

Meeting of Doddington Parish Council held on Monday, 16th February 2015 in the Pavilion, Benwick Road, Doddington at 7.30p.m.

Present:- Cllrs C Curtis, A Clapham, S Cross, P Jolley, R. Hufton, R. Mason, J. Welcher and B. Whittaker. The clerk, Mr R. Wilkin, was also present.

1. Apologies:- Cllr D. Connor (District & County Councillor) and police representative

2. Minutes:- The minutes of 19th January 2015 were agreed after changing the word Exmoor to Eastmoor in para (a) under Highway Maintenance. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman as correct.

3. Matters Arising:-

a. The damaged grass area opposite the clock tower was to be referred to CCC for repair. The Clerk was seeking costings on purchasing “Keep of the Grass” signs.

b. Members agreed to form a small working party to investigate possible community celebrations to commemorate the ending of WW2. Cllrs Curtis and Hufton agreed to form the working party. The Clerk confirmed that he would submit a grant application to CCC.

c. The Clerk reported that, following concerns raised by David Edwards on behalf of the Friends of Doddington War memorial, he had inspected the works and advised the contractor that some of the repairs that he had made required additional attention. The contractor confirmed that following his inspection he would attend to the repairs during the week commencing 23rd February.

4. Police Matters:-

a. In the absence of Whittlesey Safer Neighbourhood Team their report on incidents within the village was read out by the Clerk.

b. The Clerk and Cllr Whittaker reported that a meeting of Speed Watch coordinators was taking place on 5th March 2015 in Huntingdon. Cllr Whittaker was attending.

c. The Clerk reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner would be holding a surgery on 19th March 2015 between 2pm and 4pm on the New Horizon’s Bus that will be parked in the March Library car park.

5. Highway Maintenance:-

a. It was reported that the damaged grass verge in Eastmoors Lane was with CCC for repair.

b. Cllrs Jolley and Whittaker reported on the serious pot hole issue in Parsons Land Drove. Cllr Whittaker provided a quantity of photographs that he had taken of the roadway.

c. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council’s application to improve the footpath surface along Benwick Road between Askham House and the entrance into Washbrook Farm under the Local Highway Improvement Initiative had been turned down by CCC. Members asked that the need for these repairs be referred to CCC as routine highway repairs.

d. It was reported that as Rod Marshall was due to retire, a letter of thanks for his past assistance to ensuring that highway maintenance issues within the village were attended to.

6. Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council Matters:-

Cllrs Hufton, Jolley and Whittaker confirmed that they were attending the Cambridgeshire Future Transport meeting on 24th February 2015.

7. Parish Street Lighting:-

The Chairman reported that Fenland DC had advised her that any further action in reaching a resolution on the replacement of street lights within the Parishes was being deferred until after the Council elections in May 2015.

8. Doddington Village Action Group

Cllr Hufton reported that printing and collating quotes were being obtained. In addition, requests to local companies had been made for sponsorship towards the costs of producing the village questionnaires.

9. Planning:-

a. Applications

i) F/YR15/0060/F Reinstatement and refurbish abandoned dwelling to residential use and erection of a single storey side extension involving the demolition of existing extension and outbuilding. Tommys Forty Foot Bank, Ramsey. Members expressed their concern that this development may create a precedent regarding future applications. The Clerk was asked to investigate past applications and repeat any objections made at that time.

ii) F/YR15/0077/O Erection 10 x dwellings. Land east of Askham House, Benwick Road, Doddington . The Council was very concerned that the comments raised by members when the applicants and their architect made a preliminary presentation to the Parish Council have not been incorporated into their current submission. Members indicated their support for the application providing vehicle access to the site was via Hospital Road rather than via various points along Benwick Road.

10. Parish Council Election May 2015

The Clerk reported that Fenland DC were holding election briefing sessions for Parish Clerks and Parish Councillors on 25th February 2015. The Clerk advised that he would attend the meeting.

11. Financial Matters:-

a. Receipts and Payments.

The following receipts and payments were presented and accepted as follows:-

Receipts:-	£	Payments:-	£
Rent Benwick Ath FC	135.00	JE Electrical Services – Clock Tower	822.51
HMR&C – VAT refund	4,079.77	Clerk's Salary	424.32
		Petty cash reimbursement to Clerk	117.50
		HMRC – Income tax on clerks salary	106.08
	<u>£4,214.77</u>		<u>£1,470.41</u>

12. Correspondence:-

a. The Clerk reported receipt of an application for grant funding from FACT in view of the number of Doddington residents that make use of their services. Members agreed that no decision be made on the application at the present time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.