

**Meeting of Doddington Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th August 2015
in the Pavilion, Benwick Road, Doddington at 7.30p.m.**

Present:- Cllr R Hufton (Chair), Cllrs S Cross, I Gowler, P Jolley, R. Hufton, R. Mason, V McDougall, J Shepherd and B. Whittaker. Cllr D. Connor (District & County Councillor), Cllr M Davis (Councillor for Wimblington) and the clerk, Mr R. Wilkin were present.

1. Apologies:- Cllr J. Welcher

2. Minutes:-

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

3. Matters Arising:-

- a. Cllr Mason advised that the wiring in the Clock Tower had been attended to.
- b. Cllr Mason advised that the unofficial dog walking sign in Abbey Recreation Ground had been removed.
- c. The Clerk advised that the Pavilion would be used up to and including the December 2015 meeting.
- d. The Chair advised the meeting that grants are likely to be available to cover the cost of repairs to the Bier House doors and brickwork and she was currently preparing applications.
- e. Cllr Mason confirmed that the large conifer tree near the Methodist Church Hall needed attention but he had not yet had an opportunity to discuss the matter with a relative of the owner.
- f. White lines had now been painted on the resurfaced roads in the village.
- g. The Clerk advised that he would prepare a note with road plans for next months meeting to enable members to formulate a submission under the CCC's 2016/2017 Local Highway Improvements initiative to request 30mph speed limits along Newgate Street, Wimblington Road and Benwick Road.
- h. FDC had announced that the proposed training session on planning applications was being delayed from August to September 2015.

4. Police Matters:-

- a. PC Rem Kajzer was not present but members were very pleased to record that he was making regular visits to the village.
- b. The Chair advised the meeting that she had received an acknowledgement from the staff of Sir Graham Bright, Police & Crime Commissioner and expected a reply shortly.

5. Highway Maintenance:-

- a. A pothole was reported at the junction of Beech Avenue and Wimblington Road.
- b. It was reported that CCC was undertaking the grass cutting of verges in the village yesterday.
- c. It was reported that many hedges in the village had been cut back.
- d. Amanda Hill is the CCC Highway Officer who has taken on some of the duties previously undertaken by Rod Marshall.

6. Street Lighting:-

- a. It was reported that FDC were currently preparing a letter to all Parish Councils on their proposals on Parish street lights.
- b. A faulty CCC street light was reported in Sutton Way. Cllr McDougall undertook to report this on the CCC website.
- c. Three Parish Council street lights, FPC9, 30 and 40 were reported as being permanently on. The Clerk will report these to FDC for repair.

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

- a. Cllr Connor informed the meeting that FDC now had a joint planning administrative procedure with planning staff at Peterborough Council.
- b. The Clerk reported that FDC/CCC were planning a second cycle "Tour of Cambridgeshire" on 5th June 2016 and were asking parishes if they would like the cycle race to pass through their village rather than bypass it. Members felt that this would be an excellent opportunity for the village providing the roads were not closed for a whole day.

8. Planning:-

a. New Applications:

F/YR15/0625/TRCA Works to 3 Yew trees, Alpha Cottage 1 New Street

Members supported this application.

b. Other Planning Matters:

i) F/YR15/0442/F Development at New World Farm Dykemoor Drove Doddington.

Members noted that a revised proposal covering a retrospective application had been submitted to erect a single storey front extension to this application which have previously been supported by the Parish Council.

ii) F/YR14/0750/F The Old Swan Bungalow Benwick Road Doddington

Planning Enforcement were still investigating this site. Cllr Connor informed the meeting that FDC were expecting an application to create a 4 bed dwelling in place of the existing 3 bed bungalow which would incorporate the siting of the new mobile home that is already on site. Other parties own the old mobile units and FDC have yet to ascertain their use.

iii) F/YR15/0607/NONMAT Plot 5 site of 65 Newgate Street Doddington

This application, which had not formally been reported to the Parish Council, was for a slight amendment to the alignment of the plot and seemed to serve no purpose. Cllr Connor was asked to make enquiries with FDC to ensure that the overall concept of the site layout was not being opened up or changed by giving access to other areas.

iv) F/YR14/0217/F Granting of planning permission for 16 units in Wimblington Road Doddington (Condition of pond)

Cllr Connor advised that Larkfleet Homes, who will be building the 16 dwellings, are willing to improve the pond area and may obtain an option to purchase it thereby making it a better feature within the development.

v) Unfinished units Newgate Street – section 215 notice.

Cllr Connor advised that the owner (Mr McGarvie) was prepared to cut back the brambles from his site that were encroaching onto the roadway but he had no funds to comprehensively tidy the site. FDC were seeking a way forward.

vi) F/YR14/0503/FDL 62 dwellings and access east of Bevills Close.

The Chair, Cllr Connor and other members of the Parish Council met a representative from CCC Highways who advised that they were not happy with some of the internal roadways and also had some concerns over the access. These issues will need to be resolved before any planning decision can be made.

9. Developer Contributions:-

a. Ransonmoor Environmental Fund

The Chair advised the meeting that a meeting of the panel was being planned for October 2015. A suggested change to the criteria by which grants can be agreed had been presented to FDC for their consideration and a response was awaited.

10. Abbey Recreation Ground – Lease with Benwick Athletic Football Club:-

The Clerk advised that the current lease had lapsed and needed to be reviewed. Following a general discussion it was agreed that the monthly rent should be increased by £5 per month to £140 but instead of the Council making a contribution towards the grass cutting costs, the club is granted two months rent free. It was reported that the steel covering to two external doors at the Pavilion had been damaged and needed attention.

11. Website:-

Cllr McDougall advised members that good progress was being made on the website. No member raised any objection to their contact details being published on the website.

12. Financial Matters:-

a. Bank Account arrangements.

The Clerk advised members that forms had now been received from the bank to remove three members from the current mandate to be replaced by Cllrs Gowler, McDougall and Shepherd.

b. Receipts and Payments.

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

Receipts:-	£	Payments:-	£
Rent Benwick Ath FC	135.00	J Cutteridge – grass cutting	744.00
		Clerk’s Salary	424.32
		Petty cash reimbursement to Clerk	126.44
		HMRC – Income tax on clerks salary	106.08
		CPRE – subscription	36.00
	<u>£135.00</u>		<u>£1,436.84</u>

13. Any Other Business:-

- Cllr Connor advised that CCC were suggesting some additional boundary changes to the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding electoral boundaries for the County.
- The Chair asked members to consider the idea of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan showing area that may be suitable for development. It was agreed to consider this in more detail at the next meeting.
- The Chair had been passed two trophies which had been used in the past when the village ran a “Best Garden Competition”. Members agreed to consider re-running the competition at the next meeting.
- Cllr Connor agreed to approach the owner of the old garage forcourt in Primrose Hill to see if the area can be tidied up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.