

**DRAFT**  
**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
**in the Village Hall**  
**at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: Mr M Yates and Mr D Stewart.

**15/17. Apologies for absence.**

D Cllr M Rickman, Cllrs Clarke and Vizma.

**16/17. Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed all to the second meeting of 2017. He noted that the recent informal meeting with Medbourne PC had been enjoyable and worthwhile.

**17/17. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.**

No declarations of interest were declared.

**18/17. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**19/17. Matters Arising**

- **Road junction with A6003.** The Clerk reported that the junction lies within Rutland CC's area of responsibility. The road sign has been repaired and the request to improve the night time visibility of the junction has been logged by Rutland CC..

- **Bus Shelter.** The Chairman said he had received quotations for the repair of the broken glass for either glass "like for like" replacement or wood panelling, both from the original supplier. The glass replacement, at approx £380, was considerably cheaper than the wood option. It was agreed to reinstate the glass, which had lasted at least 10 years. **Action: Chairman**

- **Defibrillator.** The Clerk reported that Mrs McKay had received some further donations. No response had yet been received from BT concerning the possible use of the kiosk.

- **Old Railway Line Footpath/ Broadgate.** The note in the parish magazine concerning the latest position on the footpath, now reopened and the construction works at Broadgate had been timely and well received. It was noted that this topical information would have been ideal for the monthly email.

- **Broadgate Development.** The local concerns at construction traffic, in particular during the road closure whilst connecting to the mains drainage and the consequent use of Brook Lane, had been represented to Mulberry Developments. The contractor had already decided to suspend earth movements by road for two weeks. Cllr Brittain said he felt the contractor was being responsive to concerns but the time of the year was exacerbating problems.

**20/17. Planning Matters.**

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters:

- 16/02072/FUL – 30 Barnsdale. Erect single storey extension. Remains pending.
- 16/02008/FUL - 19 Brook Lane. Erect oak framed garage. Remains pending.
- 16/02018/FUL - Annex at 15 Barnsdale. Change of use to office. Approved – 8 Feb.
- 16/01654/PCD - 28 Broadgate. Discharge of Conditions, 4, 6, 13-15. Remains pending.

- 17/00082/PCD - 28 Broadgate ( Phase One). Discharge of Condition 4 – affordable housing. Remains pending.

Cllr Brittain said he would be following up the position concerning the affordable housing with the three parties - Mulberry developments, The Housing association and HDC – in relation to the terms of the agreement, PC involvement and how the scheme is to be publicised. **Action: Cllr Brittain**

- 17/00015/LBC – Barnsdale House, 17 Barnsdale. Internal and external works. New.

- 17/00140/LBC – 8 Barnsdale. Alteration to outbuildings. New.

- 17/00120/LBC - Annex at 15 Barnsdale. Change of use to office. New

- 17/00086/FUL – Land off Stockerston lane. Erect polytunnel and outbuilding. New.

Cllr Brittain reminded all of the background to this application and the strong local interest at any development in this location. He agreed to circulate a draft response to HDC. **Action: Cllr Brittain.**

Afternote. The PC response has been agreed and forwarded to HDC. A copy is on the website. Mr Down, the new owner, has since made contact and a meeting on site has been arranged.

- **Village Flooding.** The Chairman gave the following update:

- Stockerston Road fields. The Chairman, Mr Christie, Mrs Maddie Clarke and Mr Nigel Clarke had held an initial meeting on site to discuss drainage issues.

- 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. The initial meeting with Mr Steve Mitchell of Mulberry Developments to appraise him of the information gained to date has been arranged for Fri 24 Feb at 9.30 at Mr Christie’s home.

- A joint meeting with the Lead Local Flood Agency (LLFA) and all relevant agencies will be arranged following the above meetings.

## **21/17. Financial Matters**

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On line      £5.00      Leics Footpath Association – annual membership

On Line      £79.00      Use of Dropbox. Refund to Mr A Murdock

- The Chairman said it would be preferable for the wages for the Clerk not to cross over into two tax years and requested the next payment to include the period Jan- Mar inclusive. **Action: Clerk**

- **Budget and Precept for 2017/18.** The Clerk confirmed that the budget and precept request for 2017/18 had been submitted to HDC

## **22/17. Arboreal matters.**

Cllr Murdock reported on the following:

- **Pruning works to trees applications:**

- 16/01405/DDD – 1 Barnsdale. Dying acadia tree – remains pending

- 16/01995/TCA – Jasmine Cottage, Little London. Approved.

- 16/02092/TPO - 20 Barnsdale. New.

- 17/00106/TCA - The Cuttings, Church Bank. New.

- **Moulds Lane.** Cllr Murdock said the owners on either side of Moulds Lane– Mr Boulter and Mr Uppal - had been contacted and requested to prune and clear growth impinging on the footpath.

- **Treespace Quotation.** Cllr Murdock said she had informed the Church Bank residents of the proposed works at Church Bank and would be contacting Treespace to ascertain the planned timetable for the work to commence. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

### **23/17. Police, Community and Heritage Matters**

- **Dog Fouling.** The Chairman noted that dog fouling was now back on the agenda, with complaints in particular concerning the Recreation Field. It was agreed to initially place a notice in the magazine and the website before sending a letter to identified individual dog owners. **Action: Chairman**

**24/17. Neighbourhood Plan Report.** The Chairman reported that the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) remains to be resolved between HDC and Historic England before the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents can be submitted to HDC for the second consultation.

### **25/17. 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**

**26/17. Parish Council Website.** Cllr Walsh said there had been site problems which had prevented new material being uploaded on the website, which had now been resolved. An analysis of website "hits" shows increasing usage each month, with the NP, followed by planning applications, being the most popular.

It was agreed that the priority for publicising new information should be firstly the website, then the monthly email, followed by the parish magazine.

**27/17. PC Organisation and Structures draft paper.** All agreed that the draft paper outlining the current PC responsibilities and sub committee organisation was a useful document, which formalised the current informal working arrangements, in particular with the Village Hall and Recreation Field Committees. It was agreed to circulate the draft paper to the respective Chairmen of both committees for comment. **Action: Clerk**

### **28/17. AOB**

- **Rubbish.** Cllr Walsh circulated photographs of accumulated grass cuttings which had not been cleared from Hollands Lane. Cllr Brittain helpfully agreed to coordinate the clearance.

Afternote. The rubbish has been cleared.

- **Asbestos in the Village Hall.** Cllr Walsh said she had arranged for a H&S survey of the Village Hall and asbestos had been found in the end wall. Cllr Walsh outlined the documentation and inspection procedures to be followed, which had been passed to the Village hall for implementation. Cllr Walsh was thanked for this professional advice and report.

### **29/17. Date of next meeting:**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long  
(Chairman)