

**DRAFT**  
**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**of the 3rd November 2014**  
**in the Village Hall**

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

Mrs J Harvey, Mrs K Gibb and Mrs M Clarke also attended

**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.

- **Dog Day Care Centre – 14/01446/FUL.** Cllr Parker said that following the initial planning refusal, a second planning application for a Dog Day Care Centre had been submitted. The applicant had modified the previous application by stating that a 3metre high hawthorn hedge would be grown around the perimeter and that there would be no dog walking outside the perimeter. During discussion it was apparent that the original strong concerns around the change of use, noise, potential effect on the habitat remained and also the time needed for the hedge to reach a mature height. Cllr Parker was asked to again represent these strong concerns to HDC, with copies of the submission sent to the adjacent local farmers, namely Mrs Clarke and Mr Johnson.

**Action: Cllr Parker**

The Chairman agreed to additionally contact D Cllr Beatty

**Action: Chairman**

- **Poor's Charity.** The Chairman noted that Mrs Gibb was attending in her capacity as a Trustee of the Charity. The Chairman noted that the issue of evidencing the correct title of ownership of the land- a field of approximately 9 acres rented to Mrs Clarke – remained unresolved, without which the land cannot be properly registered. The Chairman stated his concerns that this situation , which had been continuing for many years, now needed to be regularised and placed on a proper legal footing.

After discussion, the following actions were agreed:

- Income. There would be no further payments from the Charity until the immediate issues had been resolved. The Income for 2014, normally received in December, would be held in a bank account, separately identified, and no further disbursements would be made until authorised by the PC. **Action: RFO/Clerk**

- Sub Committee. Cllr Parker and the Clerk agreed to follow up on the work to date, in conjunction with the Solicitor, to initiate a way forward and report back to the PC in due course.. **Action: Cllr Parker/Clerk**

It was noted that the annual rental had not been reviewed since 1986.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014.**

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

#### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- **Molesworth Charity.** The options for winding up the small charity remain to be finalised. **Action: Cllr Clarke**
- **Lampposts.** The Clerk reported that LCC had not yet responded to his request for a list of all lampposts for which the PC had responsibility, which is understood to include 4 remaining wooden lampposts, prior to a decision regarding possible replacement of the wooden lamppost in Deepdale. **Action: Clerk**
- **Banbury Lane Sign.** Cllr Murdock noted that the redundant sign had not yet been removed. The Clerk said he would see if he could arrange disposal . **Action: Clerk**
- **Daffodils.** Cllr Murdock said the daffodils had been replanted outside the War Memorial railings and there had been a good turnout for the planting of the daffodils, donated by Mr Stewart, on the verge leading up to Bringhurst School. Cllr Murdock was warmly thanked for her work.
- **Village Website.** The Clerk said that no replacement for Mrs Lloyd had come forward but Mrs Lloyd was continuing to update the History Society page and the Local Administrator was happy to continue updating the remainder of the site. The long term need for a knowledgeable website administrator remained, if the full potential of the website was to be maximised.

#### 5. Planning Matters

- **2 new houses, garaging and demolition of Hornbeam House and existing barn in Banbury lane – 14/0111/OUT.** Cllr Parker said he had spoken with the adjacent neighbours, who were generally content. Any comments had been raised directly with the owner, who had agreed to liaise with the architects. Previous concerns concerning adequate off street parking had been accommodated.

#### 6. Financial Matters

- **2015/16 Budget and Precept .** The proposed budget for 2015/16 had been previously circulated. It was agreed to include a contingency of £200 for incidental expenditures in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan. The annual contribution of £100 to the CAB would be reviewed following information gained from other PCs. It was anticipated that the annual precept of £6,000 would remain unchanged.
- **Cheque payments.** The following payments were authorised:

101047	£27.00	B Penfold – Bus Shelter weeding
101048	£27.97	Daffodil Planting – Compost
- **RFO.** The Chairman said that Cllr Vizma had agreed to replace Cllr Long as RFO, in view of the latter's increased workload in connection with the Neighbourhood Planning. The transfer of PAYE responsibilities would be discussed separately.

#### 7. Arboreal matters.

- **Church Bank.** Cllr Murdock said that the local residents remained concerned at the height and consequent loss of light from the trees at Church Bank. This would be re-assessed later in the year.
- **Grit Bin.** A “green” grit bin had been suggested for Church Bank. Cllr Murdock was unsure whether LCC would fill a private bin. Cllr Murdock added that a grit bin could be considered for 2015, if a consensus of the local residents were in favour.

## 8. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Bringhurst School car parking.** 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 Clerk noted that the proposal to change the road priorities at the War Memorial to a one way system would likely be considered during the local traffic review to be conducted as part of the Neighbourhood Planning.
- **Attempted Burglary.** There had been an attempted burglary in Broadgate, which had been thwarted as a result of local vigilance.
- **Importation of Puppies.** Cllr Clarke reported that it was understood that a licence application had been submitted to HDC, who were aware of the alleged trading activities.

## 9, Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Long reported that there would be an initial meeting of “interested persons” potentially wishing to join a Planning Group on the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

It was reconfirmed that the Planning Group would be a sub-committee of the Parish Council, who ultimately remained responsible for “signing off” the Neighbourhood Plan. Monthly updates on progress and identified issues would form part of the regular agenda.

**Afternote.** A very positive meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, attended by 4 potential members and Cllr P Long, the Clerk and Mr Gary Kirk from YourLocale.

The main recommendations were:

- to appoint YourLocale, who have a proven track record of project managing similar Neighbourhood Planning(NP) groups, to project manage the Great Easton NP. A contract will be submitted to the PC at the December meeting.
- to hold an “Open Event” on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, to which every household and local Stakeholders will be invited to attend.

## 10. Grass Cutting -2015.

Cllr Murdock said that the tender process would commence after Christmas. It was agreed that this item would remain on the monthly agenda until contract(s) are in place, following a review of the precise areas to be maintained. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

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

- **Manhole.** The Chairman noted that he had informed LCC of a potentially dangerous manhole for cyclists on the High Street, adjacent to Vicarage Lane.
- **Community Safety Plan.** Cllr Clarke said that we had been asked to submit 3 priority issues for inclusion in the HDC 2015 Community Safety Plan. The following 3 issues were agreed : speeding cars, fly-tipping and dog fouling. **Action: Cllr Clarke**
- **Mr David Murcott – Bellringing.** The Chairman suggested writing to Mr David Murcott, recording the contribution he has made over 30 years as Tower Captain. This was unanimously agreed. **Action: Chairman**

## 15. Date of next meeting.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30 in the Village Hall

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr B Tyler  
(Chairman)

