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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 5th October 2015
in the Village Hall

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

Mr Dennis Stewart also attended.

113/15. Apologies for absence.

None.

114/15. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

No declarations of interest were declared.

115/15. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Walsh, newly elected, to her first meeting and said that, as customary, he would take items of personal interest to the public first.

116/15. Minutes of Previous Meeting of the 7th September 2015.

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

117/15. Matters Arising

- **Pothole on the verge opposite the Village Hall.** The Clerk reported that LCC had been requested to expedite the repair. There has been evidence of new safety barriers but completion remains outstanding. **Action: Clerk**

- **PC Notice board.** The Clerk reported that a quotation had been requested for repair and this would be hastened. **Action: Clerk**

- **Daffodils towards Brighthurst School.** Mr Dennis Stewart offered to pay the £20 for the purchase of the additional daffodils to complete the planting. Cllr Murdock accepted the generous offer on behalf of the PC.

118/15. Planning Matters.

- **15/01146/REM – Dwellings at rear of Broadgate.** Mr Stewart explained the altered design of the 2 storey house directly overlooking of Mr and Mrs Kingston's bungalow and the revised plan submitted to HDC following the PC and other objections. The comments were noted and the HDC decision remains to be made.

Cllr Parker reported on the following further planning matters:

- **15/01337/FUL – 22 Caldecott Road – two storey extension.** The application has been approved.

- **15/01155/FUL – The Cottage, Caldecott Road.** The revised application has been approved.

- **15/01347/FUL – The Barn, Caldecott Road – rear extension.** The HDC decision is pending.

- **15/01021/FUL – Brookside Cottage – erect side extension.** The application has been approved.

- **15/01205/FUL – Gatehouse lane – construct tennis court and 2 storey pavilion.** The application has been refused.

- **15/00982/FUL – Erection of 2 dwellings at 13 Deepdale.** Objections have been raised to the revised application. The HDC decision is pending.
- **15/01288/FUL – 4 High Street -** Erection of single storey bungalow. There are no objections, subject to Cllr Parker confirming the parking arrangements. **Action: Cllr Parker**

119/15. Financial Matters

The Clerk reported on the following financial matters:

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

101089	£28.00	NP - Village Hall hire
On line	£320.00	Clerk's wages – Jul-Sep 15
On line	£80.00	PAYE – Jul-Sep 15
On line	£120.00	CGD Contractors – 5 th Grass Cut
On line	£4,080.00	NP – Yourlocale – Invoice No 4

- **Budget – 6 monthly review.** The budget, including NP income/expenditures, which had been previously circulated, was discussed and accepted.
- **Asset register.** Cllr Vizma agreed to prepare an Asset Register of all owned Parish Council land and property, assisted by the Clerk. It was noted that this will be required by the end of the financial year and will form part of the annual audit. **Action: Cllr Vizma/Clerk.**

120/15. Arboreal matters.

- **Trees.** Cllr Murdock reported on the following tree applications:
 - **15/01442/TCA – Tree works at The Paddocks, High Street.** No objection but a further visit from a tree preservation expert is awaited. On-going.
 - **15/01358/TCA – Tree works at 29 Brook Lane.** No objection.
 - **15/01355/TCA – Tree works at 55 High Street.** No objection.
 - **15/01502/TCA – Rectory Farm.** . A new application which has yet to be assessed.
- **Salt Bins.** Cllr Murdock reported that a green salt bin had been ordered for the use of Church Bank residents and an application had been made to LCC to agree the exact location. The PC would be responsible for the supply of salt.
- **Church Bank Trees.** Cllr Murdock circulated proposed terms of reference (TOR) for an independent tree expert to conduct an inspection and evaluation of the four trees on the green at Church Bank. The TORs, as amended, would now be sent to the Church Bank residents for their approval before being sent to the independent tree assessor. Cllr Murdock added that she knew of a former tree expert who she intended to initially contact and suggested that an examination of other trees within Great Easton could be carried out at the same time. This was agreed. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

121/15. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Burglaries.** Cllr Clarke said that there had been three recent high profile burglaries within Great Easton. The police were aware and had increased local surveillance. There was general agreement that this information should be pro-actively communicated throughout the village, to include a large poster outside the Village Shop, Facebook and email.
- **Neighbourhood Watch.** Cllr Clarke agreed to investigate whether a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme could be re-started. **Action: Cllr Clarke**

122/15. Neighbourhood Plan Report

The Chairman reported on the current progress:

- **Chairman.** Following the resignation of Mr Andy Murdock, Mr Roger Bowder, a retired solicitor and resident within Great Easton had agreed to be Chairman, subject to the endorsement of the PC. This was unanimously agreed and Mr Murdock was thanked for his important contribution.
- **HDC Local Plan Consultation.** The HDC Local Plan Options Consultation is scheduled between 18 September – 30 October 2015 and it was agreed that the NP Steering Group should be requested to draft the response to HDC. This response would then be circulated to all Cllrs and be sent on behalf of both the NP and the Parish Council.
- **Village Consultation.**
 - **Newsletter.** A second newsletter, to be distributed to all households, is planned for early November.
 - **Village Consultation day – Sat 28th November.** A village NP information day is planned in the V hall between 10-4 to provide information on all aspects of the NP. This event will be widely publicised.

123/15. Poor's Charity

Cllr Parker reported that the solicitor has not yet issued the necessary letters to relevant parties seeking declarations of how Poor's Charity has operated in recent years – evidence needed to support the application to the Land Registry to register the field. This was again being expedited. He added that Mr John Stones of the Valentine Goodman Trust was proceeding on the agreed basis to form the new amalgamated charity, to be called "The Valentine Goodman and Great Easton Poor's Charity Estate".

Action: Cllr Parker.

125/15. HM The Queen 90th Birthday 2016.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of a suitable event to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday to the next meeting. Cllr Walsh suggested she contact the School to seek their views.

Action: Cllr Walsh

126/15. AOB

- **Great Easton Logo?** This was deferred to the next meeting.
- **Harvest festival.** Cllr Walsh said the school had made a late request for suitable names to receive Harvest hampers. She was advised to contact the Good Companions.
- **Village Shop Post Office sign.** The Chairman said the shop wished to display an external Post office sign but had been advised that HDC permission might be required. The Chairman said he would clarify.
- **Clerk Holiday.** The Clerk advised he would be abroad between the 10th-20th October.

Action: Chairman

127/15. Date of next meeting. Monday 2nd November 2015 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)

