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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 11th September 2017
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Mr & Mrs N Mckay, Mr & Mrs R Pocock and Mr M Yates.

122/17. Apologies for absence.

D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr P Brittain

123/17. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

124/17. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

Cllr Murdock declared an interest concerning the planning application 17/01161/OUT.

125/17. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 10th July were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

126/17. Matters Arising

- **Road junction with A6003.** The Clerk reported that the road markings had been repainted as part of planned highways maintenance but suggested he contact Caldecott PC to seek their support for further improvement to the night time visibility at the junction. This was agreed. **Action: Clerk**

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Walsh reported that the PC now owned the telephone box, listed building planning consent for the installation of the defibrillator had been requested and Mrs McKay had recently forwarded information from a charity – The Community Heartbeat Trust- which appears to cover all aspects of purchasing, training and other related matters to owning and managing a community defibrillator.

The Chairman commented that there had been a recent incident locally when a defibrillator might have been used and hoped there would be early progress.

It was agreed to form a small sub committee – Mrs Mckay, Cllr Walsh and the Clerk with the authority to make appropriate decisions. **Action: Cllr Walsh/Clerk**

- **Streetlights.** The Clerk said he had recently circulated LCC costing information to Cllr Vizma for an assessment to be made of the financial savings if all the parish owned lights were converted to LED's. It would appear that for an outlay of £5-6000, annual savings following conversion to LEDs would produce a 75% cost reduction, with the expenditure being recouped over 6+ years. After brief discussion it was agreed that further information is required before the PC could reach an informed decision. **Action:CllrVizma/Clerk**

- **Notice Board.** The Clerk said he now favoured repairing the existing notice board and agreed to hasten the work. Cllr Walsh agreed to provide relevant H&S advice. **Action: Clerk**

127/17. Planning Matters.

The Chairman, in the absence of Cllr Brittain, reported on the following planning matters:

- 17/00802/FUL – Barnsdale House/ 6 dwellings to rear of Barnsdale House/ Tied dwelling and garage at Castle View Stables and creation of a permissive footpath. Remains pending. 5 objections have been submitted, primarily concerning the proposed dwelling in the Stables. The PC raised the issues of the composite application and the proposed size of the tied dwelling in the Stables. Remains pending.

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- 17/00842/FUL – Land to rear of 44-48 High Street – new dwelling and access. 3 comments were submitted concerning the proposed access. The application has been approved.

-17/00897/FUL – Barn at Barnsdale House – chimney works. Approved.

- 17/01014/FUL and 17/01015/LBC – Barnsdale House – various works. Remains pending.

- 17/01050/FUL – Barnsdale – 6 dwellings and stable block. Various works. Remains pending.

-17/01051/LBC – Barnsdale House – new access off Barnsdale. Remains pending.

-17/01062/FUL – 14 Stockerston lane – 2 storey rear extension. Approved.

-17/01144/PCD – The Cottage, Caldecott Road. Discharge of conditions. Approved.

-17/01153/FUL – 4 Broadgate – single storey rear extension – Pending. (Planning Ctee – 19/09).

-17/01240/VAC – 28 Broadgate – change of Housing Assn name. Pending

-17/01290/FUL – Hornbeam House, 1a Cross Bank. New dwelling. Pending.

-17/01318/NMA –Brookside House -minor amdts to 16/013371/FUL – Pending.

-17/01161/OUT – Land to rear of 28 Caldecott Road – new dwelling. 5 objections. The Neighbourhood Plan and PC had previously discussed the potential application and at that time had agreed that it would not be supported as the proposed dwelling would be outside the Limit to Development line. Consistency required the PC to maintain that position and an objection had been forwarded to HDC. Pending.

- Flood Alleviation.

The Chairman stated that despite the frustration of some at the lack of progress, the LLFA promised response is vital before considering the next steps. Mr M Christie, Chair of the Flood Sub Ctee has produced a report which will be attached to the minutes.

The Clerk agreed to draft a further communication to the LLFA.

Action: Clerk

128/17. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

- **Payments.** The following payments, inclusive of VAT where applicable, were authorised:

On Line	£440.00	Clerk wages (Jul-Sep)
On Line	£110/00	PAYE (Jul-Sep)
On Line	£400.00	Donation – Youth Group
)n Line	£120.00	Grant Thornton – ext audit

- **Audits.** The external audit report had been received from Grant Thornton LLP and will be displayed on the website.

- **S106 Funding.** Cllr Murdock reported that the V Hall had been advised that the proposed expenditure of S106 funding for the purchase of V Hall chairs was ineligible but the time limit of 5 years would enable other community expenditures to be pursued.

129 /17. Arboreal matters.

Cllr Murdock reported on the following:

- Pruning works to tree applications:

- 17/00509/TPO – Great Easton Manor, 1 Caldecott Road. Approved.
- 17/00650/TPO - Tangleweed, Banbury lane. Approved.
- 17/00963/TCA – Bybrook House . Approved
- 17/00993/DDD – Bybrook House. Damaged Indian bean tree. Pending
- 17/01218/TPO - Great Easton Manor. Pending.
- 17/01427/TCA – 47 High Street. Pending
- 17/01823/FCA – Brookside House. Pending

Cllr Murdock noted that all the above tree applications were likely to be approved.

- Moulds Lane. Cllr Murdock said that the hedge and foliage had now been well pruned back by the Boulters but she would be checking on the night time visibility along the Lane.

130/17. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- Police Liaison. Cllr Johnston said she would be arranging a date with the local police neighbourhood team to meet with the PC.

Action: Cllr Johnston

131/17. Website. Cllr Walsh reported on a recent meeting of the website sub committee, when the following proposals had been discussed:

- Planning. In future the planning page on the village website will sign post users to the HDC planning website. This will make a major reduction of the workload in keeping the local planning page up to date.
- Current information. The need to ensure the website is current was fully recognised.
- Next Door email site. Cllr Walsh said she had met with the coordinator of the village Next Door email site, who had agreed that the PC could provide brief current information on the site. Next Door has an increasingly wide circulation within the village and the need for a PC monthly communication would be reviewed.

These recommendations were fully supported.

132/17. Great Easton Neighbourhood Plan – Referendum Version.

Following a legal challenge by Gateley Solicitors on behalf of the developer, HDC, as the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the Neighbourhood Plan, has requested the PC as the Qualifying Body (QB), to remove the reference committing the developer to provide a permissive footpath from the Referendum Version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The legal challenge was on the basis that the removal of the reference to a tied dwelling in the Stables by the Independent Examiner had changed the basis of the agreement reached between the NP Planning Group and the developer to link the provision of a permissive footpath to the development of 6 dwellings at Barnsdale and the provision of a tied dwelling at the Stables. HDC, following QC legal advice, has accepted the objection and has requested the PC to formally agree to the change. This would then be communicated to HDC. On receipt HDC, following Executive Committee approval, would reschedule the Village Referendum, now most likely to be held in late November.

The change is to delete the following paragraph on page 23 of the Referendum version of the NP:
'The landowner of land Adjacent to Barnsdale House has committed to ensuring that, as part of the development of the site, permissive pedestrian access to an area of former railway track elsewhere will be provided, as a contribution towards the creation of a circular path for the benefit of the people of Great Easton.'

The PC unanimously agreed to the amendment.

133/17. Poor's Charity

The Chairman reported that all documentation has now been passed to Mr Stone, Chairman of the Valentine Goodman Charity and the accumulated rent (£945) would be transferred on request.

134/17. AOB

- **Archive Centre.** The Chairman said he would arrange an initial meeting of those currently directly involved with the Archives, to ensure all were happy with the broad parameters of the proposal before arranging a public meeting. **Action: Chairman**

- **White Lines.** The Clerk reported that LCC Highways had agreed to not replace the centre line markings following the recent resurfacing as there is evidence of improved road safety. It was noted that the road junction markings had yet to be replaced and it was suggested that the re- alignment of the markings at the road junction opposite the Sun Inn, as recommended in the Neighbourhood Plan, should be implemented. **Action: Clerk**

- **Leicestershire's Future Conferences.** 3 conference dates had been circulated and Cllrs Johnston and Brittain had expressed an interest in attending, The Clerk said he would coordinate the reply. **Action: Clerk**

- **"Meet the PC" Event.** The merits of holding an informal "Meet the PC" event in the Village hall when Cllrs could explain their various roles and current activities i.e flood alleviation was discussed. There was general approval for an event in the period Feb/Mar 2018.

135/17. Date of next meeting: Mon 9th October 2017 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)