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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
of the 5TH January 2015
in the Village Hall

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

Mr and Mrs D Gibb, Mrs H Miles, Miss M Stamp and Mr I Drummond also attended

01/15 Apologies for absence

None

02/15 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.

-Poor's Charity. The Chairman invited Mr Ian Drummond to speak. Mr Drummond said that having read about the ongoing work concerning Poor's Charity, he wondered whether there might be administrative benefits from linking Poor's Charity with The Valentine Goodman (Estate) Charity; a local charity with similar charitable aims.

After discussion it was agreed that the PC would continue the present work towards registering the land and would then liaise with Mr Drummond and the Valentine Goodman Charity to see if the option of an amalgamation would be beneficial.

Mr Drummond was thanked for his helpful suggestion.

The Clerk was asked to write to the two Poor's Charity trustees - Mrs K Gibb and Mrs H Ingram, who had notified the PC of their resignations, to thank them for their work

Action: Clerk

03/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting of the 1st December 2014.

The minutes, previously circulated, were approved, subject to one minor correction, and signed by the Chairman.

04/15 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 he had been in contact again with LCC requesting confirmation of those lampposts for which the PC is responsible and requesting an inspection of the Deepdale lamppost.

Action: Clerk

05/15. Planning Matters

- Dog Day Care Centre – 14/01446/FUL. Cllr Parker confirmed that the second application had been refused on the 17th December, with the HDC comment "*the development hereby proposed, by virtue of its location, size and design, will adversely affect the character and appearance of the surrounding countryside. The proposal is,*

therefore, considered to conflict with Harborough District Core Strategy Policy CS17 and SPG Note 6 and no material considerations indicate that the policies of the development should prevail”

- **Erection of two dwellings at 13 Deepdale – 14/01519/FUL.** Mr D Gibb stated that he had written a strong objection to the planning proposal, primarily on the inadequacy of the single track road and lack of parking. Cllr Parker confirmed that the PC had submitted a similar objection. After discussion, it was agreed that a second PC submission should be made supporting Mr D Gibb’s letter. **Action. Cllr Parker**

06/15. Financial Matters

- **Cheque payments.** The following payments were authorised:

101054	£130.10	Miss M Stamp – Remembrance Book
101055	£2,520.00	Yourlocale – Neighbourhood Plan
101056	£72.00	Hire of V Hall for NP meetings (2)
101057	£320.00	Parish Clerk wages – (Oct-Dec 14)
101058	£80.00	PAYE

-**Precept 2015/16.** The Clerk said that for the last financial year -2014/15, the PC had received a total of £6,000, comprising Precept –£ 5,658.58 and Grant – £314.42. For the financial year 2015/16, HDC has advised that the grant will be reduced to £197.14, an overall reduction of £117.28. HDC require confirmation of the 2015/16 Precept by 21 January .

After discussion, it was agreed to keep the Precept unchanged and to reduce the Budget for 2015/16 by £117.28. It was noted that the grant would be incorporated within the budget. **Action. RFO/Clerk**

07/15. Arboreal matters.

Cllr Murdock reported that there had been two planning applications :

14/01587/TCA for Works to tree at 4 Caldecott Road

14/01586/TCA for the felling of one tree at 5A Banbury Lane.

Cllr Murdock said there were no objections to either proposal

08/15. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Bringhurst School car parking.** The Clerk confirmed that the letter stating the Parish Council’s position, noting that the statutory responsibility for addressing the parking and related issues lay with Bringhurst School and the Highway s Authorities, had been sent.

09/15. Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Long reported on the progress to date concerning the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Great Easton. The key points included:

- **NP Steering Group.** Membership of the present NP Steering Group, a sub – committee of the Parish Council, has increased to 17. New members are:

Mrs A Webb, Mr R Mitchell, Mrs L Walsh, Mr P Parker, Mr I Drummond, Mrs H Ingram, Mr and Mrs Yates, Mr N McKay, Mr B Hemmings and Mr J Boulter. Whilst this is a large number, it is indicative of the strong community interest in the NP process.

- **Code of Conduct/Register of Member's Interests.** These forms are in the process of completion for all members of the steering group.

- **Funding.** The initial Community grant of £6,300 has been received and an application for £10,000 from Awards for All is being made for the balance of the overall funding.

Cllr Long was thanked for the report and the PC confirmed the additional members of the Steering Group.

10/15. Grass Cutting -2015.

Cllr Murdock said that the contract process would commence this month, with an advert in the next parish magazine. An enlarged map of the grass cutting areas had been requested from LCC and a review, to include those areas currently unofficially maintained by residents, might produce some flexibility, potentially enabling increased cutting of more prominent areas.

Action: Cllr Murdock

11/15. AOB. The following matters were discussed:

- **Register of Electors 2015.** Copies of the Full Register of Electors for 2015 were issued and signed for by all Cllrs.

- **World war 1 Commemorative Concert .** Cllr Murdock said £138 had been donated to the Poppy Appeal following the World War 1 village commemorative event, which has been acknowledged..

- **Street Naming.** The Chairman referred to the recent correspondence with HDC concerning street naming, which clearly affirms the role of the Parish Council.

- **Draft Rural Settlement Profile for Great Easton.** The Chairman drew attention to this important document, noting that a response is required by the 27 February.

- **Minutes.** The Clerk said that good practice requires the following minor changes to our current procedures: Signing – each page should be signed by the Chairman, page numbering – each page should be numbered, Minute numbering – numbering should be continuous i.e. 01/15, 02/15. It was agreed that these changes should be adopted with immediate effect.

Action: Clerk

12/15. Date of next meeting. Monday 2nd February 2015

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr B Tyler
(Chairman)

