

GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 5th September 2016
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), A Murdock, G Vizma, N Clarke, L Walsh and D Gibley(Clerk)
In attendance: Mrs K Gibb and Mr D Stewart.

117/16 Apologies for absence.

D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr P Brittain

118/16 . Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

119/16 Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

No declarations of interest were declared.

120/16. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of 11th July and the additional meeting of 22nd August, both previously circulated, were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

121/16. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator.** The Chairman reported that Mrs Lucy McKay had offered to coordinate the work required to progress the defibrillator. It was agreed to accept this helpful offer and that Cllr L Walsh would be the PC liaison. The Clerk was requested to confirm this to Mrs McKay. **Action: Clerk**
- **Stockerston Lane sign.** It was agreed that LCC action would be hastened. **Action: Clerk**
- **Notice Board.** The repair remains outstanding. **Action: Clerk**

122/16. Planning Matters.

The Clerk, in the absence of Cllr Brittain , reported on the following:

- **16/00380/FUL – Broadgate Phase 2 – erection of 13 dwellings.** It is understood that this application is scheduled to be considered by HDC at the next planning meeting.
Afternote. The application was approved on 6 September.
- **16/00439/FUL – 19 Brook Lane -replace kitchen windows.** The application remains pending.
- **16/00674/FUL – 4 Deepdale - install two dormer windows.** The application has been approved.
- **16/01084/LBC - 10 Cross Bank** – single storey extension. The application remains pending.
- **16/01297/FUL – Westbrook House – roof lights, re-roof workshop** – new application.
- **16/01172/FUL – 37 High Street – repairs to roof.** The application is pending.
- **16/01115/FUL – Poplars Farm – single storey extension and garage.**The application is pending.
- **16/01227/AGR – Land off Stockerston Road – erect polytunnel and site a container.** Cllr Brittain had previously circulated a proposed response to HDC, noting that this is a Prior Notification Application in a highly visible location in a scenic area, opposing the siting of a container and requesting further information concerning the proposed use of the land. The response also requested detailed consideration to minimise any adverse visual impact. It was agreed that the response, as drafted, should be sent to HDC. **Action: Clerk**
- 16/01370/FUL – 9 Brook Lane – Convert existing barn to dwelling.** New application.
- 16/01371/FUL – 9 Brook Lane - Erect detached dwelling.** New application.

- **Village Drainage Capacity Report.** The Clerk reported that he had now received a comprehensive draft report from Mr Yates, together with reports from Mr Christie and also Mulberry Developments, all relating to the flooding problems and identifying a range of remedial measures. He confirmed the aim remained to pull these together into a single report from the Parish Council. Whilst the evidence work was ongoing, there was now sufficient information to draft the report. The Chairman said he would be willing to assist . **Action: Chairman / Clerk**

123/16. Financial Matters

The Clerk reported on the following financial matters:

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

On line	£1,394.06	LCC – Electricity 2015/16
On line	£150.00	Clerk expenses for printing/tel/postage
On line	£120.00	4 Counties – Cut No 4 - Inv 16/151
On line	£540.00	Yourlocale – Inv 009
On line	£200.00	Donation – 1 st Welland Scouts
On line	£24.00	NP – sandwiches for Information day

- **Audits.** The Clerk reported that the external audit of the 2015/16 accounts had not yet been received back from the auditor, Grant Thornton.

124/16. Arboreal matters.

- **Trees.** Cllr Murdock noted two tree applications:

- 16/01244/TCA – Pruning works to trees - 43 High Street.

- **Grass Contract for 2017.** It was agreed that the reliability and standard of the grass cutting contract

had improved and that a new contract for 2017, at the same cost/cut, should be signed. The Contract with LCC for 2017 was signed, to be forwarded to LCC. **Action: Clerk**

- **Village Tree Inspection.** Cllr Murdock said that Mr Peter Kenyon, the County Council arborist, had carried out an inspection of trees throughout the village, including Church Bank and would be forwarding a report to the Clerk.

- **Verge and Hedge Cutting.** The Chairman said that he wished to publicly record thanks to those who cut verges and hedges, in particular Mr Phil Johnston and Alan Wilmer, noting that LCC had trimmed the hedges near the postbox and outside the Old Rectory.

Cllr Walsh said there was a growing grass cutting dump in Hollands Lane, which the Chairman agreed to investigate and remove.

- **Railway Line Gate.** The Chairman said he had received a reply from LCC in response to the request for information concerning claiming a Public Right of Way in respect of the disused railway line. It is confirmed that the route is not a recorded public right of way but where public usage can be evidenced over a period of 20 years or longer, it is potentially possible to successfully claim a public right of way and have the path recorded on the County Council's definitive map of Public Rights of Way. However there is an important caveat that there is a need to show that there is no reliance on permission.

Cllr Murdock referred to a meeting between the previous landowner and the Parish Council in 2009, when access was discussed. She has also been given a map which apparently shows the path clearly defined. After further discussion it was agreed to obtain further evidence in order to pursue the potential claim for a public right of way and also write a letter requesting the present owner to clarify his intentions. **Action: Cllr Murdock/Clerk**

125/16. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Neighbourhood Watch.** The meeting was informed that the new website might include an email facility whereby local residents could agree to receive a monthly email summarising important local events and information and additional emails when there was a special need to disseminate information quickly i.e. a burglary. It was agreed to postpone the review of implementing a Neighbourhood Watch scheme until this email service had been evaluated.

- **Dog Fouling stencils.** Cllr Clarke confirmed the pavement stencils would be painted in the near future.

Action: Cllr Clarke

126/16. Neighbourhood Plan Report. The Chairman reported on the following:

- **Consultation meeting – 3 Sep 16.** Over 80 people had attended during the day, which was scheduled at the beginning of the consultation period. Many favourable comments were received.

- **Pre-Submission Draft Plan and Consultation – 2 Sep-14 Oct 16.** The draft plan is now on the website and 2 hard copies in the Village Shop. The newsletter, distributed to all households, explains the consultation process.

127/16. Poor's Charity

- The Clerk reported that the paperwork is now with the Solicitor.

128/16. Parish Council Website. Cllr Walsh summarised the recent work to have the new website on line for the 1st September and the ambitious plans for the website to provide a comprehensive information facility for the village. The invaluable assistance of Mr David Tuffs from Medbourne, Andy Murdock and Tim Smith was acknowledged. Cllr Walsh was also thanked for her work and invited to fulfil the role of Website Editor, which she accepted.

129/16. AOB

- **Caravan.** Mr John Hider had written to the PC to complain about the permanent parking of a large caravan in the driveway next to his bungalow in Barnsdale Close. He had explained that the parking of caravans in front of the building line in the open plan design of Barnsdale Close had been expressly excluded in the title deeds and that his concern was shared by other residents. After discussion, it was agreed that a letter should be written to the owners of the caravan requesting it be re-sited and consideration would be given to including an appropriate recommendation in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Clerk

- **HDC Training/Liaison.** The Clerk agreed to recirculate information on three events – Section 106 applications, Precept and annual Parish Liaison, which Cllrs might wish to attend.

Action: Clerk

130/16. Date of next meeting. Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)