of Railings - The request to paint the railings outside 96 High Street had been submitted to the NCC.

Football Goals - Awaiting quotations.

Footpath – Playing Field to Memorial Hall

Councillor Graves confirmed that he would make money available from his Ward Support monies and that County Councillor Blackwell would more than likely do the same from his Empowering Councillors Scheme funding.

Footpath – School to hard standing .

Clerk to establish costs of laying additional slabs between the school and the hard standing area.

09/98 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bus Service

Article in local paper suggesting the bus service in the village may be reduced. Clerk to write to County Council and service provider to confirm potential changes.

Heritage Group

A request had been received from a group of people who wished to establish an Heritage Group within the village for a donation towards their start up costs.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be given towards this.

First Response

Details to be put in the Parish news letter.

Wollaston Tip

Correspondence had been received that from April onwards the Recycling Centre at Wollaston would only be open for waste that could be recycled. It would no longer open on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Community Funding

Grants of between £3k-20k are available for community projects, the deadline for application is end of May. Mr Sharpe to pass details onto Church PCC.

09/99 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Next meeting to be held on **7th April 2010 at 7.30pm.**

Chairman.....