

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

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

Mr A Murdock, Acting Chairman of the NP, also attended

**26/15 Apologies for absence**

Cllr P Long

**27/15 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 (NP).** Mr Murdock reported on current progress:

– **Draft Great Easton Settlement Profile.** HDC had responded to the PC reply, noting that “the scale of development will need to be proportional” but also reiterating that “the village has the level of services to be a Rural Centre”. A report on the HDC recommendations is expected to be taken to the next meeting of the Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It was agreed to respond to HDC prior to that meeting, with copies of the original submission being sent to all members of the Advisory Panel. **Action: Clerk/NP**

- **Funding.** Awards For All had provisionally agreed a grant of £10,000 for the Neighbourhood Plan.

- **Vision Statement.** A Vision statement had been prepared for the NP which will be amended once the questionnaire responses had been analysed and then circulated to all.

- **Questionnaire.** A joint questionnaire is being developed, in conjunction with Midlands Rural Housing. It is planned this will be distributed to all households in April and, once the responses have been analysed, will provide much of the evidence- base for the NP.

- **Communication.** Communication with residents will be pursued using a wide variety of routes – Facebook, email address – [greateastonnp@gmail.com](mailto:greateastonnp@gmail.com), information on the PC website, Parish magazine and newsletters.

Mr Murdock was warmly thanked for his comprehensive report.

**28/15 Minutes of Previous Meeting of the 2nd February 2015.**

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

**29/15 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 had confirmed the list of lampposts

for which the PC is responsible and would be advising on the need for repair of the Deepdale lamppost. **Action: Clerk**

- **Broadgate – Wild Flowers.** Cllr Murdock said that relevant house remains occupied. It was agreed to write and request confirmation of the owner's intentions concerning the wild flowers. **Action: Clerk**

### 30/15. Planning Matters

- **14/01519/FUL -Erection of two dwellings at 13 Deepdale.** Cllr Parker said that a revised application had been submitted which did not appear to address the previous issues concerning the access road and the recommendation for refusal by the LCC Highways department. It was agreed to write a second letter repeating the previous concerns. **Action: Cllr Parker/Clerk**

- **15/00151/FUL – Erection of 2 dwellings at Gatehouse Lane.** Cllr Parker noted that application has been made for 2 additional houses at Gatehouse Lane.

### 31/15. Financial Matters

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

101060      £4,440.00      Yourlocale – Neighbourhood Plan Consultants.

101061      £16.00      Village Hall hire for NP meeting

- **VAT** The Clerk said that VAT would be recoverable for NP invoices and potentially for the Grass cutting expenditures.

### 32/15. Arboreal matters.

Nothing to report.

**33/15-Poor's Charity.** Cllr Parker said that there had been a very positive meeting with the Trustees of the Valentine Goodman Trust, following which it had been agreed that:

- **Registration of Land Ownership.** The PC would continue to pursue this, working through Richard Hammond (Solicitor).

- **Merger.** Mr John Stones, Chairman of the Valentine Goodman Trust, would contact the Charity Commission concerning the proposed merger.

- **Documentation.** All relevant archival documentation would be made available to the Valentine Goodman Trust.

- **Recommendation.** Subject to satisfactory completion of the above conditions, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the proposed merger.

Cllr Parker added that Poor's would be included in the name of the new Charity and that, after deduction of a contribution to overheads, income from the Poor's field would be separately identified for expenditure within Great Easton, though the charitable purposes may be broadened.

A separate meeting had been held with Mr Hammond which had confirmed the above and agreed the documentation requirements to evidence PC ownership, which would include a statement from the current tenant.

Cllr Parker was thanked for the encouraging progress to date.

### **34/15. Police, Community and Heritage Matters**

- **Speed Limit.** Cllr Clarke said that the school was continuing to press for the change of speed limit from 40 to 30mph and the re-positioning of the speed limit signs. There had been a further serious road accident and the police had conducted periodic speed checks.
- **Quadbike.** Complaints had been made following damage to the recreation field following possible illegal use of a quadbike. Cllr Clarke said that the police had been informed.

### **35/15. Grass Cutting.**

Cllr Murdock updated the meeting on current progress:

- 2015 Contract.** LCC had forwarded the Contract between LCC and the PC which, once signed, would release the payment of £621.33. The PC agreed that the Contract, previously circulated, should be signed and returned to LCC **Action: Clerk**
- **Potential Contractors.** Two quotations had been received from CGD Contractors Ltd and ABC Tidygardens. It was agreed to accept the cheaper quotation from CGD, noting that the annual contract could be changed if necessary.
- **Number of Cuts and Funding.** 10 cuts were recommended, at 3 weekly intervals, between March and October, at a cost of £100/cut +VAT. It was agreed that the increased frequency would potentially need to utilise additional funding.
- **Volunteers.** The Clerk confirmed that Zurich Insurance had agreed in writing that homeowners who maintained verges outside or near their properties would be regarded as Volunteers and therefore included in the PC Public Liability cover.
- **CGD Contract.** A draft Contract between the PC and CGD Contractors would be prepared. **Action: Clerk**

**36/15. Magna Carta** The Chairman said he had received a reply from Bringhurst School and his proposal remained for a Community Concert event, most likely in the Village Hall, in late June/early July. He asked Cllr Murdock to see if the Hall committee would be happy to host the event, possibly on a “Bring Your Own” basis and to advise on dates. **Action: Cllr Murdock/Chairman**

**37/15. AOB.** The following matters were raised:

- **Fly Tipping in Gatehouse Lane.** Cllr Murdock said she had contacted Corby Borough Council requesting the removal of fly tipping adjacent to the Charity bins. CBC had responded promptly. It was agreed to draft a note for the parish magazine advising on the reporting procedures for unauthorised rubbish disposal. **Action: Cllr Murdock**
- **Charity Bins.** Cllr Murdock noted that the Charity Bins at Gatehouse Lane are invariably overflowing and are also duplicated in the supermarket car parks. It was agreed to request their removal. **Action: Cllr Murdock**
- **Open Spaces Strategy Consultation.** It was agreed that the HDC Open Spaces Strategy Consultation document was primarily a policy document detailing the

consultation procedures to be followed and there were no specific references requiring a PC response at this stage. It was noted that the Open Spaces policy might have relevance for the NP group as it develops.

**- PC Elections.** The Chairman said he would advise the Clerk on the procedures to be followed for the May elections and the Clerk would then circulate the relevant information to all Cllrs. **Action: Chairman/Clerk**

**38/15. Date of next meeting.** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr B Tyler  
(Chairman)