

DRAFT
GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 4th April 2016
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

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

D Cllr M Rickman, Mr D Gibb, Mr C Gibbs and Mr D Stewart also attended.

44/16. Apologies for absence.

None.

45/16. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting that he would initially discuss subjects of interest to the public first.

46/16. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

No declarations of interest were declared.

47/16. Minutes of Previous Meeting of the 7th March 2016.

The minutes, previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to one minor amendment concerning Item 37/16. Church Bank Trees, “ Cllr Murdock said that the ivy had been cleared from the maple tree and we are waiting to hear back from LCC”.

48/16. Matters Arising

- **PC Notice board.** The Clerk reported that the repositioning of the PC notice board has yet to be completed. **Action: Clerk**

- **Damage to Bridge.** LCC had confirmed the bridge had been inspected but the judgement is that there is “no immediate risk of collapse of the wall or rapid deterioration”. This will be re-assessed at the time of the next scheduled inspection for the bridge.

- **Stockerston Lane road sign.** The Clerk reported that LCC Highways had not yet re-erected the fallen directional sign. **Action: Clerk**

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Walsh agreed to draft an article for the Parish magazine calling for volunteers to come forward to be trained. This will appear in the May issue. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

49/16. Planning Matters.

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters and applications

- **16/00355/REM – Broadgate Phase One – Changes to the access, landscaping and layout to original scheme for 9 houses.** These are relatively minor changes and there are no objections. In

response to a question from Mr C Gibbs, it was confirmed that the issues of drainage, raised in connection with the other Broadgate developments, remain a concern and HDC are aware of this.

Afternote: 16/00485/PCD – Discharge of Condition 5 (drainage) re 16/00355/REM – Broadgate Phase One. It was subsequently agreed that the PC would respond to this new application, to query whether the Condition had been satisfied in respect of recent information and the need to link the drainage implications with Broadgate Phase Two.

- **15/01826/FUL – Broadgate Phase Two - 9 dwellings at the rear of 28 Broadgate.** This application has been withdrawn and is replaced by a new application for 13 houses – 16/00380/FUL

- **16/00380/FUL – Broadgate Phase Two – revised scheme for 13 houses.** The Parish Council has responded to the revised application, welcoming the inclusion of 5 affordable houses, totalling seven in the two developments and the proposal to enter into agreement to give initial priority allocation to those with a local connection. This followed the presentation by Mulberry Developments to the PC in February and subsequent communication.

The response to HDC however repeated our concerns that the drainage and potential flooding issues require to be satisfactorily resolved, including demonstrating that the development will not further aggravate the existing drainage and capacity problems, before planning approval is granted. These concerns have been increased following the recent flooding on the 9th March and further representations have been made to HDC and Anglian Water.

Mr C Gibbs, supported by Mr D Gibb, expressed his continued concern at the development now being supported by the PC at the expense of the surrounding countryside, the potential increased traffic issues and the known drainage problems.

- **15/02014/LBC – 12 Church Bank – replacement of porch.** The application has been approved.

- **16/00228/FUL – Gatehouse lane - erection of tennis pavilion.** The application has been refused.

- **16/00499/FUL – 1 Broadgate – erection of side extension.** The application remains pending.

- **16/00439/ LBC - 19 Brook Lane – replacement of kitchen windows.** The application remains pending.

- **Village Drainage Capacity Study.** The results of the capacity study by Anglian Water of the foul and surface water drainage in respect of both the present infrastructure and the potential increased loading consequent on the proposed Broadgate developments are awaited.

- **Unauthorised Works at land off Stockerston Lane.** Cllr Brittain reported that he and the Clerk had a very positive meeting on site with Mr Leckenby and had been reassured that Mr Leckenby was well aware of the local concerns for this area to be preserved. Mr Leckenby had confirmed that his only wish was to preserve the site in its present well maintained state and that he wished to have a good relationship with the local community. Cllr Brittain would be informing the interested parties of this successful outcome.

Action: Cllr Brittain

- **Brook Lane Paddock.** There was nothing further to report.

49/16. Financial Matters

The Clerk reported on the following financial matters:

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

On line	£320.00	Clerk's Wages – Jan- Mar 16
On Line	£80.00	PAYE
Ch - 096	£5.00	Leics Footpath Assoc –annual membership
On Line	£251.85	Zurich – Insurance renewal
On Line	£1,215.00	Village Hall for repair/maint of children's swings

- **Church Project.** The Clerk reported that the Great Easton share from the Church 2015 fundraising project for play equipment was £1,215, currently held in the PC account. It was agreed that this should be passed to the Village hall for the sole purpose of expenditure for repairs and maintenance of the swings located at the village hall.

- **S106 Funding.** The Clerk reported that HDC had requested the PC forward a proposal for Section 106 grant funding in respect of the proposed Broadgate development. The potential funding for a community project is £6,674 for an upgrade to existing facilities and £12,948 for a new build or extension project. HDC had agreed to extend the response date to 19 April. The Clerk agreed to contact the Village Hall and NP Facilities group to seek costed proposals, with the aim of submitting an agreed outline proposal by the required date. **Action: Clerk**

50/16. Arboreal matters.

- **Trees.** Cllr Murdock noted the following tree application:

- 16/00451/TCA – Pruning works to trees at 39 High Street

- **Church Bank Trees.** Nothing further to report.

- **Grass Cutting Contract.** The Clerk confirmed that the revised contract for 3 years, at the current price of £100/cut, had been submitted to 4 Counties Ground Maintenance Ltd for signature.

Afternote. The first cut was completed on the 8th April.

51/16. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Burglaries.** Cllr Clarke said that burglaries continued to be reported and there was discussion of the best ways of increasing community awareness without causing undue alarm, noting that the large poster outside the shop had proved quite effective.

- **Neighbourhood Watch.** Cllr Clarke agreed to follow up the possibility of restarting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. **Action: Cllr Clarke**

- **Dog Fouling Stencils.** The Clerk said he had ordered the stencils. **Action: Clerk**

- **Parish Magazine Reports.** It was agreed that bi-monthly reports of PC matters should recommence in the Parish Magazine. **Action: Chairman**

52/16. Neighbourhood Plan Report

- The Chairman said that the Neighbourhood Plan was in the final drafting stage for 3 of the 4 Chapters and remained on course to be finalised by late Summer.

53/16. Poor's Charity

The Chairman said that he and the Clerk would be attending the AGM of the Valentine Goodman Trust on the 25th April. Final signing of the legal declarations required for the Land Registration remained outstanding.

54/16. HM The Queen 90th Birthday 2016

-Beacon. The Chairman said the arrangements for the beacon on the 21st April were progressing well and insurance cover had been confirmed. He confirmed the time for lighting, in accordance with the national policy, would be 8.30pm.

- V Hall Event. Cllr Murdock said that the Village Hall committee were planning to hold a tea party event on the Sunday 12th June which would be publicised nearer the date.

55/16. AOB

- New website. Cllr Walsh said that following the decision by LCC to cease funding the current website from 1 September 2016, the PC would either have to opt in to a new website to be run by 2Commune Ltd or develop and run its own website. Cllr Walsh had met with the Clerk and Mr Tim Smith of Tim's Tech Support and the consensus was to set up a Great Easton Parish Council website with links to the other websites within the village. Cllr Walsh said she would prepare a costed paper proposing a new system, including set up and annual running costs for the PC to consider at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Walsh

- 9th March Flood. Mr D Stewart said that following the flooding on the 9th March, it was in the interests of the developer as well as local interests to seek identified ways which might reduce the risks of a reoccurrence. Whilst he was aware of the ongoing capacity study by Anglian Water, there appeared to be work undertaken by local residents, a number of immediate measures, including additional ditch clearing etc and that Mulberry developments were willing to contribute up to £10,000 towards the costs of this work. This offer was noted.

- Annual Parish Meeting – May. The Chairman reminded all that the May meeting is the Annual Parish meeting, when Charity reports would be required and arrangements made for the “annual village peregrination”.

56/16. Next meeting Dates. As the next meeting would fall on a Bank Holiday and the Clerk would be abroad on the scheduled June date, it was agreed to change the dates of the next two meetings to:

- 9th May Annual Parish Meeting

Action: All

- 13th June

- Meetings in 2017. D Cllr Rickman said that Mondays clashed both with Medbourne PC and HDC planning meetings, which limited his ability to attend. It was agreed to consider alternative days at the next meeting,

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)