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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 9th January 2017
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Mr M Yates

01/17 Apologies for absence.

D Cllr M Rickman.

02/17 . Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the first meeting of 2017, noting that he would take matters of interest to the public first.

03/17 Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

No declarations of interest were declared.

04/17. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of 5th December and the joint meeting of 14th December, both previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

05/17. Matters Arising

- **Joint meeting with Medbourne PC.** It was suggested that this should preferably be held in the evening to ensure maximum availability and members of Bringhurst and Drayton Parish Meeting might be included. **Action: Chairman.**

- **Road junction with A6003.** The poor visibility at night of the road junction with the A6003 was agreed and Cllr Murdock noted that the road sign had been recently damaged. It was agreed to contact LCC Highways requesting road markings, measures to improve visibility at night and also for the sign to be repaired. **Action: Clerk**

- **Defibrillator.** The Clerk reported that Mrs McKay had said she had received some further donations and there were now sufficient funds for the purchase of the preferred defibrillator. No response had yet been received from BT concerning the possible use of the kiosk.

06/17. Planning Matters.

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters:

- 16/01997/LBC - 16 Cross Bank – Internal Renovations. Withdrawn.
- 16/01732/LBC – 16 Cross Bank – Internal Renovations. Approved.
- 16/01630/FUL – The Cottage, Caldecott Road – Replace existing house. Approved.
- 16/01814/FUL – 30 Barnsdale – Erect single storey rear extension . Withdrawn.
- 16/02072/FUL - 30 Barnsdale - Erect single storey rear extension . Pending.
- 16/01821/FUL - Granby House, 43 High Street- Works to patio. Approved.
- 16/01654/PCD - 28 Broadgate. Discharge of Conditions. Pending.
- 16/00380/FUL – 28 Broadgate. S106 agreed. Approved.
- 16/01795/VAC –28 Broadgate – Change to window materials. Approved.
- 16/02008/FUL - 19 Brook Lane. Erect oak framed garage. New. Pending.
- 16/02018/FUL – Annex at 15 Barnsdale. Change of use to office. New. Pending.

- **Village Flooding.** The Clerk and Mr Yates gave the following update:
- Anglian Water have continued to be pro active in identifying and rectifying faults. A final meeting with Anglian Water has been scheduled for 27 February.
- Drainage to the north of Broadgate. An early meeting with Mr Steve Mitchell of Mulberry Developments to appraise him of the information gained to date has yet to be arranged.
- A joint meeting with the Lead Local Flood Agency (LLFA) and all relevant agencies has yet to be arranged.
- A further meeting of the sub committee has been arranged for 15 January at 10am at Mr Christie's
- Document Storage. It has been proposed that the various reports following the flooding could be stored on the website

07/17. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On line	£14.00	NP – Hall Hire -14 Dec
On Line	£320.00	Clerk's wages – Oct- Dec 16
On Line	£80.00	PAYE

- PAYE/Tax year. The Chairman said it would be preferable for the wages for the Clerk not to cross over into two tax years.

Action: Chairman/Clerk

- **Budget and Precept for 2017/18.** The budget and precept for FY 2017/18, as discussed at the PC meeting of 7th November, were formally agreed. It was noted that no negative comments had been received concerning the significant increase in the budget, despite notification on the website, notice board and newsletter. The Clerk said he would now submit the budget and precept information to HDC, together with the well documented explanations for the increase.

Action: Clerk

08/17. Arboreal matters.

Cllr Murdock reported on the following:

- **Pruning works to trees applications:**

- 16/01405/DDD – 1 Barnsdale. Dying acadia tree – remains pending
- 16/01621/TCA - 12 Musk Close. Approved.
- 16/01995/TCA – Jasmine Cottage, Little London. Pending.
- 16/02092/TPO - 20 Barnsdale. New.
- 16/01880/TCA – Works to trees - Rosedene, Pitchers Lane. Approved.

- **Hedge adjacent to the Brook Lane Paddock.** Cllr Murdock said she had reconfirmed that the hedge bordering Brook Lane paddock and Moulds Lane required action as it was encroaching on the footpath and this was the responsibility of the owner, Mr Uppal.

Action: Clerk

- **Treespace Quotation.** Cllr Murdock said Treespace had contacted her, following the PC's acceptance of the quotation. Treespace would be handling the formal applications to HDC, prior to completing the agreed work.. It was agreed to place the Treespace tree report on the website and advise Church Bank residents accordingly.

Action: Cllr Murdock

09/17. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

Nothing to report.

10/17. Neighbourhood Plan Report. The Chairman reported that following the adoption of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and Consultation document at the joint meeting on Wed 14th December, the next stage is the submission of all the relevant documentation to HDC for the final consultation process. The one major outstanding question is the possible need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), which has yet to be resolved.

11/17. Poor's Charity

The Clerk reported that the registration application remained with the Land Registry and it had been agreed to monitor progress in March 2017. **Action: Clerk**

12/17. Parish Council Website. Cllr Walsh said that she required specific current input for the monthly email if interest is to be maintained. **Action: All**

All agreed that the new website has very considerable potential but more publicity is needed to inform residents of its existence.

13/17. AOB

- **Electoral Registers for 2017.** Cllrs signed for their copy of the Full Electoral register.
- **Bus Shelter.** Mr Tyler had reported that one of the glass windows in the bus shelter is broken and that this is a PC responsibility to rectify. Cllr Murdock agreed to investigate. **Action: Cllr Murdock**
- **NP – Reserve Site.** The Chairman explained the current status of the proposed reserve site at Caldecott in the Neighbourhood Plan, following a question from Cllr Clarke.
- **Nov 11 2018 – Beacon bonfire.** The Chairman said he had been contacted concerning possible participation in a national commemorative event to mark the end of WW1. There was general support in principle, with a beacon bonfire being part of a village combined event.
- **PC/Village Hall Committee.** Following an informal discussion at the end of the meeting, it was agreed there was a need to define the current informal relationship and respective responsibilities between the PC, the Village Hall and other sub-committees.

AFTERNOTE. The Clerk said he would produce a brief discussion document for consideration at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

14/17. Date of next meeting:

Mon 6th February 2017 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

NB Although meetings are now normally on the second Monday of each month, the February meeting date has been changed to avoid clashing with the school half term.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)