

DRAFT
GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
of the 6th October 2014
in the Village Hall**

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

Mr I Althorp, Mrs F Craven and Mr R Uppal also attended

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr N Clarke

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.

- **Dwelling adjacent to Barnsdale Paddock.** It was confirmed that no objections to the planning application had been received .

- **Neighbourhood Plan.** Cllr Long referred to his paper, previously circulated. He said that following discussions with Gary Kirk and other Parish Councils, who had either completed or were in the process of completing a Neighbourhood Plan, his firm recommendation was that a Neighbourhood Plan should be implemented.

During discussion it was evident from members that there was a clear consensus that events had moved on from the last time the subject was discussed and there was now general support for this proposal. Mr R Uppal stated his strong support , adding that the Plan would need to be legally robust and this might require additional professional expertise. The Clerk reported that early indications were that a “strong” team of local residents could be found to join a Steering Group.

It was agreed that:

- The process for initiating a Neighbourhood Plan for Great Easton should be commenced, subject to the necessary funding being accessed and a representative Steering Group being formed.

- The Steering Group would be a sub-committee of the PC, reporting back monthly as a permanent agenda item.

- A notice would be inserted in the November Parish magazine informing all of this recommendation and calling a Public meeting.

- Cllr Long, in conjunction with the Clerk, were authorised to continue the necessary initial planning leading up to the Public meeting. **Action: Cllr Long/Clerk**

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 1st September 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, including consideration of who should hold the Title. **Action: Chairman**

- **Molesworth Charity.** The options for winding up the small charity remain to be finalised. **Action: Cllr Clarke**
- **Lampposts.** The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with LCC to request a list of all lampposts for which the PC had responsibility, which is understood to include 4 remaining wooden lampposts. Further advice would be obtained regarding the need and cost of repair for the wooden lamppost in Deepdale. **Action: Clerk**
- **Barnsdale House.** The Clerk reported that work appeared to be in progress to remove the weeds and generally improve the external appearance of this prominent house.
- **Banbury Lane Sign,** Cllr Murdock noted that the redundant sign had not yet been removed. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

5. Planning Matters

- **Dog Day Centre – 14/00935/FUL.** Cllr Parker said that he had written to HDC following the strong concerns expressed at the last PC meeting and there had been additional objections from the community. He was concerned that the objection did not appear in the HDC website but Cllr Beaty was able to reassure the PC that the note to members had included the PC comments. The application was to be considered on the 7th October. **Afternote. The application was refused.**

- **Erection of Iron gates and stone pillars at Banbury House – 14/01211/FUL**
No objections had been notified.

- **2 new houses, garaging and demolition of Hornbeam House and existing barn in Banbury lane – 14/0111/OUT.** Cllr Parker said he thought that this was a previous application , which had been approved but not gone ahead. He would be contacting the immediate neighbours

- **Consultation and Public Awareness.** Following the discussion at the last meeting concerning possible improvements in local public awareness of current planning issues, the Chairman had published a note in the magazine concerning current issues and planning information.
Afternote: HDC automatically update the Planning Applications on the Village PC website, listing all current applications by reference number and short description, which is a most helpful tool but not widely known.

6. Financial Matters

- **Budget and 6 monthly update.** A budget and 6 monthly update had been previously circulated, which was agreed as a useful document. It was agreed to include £200 for Remembrance events planned in the Village. A copy of the amended statement will be placed on the notice board.
- **Cheque payments.** The following payments were authorised:

101042	£106.29	6 monthly membership of LRALC
101043	£240.00	Clerk’s wages – Jul-Sep
101046	£160.00	HMRC-PAYE
101045	£97.25	Church floodlighting –annual contribution

7. Arboreal matters. Nothing separate to report.

8. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Bringhurst School car parking.** Cllr Clarke had informed the PC in her absence that a meeting had been held with Bringhurst School, the Highways dept, and Drayton concerning the parking issues and the encroaching hedges along the approach roads. The hedges have since been cut back and there has been an increased police presence to enforce the existing regulations. A note of the meeting will be circulated to all when received from the School. It was pointed out that the re-positioning of the 30 mph speed limit sign over the brow of the hill towards Drayton would be a major improvement. **Action: Cllr Clarke**
- **Road Priorities at the War Memorial.** The proposal to make this a one way system remains outstanding. **Action : Clerk**

9. Grass Cutting -2015. Cllr Murdock said that she had agreed to take the lead on the new Contract system for 2015, following the change of responsibility from LCC to the PC. She said a map of the current contracted areas had been received and the 5 annual cuts included the jitties. Cllr Murdock noted that this presented an opportunity to review the whole area, with households encouraged to take responsibility for certain areas, which might free up the ability for more frequent cuts of high visibility locations. It was noted that the £675 potentially allocated to the PC in lieu of the LCC Contract might be paid in arrears and the budget would need to take this into account. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

10.AOB. The following matters were discussed:

- **Daffodils.** Cllr Murdock requested confirmation of where the daffodils, currently in her garage, should be planted. She was advised to contact Ivor Luscombe. It was suggested that the planting should be within the existing 30 mph sign towards the school. **Action: Cllr Murdock**
- **Village Website.** The Clerk was asked to ascertain the latest position concerning a replacement for Mrs Lloyd **Action: Clerk**
- **Importation of puppies from abroad.** Cllr Clarke had reported that HDC had been informed that domestic premises appear to be being used for trading for a business, involving the importation of puppies from abroad, without planning permission. HDC had indicated they were aware of allegations of similar activity at the same premises and the Enforcement Officer would be investigating.
- **Planning OnLine Training.** Cllr Parker said that he and the Clerk had jointly attended an HDC Training Event for OnLine Planning, which had been informative.
- **HDC One on Ones.** The Clerk reported that he, with Cllrs Long and Murdock ,had attended the One on One meeting with Hayley Cawthorne, the HDC PC Liaison officer, which had also been useful.
- **Meeting dates – 2015.** The dates for 2015 had been circulated and the V. Hall booked.

15. Date of next meeting.

Monday 3rd November at 7.30 in the Village Hall

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr B Tyler
(Chairman)

