

GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 5th May 2014 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Tyler (Chairman), D Gibley (Clerk) Cllrs: L Parker, A Murdock, P Long, N Clarke and G Vizma.

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Election of Chairman

The Chairman indicated his willingness to stand for one further year. This was accepted unanimously.

3. Confirmation of Other Officers

The responsibilities of the officers were confirmed as:

- Cllr L Parker - Planning representative to HDC
- Cllr P Long - Responsible Financial Officer
- Cllr A Murdock - Tree Warden and Village Hall representative
- Cllr N Clarke - Police, Community and Heritage Matters
- Cllr G Vizma - Street Lighting

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 7th April 2014.

The minutes, previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to two amendments which have been incorporated into the revised minutes.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- **Poor's Charity.** The Chairman reported that work was on-going concerning the legal aspects of the Charity and that he would report back in due course. **Action: Chairman**
- **Affordable Housing.** The Chairman reported that HDC had confirmed that no Affordable Housing Contribution (AHC) had been required in respect of the Gatehouse Lane development but HDC had not provided any explanation. However, to date, there has been no confirmation that AHC will be required in respect of the original complainant's application. If AHC is required, the Chairman will draft a letter of complaint to HDC, which he will circulate to Cllrs prior to submission. **Action: Chairman**
- **War Memorial.** Cllr A Murdock confirmed that Ivor Luscombe had agreed to assist with the planned work for the shrubs and the re-siting of the daffodils later in the year.
- **Broadgate Bench repair.** Cllr L Parker said that he had obtained two quotations for the necessary repairs to the bench. After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the slightly more expensive option of £179. **Action. Cllr L Parker**
- **Daffodils.** The Chairman confirmed that Mr Ivor Luscombe had agreed to assist with the planting of the 1000 daffodils on the road towards Bringhurst School in the Autumn.

6. Planning Developments

Cllr L Parker reported on the following:

- **Proposed Broadgate Development.** Cllr Parker reported that Mr Stewart had appealed against the decision of HDC to refuse planning for the 13 houses on the land to the rear of 28 Broadgate. Cllr Parker said that the PC has now been made aware that HDC have identified sufficient development land for the 7700 new homes provision and he therefore recommended that the PC withdraw its original support for the application on the basis that the proposed development is outside the designated Parish boundaries and that approval would set a precedent for further development applications. This was agreed and a copy of the PC's representation has been circulated to Cllrs.

- **Open Space at Brook Lane Paddock.** Cllr Parker circulated a plan of the proposed Exclusion area requested by Mrs Clarke and Mrs Kingston, following the recent decision by the PC to support their request for retention of a designated area within the Open Space. It was noted that the proposed Exclusion Area approximated to a third of the overall area. The PC agreed to consider the implications on site during the annual Village review scheduled for the 16th June.

7. Financial Matters

- **Annual Accounts.** The Clerk circulated copies of the Income and Expenditure account for FY 2013/14, which had been previously agreed with Cllr Long. The account was approved by the PC and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk reported that arrangements for the annual internal and external audits were in hand.

- **Insurance.** The Clerk confirmed that the Public Liability insurance was for £5M.

- **Cheques.** The following cheque payments were authorised:

100934	£33.00	B Penfold - Gardening
100935	£30.00	H Jefferson -Bus Shelter Cleaning
100936	£400.00	Six Saints Youth Group Annual donation – circulated paper agreed at the meeting

8. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

Cllr Clarke said that there had been considerable police activity within the village and that she was awaiting a response from the new Police Liaison Officer.

9. Arboreal matters.

Nubrook House. Cllr Murdock reported that the application by Mr R Todd for the routine trimming of garden trees had been approved.

10. Annual Peregrination and Risk Assessment

It was agreed to schedule the annual village peregrination and insurance risk assessment for Monday 16th June at 6.15, starting at Cllr Murdock's.

11. AOB

- **Village Charities.** Reports for two of the three local charities were given:

(A) – Molesworth Charity (Trustee Mrs S Kingston). The annual report had been submitted on-line. Income for year - £3.56. Account, as at 23 Dec 13 - £147.06
Cllr Clarke agreed to liaise with Mrs Kingston to review the options for winding up the small charity. **Action – Cllr Clarke**

(B) – Valentine Goodman Charity (Trustee Mrs V McKeggie). 23 payments of £35 had been made to local residents in 2013. Discussion was on-going to convert the Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which would reduce the liability of trustees and also potentially broaden the scope of the Trust for the benefit of the local community. No land transactions had taken place.

- **Cars in Moulds lane.** Cllr Clarke reported on the increased parking of cars in Moulds Lane and the police interest in the local activities.

- **Lampposts.** The Chairman said that he had asked Cllr Vizma to assist with the inspection of those lampposts for which the PC has a financial responsibility and that Mr Stellmacher and Mr Luscombe had agreed to assist with the initial inspection.

- **Notice board.** The Chairman said that it had been suggested that the PC meeting minutes should be displayed on the Village notice board. This was agreed subject to review of the available space. **Action – The Clerk**

- **Road Safety.** Cllr Long reported that the police appeared to be conducting local speed checks. The Chairman said that it might be timely to revisit the potential danger spot around the War memorial in view of the considerable increase in car parking in the area of the Sun Inn. It was agreed to include this during the annual peregrination

- **European Elections.** It was noted that the Village Hall would be used for the European elections on the 22nd May.

12.Date of next meeting.

Monday 2nd June at 7.30 in the Village Hall

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)