

**Draft**  
**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**  
**in the Village Hall**

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

Mrs K Gibb, Mr and Mrs B Miles and Mr A Murdock also attended

**13/15 Apologies for absence**

Cllr P Long

**14/15 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.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

– **Draft response to HDC re the Parish profile.** Mr A Murdock, acting Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Group during the temporary absence of Cllr P Long, spoke to the previously circulated draft response to HDC . He explained the draft reply was primarily directed at addressing references to the potential for Great Easton to be designated as a Rural Centre, as well as correcting a number of factual inaccuracies. He added that legal advice was also being obtained which might produce added weight to the reply. The draft reply was unanimously approved, whilst noting the time scale of 27 February for reply allowed time for any amendment, which may arise from the legal advice, to be incorporated. **Action: Clerk**

- **Constitution.** Mr Murdock said that constitutionally he understood the NP Steering Group should include a member of the Parish Council, in addition to the Parish Clerk. It was agreed that pending the return of Cllr P Long, a Parish Cllr would attend any future full meetings of the Steering Group.

- **Political Support.** It was agreed that the District Cllr Mr D Beaty should be briefed on the issues arising from the potential classification of Great Easton as a Rural Centre and, pending the HDC response, also Mr Alan Duncan MP. The Chairman agreed to initially contact Mr D Beaty and the Clerk would forward a copy of the draft response. **Action: Chairman/Clerk**

- **Code of Conduct Forms.** The Clerk confirmed he was holding completed Code of Conduct Forms for the majority of the Steering Group and was following up the outstanding ones. **Action: Clerk**

- **Funding.** The Clerk said that it was anticipated that the funding decision from the Awards for All application would not be received for 4-6 weeks.

**15/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

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

## **16/15 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 the LCC response to the request for confirmation of those lampposts for which the PC is responsible and an inspection of the Deepdale lamppost, remains outstanding. **Action: Clerk**

## **17/15. Planning Matters**

-**14/01519/FUL -Erection of two dwellings at 13 Deepdale.** Mrs K Gibb said she had received a letter from the LCC Highways Department recommending refusal of the planning application as “safe and suitable access to the site cannot be achieved for all people”. The final decision from HDC remains pending.

- **15/00060/PDN – Prior Notification of a conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling house - Davies Barn, Stockerston Road.** After discussion concerning the exact location of the building, it was agreed to delay any comment prior to the submission of an outline or full planning application.

## **18/15. Financial Matters**

- **Cheque payments.** The following payment was authorised:  
101059      £100.00      Parish Clerk - annual secretarial expenses

## **19/15. Arboreal matters.**

Cllr Murdock reported that there had been one tree planning application :  
15/00034/TCA for Works at 8 High Street – removal of leylandii hedge.  
Cllr Murdock said there were no objections to the proposal.

**20/15-Poor’s Charity.** Cllr Parker said that he had arranged to meet with Mr John Stones and Mr Ian Drummond, trustees of the Valentine Goodman charity, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb to discuss the possibility of merging the two charities. A previously arranged meeting with our solicitor, Mr Richard Hammond, has been held over pending the outcome of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb meeting. He added that recent information provided by the Chairman, previous Parish Council minutes and other archival documents, all appear to clearly establish Parish Council ownership of the land.

## **21/15. Police, Community and Heritage Matters**

Nothing to report

## **22/15. Grass Cutting.**

-**2015 Contract.** Cllr Murdock circulated a street map showing the grass verges and jitties previously maintained by LCC for which the PC will now be responsible. Cllr Murdock said that the annual LCC Contract income totalled £621.33 and the PC has included an additional £250 in the annual budget.. Cllr Murdock said that she is in contact with 3 potential contractors and some local residents had also indicated their willingness

either to continue to maintain verges adjacent to their properties or to undertake additional work.

Cllr Murdock said that the final contract would need to have some built in flexibility, with some prominent areas, for example the War Memorial, possibly receiving additional cuts. A further report would be given at the next meeting.

- **Broadgate – Wild Flowers.** It was agreed to fund, if necessary, the clearing of the wild flowers grown on the verge opposite the Cottage which has previously sustained fire damage. Cllr Murdock undertook to investigate. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

**23/15. Magna Carta** The Chairman spoke to the note previously circulated requesting PC agreement in principle to a celebratory event to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede, potentially involving Brighthelm School, as well as the wider community. He had been unable to progress discussion with the school due to the absence of the Headmaster and he would report further at the next meeting. There was full support for this initiative. **Action: Chairman**

**24/15. AOB.** The following matter was discussed:

- **High Speed Broadband.** The meeting was advised that high speed broadband is now available for the majority of the Village and individual households would now require to sign up with their respective contracted suppliers. The Clerk said that Mr T Smith was publicising this through the shop and directly with potential users.

**25/15. Date of next meeting.** Monday 2nd March 2015

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr B Tyler  
(Chairman)