

GREAT DODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council of Great Doddington held on 7th October 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, Mr K Howes, Mrs K McLester , Mr D Kelly and Mr I Ross

Also present Mrs C A Mundy – Clerk.

09/40 Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2009 were approved as a true record.

09/41 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

09/42 Matters Arising

Engineering Bricks, Church Lane

The damage had been reported to Street Doctor and action to repair would be monitored.

Primrose Lining at the School

This had still not been completed. A further letter would be sent to the County Council/MGWSP. County Councillor Blackwell was to contact the Director at the County Council in charge of the service to see if he could move this forward.

09/43 Police Matters

The Chairman welcomed PC Elliot Lee to the meeting. PC Lee informed Parish Council members of his career path during his 11 years service with the Police and confirmed that he was based at Earls Barton Police Station.

He informed the meeting that following on from the main reported incidents of theft from the church and problems at the recreation ground patrols had been stepped up and it was believed that this had resulted in a reduction of incidents during the summer months.

Generally distraction burglaries had increased and PC Lee suggested that an item be included in the newsletter about this. Any suspicious vehicles should be reported to the police, giving as much detail of it as possible, such as colour, type and registration where possible.

Speeding was still an issue and speed enforcement would continue to take place in the village. PC Lee asked if the Parish Council would consider

members being trained to carry out enforcement. Concern had previously been expressed that this could lead to confrontational issues with local residents.

PC Lee was asked to look at the parking situation particularly on a Saturday morning in High Street and surrounding areas. Parking was fairly chaotic and it was believed to be mostly due to the football club. Whilst accepting that parking issues came with the success of the football club the Parish Council thought it would be useful if a police presence could encourage more considerate parking.

09/44 HIGHWAY ISSUES

Central Networks

The Chairman confirmed that work would start on the underground cabling in Church Lane on 25 October 2009 for a week. Central Networks would then disappear and return on 10 November to carry out the rest of the work until mid-December. The Chairman had been warned that at times there would be a need for temporary traffic lights which would possibly cause congestion. Parishioners would be warned of this in the newsletter.

The clerk had written to E-On regarding the requirement for Victorian style lamps and informed them of locations and dates that they were required. A representative would meet with Chairman to discuss locations.

The works would be monitored and if anyone had any concerns they should contact the Chairman.

Parish Enhancement Gangs

In preparation for the Chairman meeting with a representative he was endeavouring to compile a list of requirements. As people were walking through the village and noticed things they should pass details onto the Chairman or Clerk.

Salt Bins

The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to request that the current salt bins be refilled and that salt bins be installed/repaired at the following locations:

Top of each entrance to Glenfield Drive
Corner of Goodens Lane and High Street by the Stags Head.

Stone Planter at the Village triangle

It was reported that some repair work was required to the stone planters at the village triangle.

The Clerk would contact Mick Heffernan and ask if he could take a look at them.

09/45 PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

Mr Ross informed the meeting that a report was going to the Community Committee at the Council stating that a Housing Needs survey regarding affordable housing would be done in Great Doddington in February 2010. If approved it was hoped that the Clerk would be contacted and informed of this.

09/46 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

E-On	
Lighting Maintenance to 20/9/09	352.48
Barbara Tomkins	
Reimbursement for Heritage Weekend	56.53
Marc Kerlin	
Grasscutting, Dog Bin clearance	205.00

09/47 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Heritage Weekend

This was taking place on 10th and 11th October. Everyone was welcome to attend and enjoy the history of the village.

Projects

Bus Shelter

The clerk was asked to contact the clerk of Earls Barton Parish Council to ascertain the cost and supplier of the newly erected wooden bus shelters.

Seat

The cost of a wooden seat ranged from £300-£500 depending on size and style.

Hardstanding

Mr Howes reported that the fencing around the hardstanding had deteriorated. Mr Crisp confirmed that he was dealing with this and would be getting this completed shortly.

Goals at hardstanding

Mr Howes made reference to the possible inclusion on the hardstanding of goals. He explained that they wouldn't infringe onto the tennis area or basketball area. The Parish Council asked Mr Howes to obtain prices and sizes and costs for bolting into the ground.

The Clerk would contact the Borough Councillor to see if he had any ward support monies available for this project.

09/48 CLOSE OF MEETING

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

Chairman