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## GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllr B Tyler (Chairman), D Gibley (Clerk), Cllrs: A Murdock, N Clarke, P Long, L Parker, G Vizma and 7 members of the public

**1. Apologies for absence**  
**None**

**2. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and said that, as customary, he would take those items of personal interest to the public first.

**3. Dog Day Centre**

Public concern was expressed at the planning application for a Dog Care Centre and erection of two agricultural buildings at Meadow Brook Farm, Stockerston Lane and the apparent failure of the HDC to provide the statutory Site Notices and notifications to neighbouring properties. Concerns were also stated concerning the potential problems of dog walking in the vicinity of grazing cattle and the general viability of this proposal close to an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The Chairman undertook to raise the issue of the absence of the site notices and other customary consultation notices with HDC. **Action: Chairman**

The PC was unanimous in supporting the objections and agreed to inform HDC accordingly. **Action: Cllr Parker**

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014.**

The minutes, previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

- **Poor's Charity.** The Chairman reported that work was continuing with the Solicitor and the preparation of the Statutory Declarations. **Action: Chairman**

- **Molesworth Charity.** Cllr Clarke said that the options for winding up the small charity remain to be finalised. **Action: Cllr Clarke**

- **Lampposts.** The Clerk reported that the action to obtain costings for the replacement wooden lamppost was in hand. **Action: Clerk**

- **Police Liaison.** Cllr Clarke said that she had contacted but not yet met the new police liaison officer. **Action: Cllr Clarke**

- **Barnsdale House.** The Clerk reported that he had not yet received a reply to the letter stating the PC's concern at the dilapidated appearance of the outside of this prominent house. A further letter will be written prior to contacting HDC **Action: Clerk**

- **Banbury Lane Sign**, Cllr Murdock noted that the redundant sign had not yet been removed. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

## 5. Planning Matters

- **Proposed Broadgate Development.** Cllr Parker said that all had been informed that the Appeal against the HDC decision to refuse planning for the 13 homes, held on the 1st July, had been allowed.

The Appeal decision reference is APP/F2415/A/14/2216887. This notes the factors which had been taken into account and details the schedule of Conditions to be satisfied before development is allowed.

- **Gatehouse Lane.** Cllr Parker noted that Mr Raj Uppal had submitted a planning application for 2 additional houses at the Gatehouse Lane site. It was noted that site notices did not appear to have been displayed and that the affordable housing issue remained unresolved.

- **Brook Lane Paddock.** The application to consider excluding a part of the Brook Lane Paddock from the proposed Green Open Space by Mrs Sue Kingston and Mrs Ellen Clarke was deferred to the October meeting.

Afternote: It has been agreed that this application will be held over until further notice.

- **Consultation and Public Awareness.** The issues of improved public consultation and information on planning matters was raised and Mrs Lloyd asked if an email notification system could be implemented. The Chairman outlined the current system and noted that HDC were generally flexible on allowing additional time for responses. The temporary closure of the Village Shop had meant that the informal networks had been in abeyance. The importance of improved consultation was fully supported and the Chairman agreed to submit a notice in the next issue of the Parish magazine.

**Action: Chairman**

## 8. Financial Matters

- **PAYE.** Cllr Long said that the PC should be applying PAYE and that this was now in place.

- **Additional HDC payment for new homes.** The Clerk said that the PC had received a one- off payment of £89.74 from HDC. This is from the Govt New Homes Bonus Locality Fund for 2014/15.

- **Cheques.** The following cheque payment was authorised:

101041      £69.00      B Penfold    - Bus Shelter and Caldecott Churchyard

## 9. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Bringhurst School car parking.** The Clerk reported that the Bringhurst and Drayton Meeting supported having a further joint initiative to address the many related issues concerning parking and road safety issues in the vicinity of the school. All agreed that this would need to be in close consultation with the school. **Action: Cllr Clarke**

- **Road Priorities at the War Memorial.** The proposal to make this a one way system remains outstanding. **Action : Clerk**

## 10. Arboreal matters.

Nothing separate to report

**11. Grass Cutting – 2015.** The Clerk said that LCC had been notified that the PC had agreed to participate in the new scheme for 2015, which will require the PC to let a contract for the grass cutting within the village 30mph signs and the strimming of the “jitties”. A map of the current contracted area had been received. The sub- committee of Cllrs Murdock, Long and the Clerk would take this forward.

Afternote. Cllr Murdock had agreed to lead this work.

**Action: Cllr Murdock**

**12.LRALC Membership.** After discussion it was agreed to join the LRALC for the remainder of the financial year, at a pro rata cost of £106.29. The benefits of continued membership would then be reviewed.

**Action: Clerk**

**13. Neighbourhood Plan.** Correspondence had been circulated to all Cllrs, raising the question of revisiting the earlier PC decision not to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Great Easton. It was agreed to pursue this further and report back to the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

**14.AOB.** The following matters were discussed:

- **Village Website.** Mrs Judith Lloyd, who is the Gatekeeper and Manager of the Village website, has written to say that she wishes to step down, once a successor has been identified and trained. It was agreed to seek a successor.

**Action. All**

- **The Great War – 8<sup>th</sup> November.** The Chairman said that this would be a commemorative event in the Village hall, with a Concert and Bring and Share Supper.

- **Remembrance Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> November.** The Chairman outlined his thoughts for a Civic Service for this centenary Sunday, suggesting the involvement of children for the laying of wreaths and the reading of the List of the Fallen. This was fully supported.

- **HDC One on Ones.** Hayley Cawthorne, the HDC PC Liaison officer, had proposed a meeting at HDC with members of the PC and identified Council Officers to discuss matters of current interest. The Clerk was requested to arrange.

**Action: Clerk**

**15. Date of next meeting.**

Monday 6th October at 7.30 in the Village Hall

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr B Tyler  
(Chairman)