

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Great Doddington Parish Council held on 9th November 2011 in the Chapel Rooms, Chapel Lane, Great Doddington

Present: Mrs J Griffiths, Mr J Crisp, Mr D Kelly, Mr I Ross and Mr I Bowers.

Also present: Mrs C A Mundy (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Mr I Bowers, Mr J Crisp, Mr C Davies, Mr K Howes, Mr J Sharp and Mrs A Smith.

11/08 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

It was proposed that in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman that Mrs Griffiths be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

11/09 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

11/10 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

11/11 PROPOSED WIND FARM

The Chairman welcome Mr Skipper and Mrs Wilcox to the meeting. They addressed the meeting about the proposed wind turbines that would be going to the Planning Committee sometime in the future. The wind turbines were to be erected in Wollaston and would be visible from Great Doddington. Mr Skipper and Mrs Wilcox wished to make the parish council aware of the impact that the wind turbines would have across the valley and highlighted the need for the parish council to object to the application when it came before the parish council. The site being proposed was a beautiful area of countryside popular with walkers and there was concern that wildlife would be affected because of noise.

The Chairman thanked them for their attendance and the advance notice that they had given to the parish council and confirmed that when the application was received full consideration would be given to the visual and environmental impact.

11/12 MATTERS ARISING

Trees in Earls Barton Road

Further consideration was given to whether the base of the trees needed to be cut back. It was felt that now that the leaves had dropped the base of the trees would benefit from being reduced. It was decided to defer this matter until the full parish council was present to discuss the possibility of setting up a working group to undertake the work.

11/13 POLICE ISSUES

It was reported that there had been a theft from a vehicle in John Gray Road where a laptop had been stolen and another in Glenfield Drive where nothing was taken.

Mr Kelly reported that the Community Panel meetings would no longer take place due to police cut-backs.

11/14 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Salt Bin Goodens Lane

A request had been received regarding the placing of a salt bin at the corner of Goodens Lane.

The Clerk reminded the parish council that this had been raised last year and that the County Council had stated that they would not replace the bin on this corner. The parish council had investigated at the time the purchase of a bin, which had been affordable, but there had been an issue raised over who would fill this with salt, store the salt and keep it replenished.

The clerk would contact the County Council again and see if they would reconsider their decision from last year and report back to a future meeting.

Notice board Kale Lane

The Clerk had received a call from Mrs Bunyan of The Ridge. Her son had replaced her fence and had noted that the notice board was severely damaged and that there was a lot of glass in the grass verge. Mrs Bunyan was asking if the notice board could either be repaired or replaced.

The clerk had confirmed to her that it was the parish council's intention to remove the notice board. The clerk would speak with the Chairman to see if he could make arrangements to remove it as soon as possible.

Cut Throat Lane

It was reported that frequently tyres were being disposed of along Cut Throat Lane near to the Rugby Club. The culprit was considered to be

a regular disposer as frequently they were removed and then more were disposed of.

The clerk would refer this to Councillor Barry Graves to see if investigations could take place to find the culprit to avoid council tax payers money being used to clear them.

11/15 PLANNING
16 Goodens Lane

Further amendment to plan. There were no objections.

8 Glenfield Drive -

Demolition of existing garage and extension. There were no objections.

Hardwater Road, Huf House

Change to the pitch of the roof. There were no objections.

11/16 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts and statement were approved for payment:

E-On
Street Lighting Supply 1 455.38
Borough Council of Wellingborough
Grounds Maintenance 918.00

E-On
Street Lighting Maintenance q/e 30 6 11 364.51

Mrs C A Mundy
Salary and accommodation fee
September and October 524.60

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Salary and accommodation fee
November and December 524.60

E-On Electricity
Street lighting supply 1819.58

Mr M Kerlin
Grasscutting 235.00

11/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Garden Seat in the Amenity Area

It was reported that the seat had been severely damaged the previous night and was beyond repair. The clerk was asked if this could be claimed through the parish council insurance. She did not think that amenity furniture was covered but would check the policy. A crime number would be required if a claim was to be made. She would report back to the next meeting.

Telegraph Pole

Mr Ross confirmed that there had been some activity on site and that it looked like the pole was in the process of being moved.

11/18 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting would be held on 7/12/2011 at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....

