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**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
**in the Village Hall**

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

Mrs V McKeggie, Mrs J Harvey, Rev R Barribal and Mr I Luscombe also attended.

**59/15. Apologies for absence**

Cllr N Clarke

**60/15. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all to his first meeting as Chairman, noting again his thanks for all that Cllr B Tyler had contributed to the PC over 16 years and his personal thanks for the helpful advice he had received, which he hoped would continue in the immediate months ahead.

**61/15. Minutes of Previous Meeting of the 2th April 2015.**

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

**62/15 Matters Arising**

- **Deepdale Lamppost.** The Clerk said that Mr David Gibb had kindly agreed to inspect the Deepdale lamppost and had advised there was no immediate danger of collapse. He has agreed to monitor it on a regular basis. It was agreed not to pursue further action at this stage.

- **Pothole on the verge opposite the Village Hall.** This remains to be repaired.

**63/15. Planning Matters.**

- **Dog Day Care Centre – 14/01446/FUL**

Cllr Parker said the PC had forwarded a submission to the Planning Inspectorate Appeal. The date of the Appeal hearing is not yet known.

- **Bringhurst School – 15/00415/FUL**

Cllr Parker reported that the PC had written to suggest the building work be scheduled for the school Summer holidays to minimise the potential traffic congestion.

- **Park Farm Barn – 15/00432/FUL**

No comments had been received.

**64/15. Financial Matters**

The Clerk said that the accounts for the previous financial year had been discussed at the Annual meeting and would now be subject to internal audit, prior to the external audit by Grant Thornton accountants. The cheque signatories require to be updated. It was agreed that all Cllrs, less the RFO, would be signatories. **Action: Clerk**

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

101066	£120.00	CGD Contractors Ltd	(Grass Cutting – Initial Cut)
101067	£30.00	NP – Conference Attendance	

- **Insurance.** The Clerk said that there could be significant overall annual savings if the PC insurance was amended to include the property and equipment of the Village Hall and Recreation Field, with the Hall and Recreation Committees remaining responsible for their respective Public Liability cover. This was now being investigated, with the aim of bringing a proposal to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **65/15. Arboreal matters.**

- **Trees.** Nothing to report.

- **War Memorial.** The grasses around the War Memorial had been trimmed

- **Daffodils towards Brighthurst School.** Mr D Stewart had kindly agreed to provide additional daffodils to complete the display towards the School. Cllr Murdock agreed to obtain the details of the type of daffodils from Mr I Luscombe and arrange the planting at the appropriate time.

**Action: Cllr Murdock**

#### **66/15. Police, Community and Heritage Matters**

- **Dog Fouling.** Cllr Clarke reported that she remained in contact with HDC to seek the necessary legal advice. It was agreed to draft a letter to be sent from the PC to identified irresponsible dog owners. Cllr Tyler agreed to draft a letter. **Action. Cllr Tyler**

Cllr Clarke added that a sign, to be positioned at the Recreation Field, was being designed at the School and that she was in contact with Mr C Jefferson, Chair of the Recreation Ctee.

#### **67/15. Neighbourhood Plan Report**

Cllr Long reported on the current progress:

- **Questionnaire.** The joint questionnaire, in conjunction with Midlands Rural Housing, remained on course for distribution to all households in May.

- **Parish Website.** Mrs L Walsh had agreed to assist in updating the Parish Council website, in addition to continuing to post NP information.

- **Theme Groups.** The first Theme group on the Environment has been formed with Mrs Ela Yates as the leader and a meeting scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> June. Additional local members with a known interest in the environment will be contacted to contribute to the group.

#### **68/15. Poor's Charity**

A full report had been given at the earlier Annual meeting

#### **69/15. Queens Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Oak Tree**

Cllr Tyler said that it was his understanding that there had been prior consultation before the planting in 2012 and there had been no objections raised at the time. Mr I Luscombe, who had been directly responsible for the planting, confirmed that details had been publicised in the parish magazine and in his view this was the most suitable location.

Rev R Barriball replied that his consultation with the local residents did not support this and that, apart from the consultation issue, the primary concern was the eventual loss of light when the Oak Tree reached maturity in 20-30 years time.

After discussion, it was agreed that the present location remained the preferred location but that the issue of growth and loss of amenity view and light would be monitored. It was noted that good "tree management" should be able to alleviate future concerns.

**70/15. AOB**

- **Gigaclear.** The Chairman said that Gigaclear would be seeking local views concerning the potential uptake for Gigaclear, which was developing a network for the delivery of super fast broadband in the area.

- **War memorial railings.** Rev R Barriball noted that the railings around the war memorial were in need of repainting and offered to carry out this task. This was readily accepted.

**71/15 Date of next meeting.** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long  
(Chairman)