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**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**in the Village Hall**  
**at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, C Johnston, A Murdock, and D Gibley (Clerk).

In attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mr G Gilfillan (Welland Rivers Trust), Mr I Drummond and Mr J Stones ( Valentine Goodman Trust), Mr M Yates and Mr D Gibb.

**136/17. Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs G Vizma and L Walsh.

**137/17. Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, including Mr John Stones and Mr I Drummond, Trustees of the Valentine Goodman Trust, who were attending to sign the Land Registry Title document transferring Poor's Field to the Valentine Goodman Trust. The Chairman and Cllr Brittain signed on behalf of the Parish Council.

This completes the process of transferring Poor's Field to the Valentine Goodman Trust, which will now receive the rental income. Two trustees will continue to be nominated by the Parish Council and an annual report prepared for the Annual Meeting.

The Chairman agreed to copy the document for the PC records and return the original to Mr Stones.

**138/17. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.**

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

**139/17. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> September were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

**140/17. Matters Arising**

- **Road junction with A6003.** The Clerk reported he had contacted Caldecott PC to request their support in obtaining a response from Rutland CC for further improvement to the night time visibility at the junction.

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Brittain reported that the listed building consent application for the telephone box to house the defibrillator was almost finalised and there would be no planning cost to the PC. Following the authority given at the last PC meeting, Mrs McKay had signed the Agreement with The Community Heartbeat Trust- which covers all aspects of purchasing, training and other related matters to owning and managing a community defibrillator.

It is hoped that the defibrillator will be installed within 6 weeks and the appropriate publicity and training will be announced shortly.

**Action: Mrs L McKay**

- **Streetlights.** The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Brittain would be meeting to agree the further information needed before having an informed discussion of the potential cost savings to be gained from converting the parish owned lights to LED's.

**Action:CllrBrittain/Clerk**

- **Notice Board.** The Clerk said the notice board had been repaired at a cost of £300. The new posts and board now require to be repainted and the H&S advice remains outstanding. **Action: Clerk**

- **Moulds Lane – night time visibility.** Cllr Murdock said she had assessed the night time visibility and concluded that further cutting back of the foliage would not produce significant benefits.

## **141/17. Planning Matters.**

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. Withdrawn.
  - 17/00803/LBC – Barnsdale House – renovations. Withdrawn
  - 17/01014/FUL and 17/01015/LBC – Barnsdale House – various works. Approved.
  - 17/01050/FUL – Barnsdale – 6 dwellings, access and stable block. Pending.
  - 17/01051/LBC – Barnsdale House – new access off Barnsdale. Pending.
  - 17/01153/FUL – 4 Broadgate – single storey rear extension – Approved.
  - 17/01240/VAC – 28 Broadgate – change of Housing Assn name. Pending
  - 17/01290/FUL – Hornbeam House, 1a Cross Bank. New dwelling. Approved.
  - 17/01318/NMA,17/01228/PCD, 17/01641/FUL,17/01654/NMA–Brookside House, Brook Lane - minor amdts /disch of conditions,traffic plan. Pending.
  - 17/01161/OUT – Land to rear of 28 Caldecott Road – new dwelling. 5 objections. Pending
  - 17/01581/PCD – 28 Broadgate – disch of Cond 4 – affordable housing. Pending
  - 17/01530/FUL – 4/6 Deepdale – demolish garage, new dwelling. Pending. There are a number of objections concerning the lack of adequate off road car parking spaces, traffic, the density of housing in a small area and the surface water run off. Mr D Gibb said he would be raising similar concerns with HDC and Mr Yates spoke concerning the drainage matters. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the application and would request D Cllr Rickman to have the application “called in”.  
**Action: Cllr P Brittain**
- Mr Gibb raised the matter of rubbish in Deepdale and asked that this be addressed. **Action: Clerk**
- 17/01689/FUL – Sun Inn – replace porch, external staircase, internal works. Pending. This application has only recently been submitted to HDC and was not discussed.

## **- Flood Alleviation.**

The Chairman stated that the LLFA have identified funding for a hydrological model to help understand root causes and possible solutions for the flooding issues in Great Easton and have tasked a Senior Engineer, in post for flood risk management, to conduct this work. This is a necessary step before involving the Environmental Agency and local landowners.

Mr Yates commented that he felt there is a widespread local view that following the work carried out by Anglian Water the flooding problems have been resolved, which is clearly wrong. The Chairman assured him that the subject will remain on the agenda and will be given appropriate priority and publicity.

The importance of keeping drain manholes clear was mentioned, together with regular removal of obstructions in the Brook. Several villagers regularly undertake parts of this work and there might be a case for better coordination, potentially involving the volunteer working party group which it is hoped will be formed in the near future.

## **142/17. Welland Rivers Tree Project.**

The Chairman thanked Mr Geoff Gilfillan, from the Welland Rivers Trust, for attending and invited him to speak. Mr Gilfillan explained that he had recently joined the Trust and his first major project would be to coordinate the planting of some 200 trees along the banks of the Welland, following a

generous donation from the family of David Douche who had been a long term resident of Brighthurst and Parish Clerk for 25 years.

Mr Gilfillan said that he was open to ideas and wanting to involve local landowners and interested volunteers in both developing ideas and the actual planting. He explained the potential benefits and that locations could include tributaries of the Welland. Cllrs Johnson and Murdock both agreed to be local contacts and coordinate assistance. The Chairman warmly thanked Mr Gilfillan, assured him of our support and wished him every success.

### **143/17. Financial Matters**

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On Line     £120.00     4 Counties – Grass cut 5 (24 Aug)

On Line     £300.00     S Johnson – Notice board repair

- **Budget – 6 monthly review.** A summary of expenditures, as at 1 Oct 17, had been previously circulated. A surplus of c£1,500 is predicted for the FY 2017/18. The RFO noted that an overall carry forward of approximately one year's operating costs is prudent.

### **144/17. Arboreal matters.**

Cllr Murdock reported on the following:

- **Pruning works to tree applications:**

- 17/00993/DDD – Bybrook House. Damaged Indian bean tree. Pending

- 17/01218/TPO - Great Easton Manor. Approved.

- 17/01427/TCA – 47 High Street. Approved.

- 17/01572/TCA – 12 Musk Close – Pending.

-17/01579/TCA - 7 Musk Close. Pending.

-17/01289/TPO – The Paddocks, High Street. Approved.

-17/01701/TCA – 4 Broadgate. Pending.

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

- **Path to playing Field.** Cllr Johnston kindly agreed to trim the path from Little London to the playing field.

- **Wild Flowers Areas.** Cllr Johnston wondered whether there could be one or two designated wild flower areas in the village and agreed to liaise with Cllr Murdock.

### **145/17. 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**

### **146/17. Website.**

Nothing further to report

### **147/17. Great Easton Neighbourhood Plan – Referendum Version.**

The Clerk reported on the further delay to the Village referendum, now likely to be held in January 2018.

### **148/17. AOB**

- **Archive Centre.** The Chairman said he had held discussions with most of those directly involved and, once completed, a public meeting would be arranged. **Action: Chairman**

- **Dog Fouling in the HDC Cemetery.** Cllr Johnston raised the subject and it was agreed to place a notice requesting dog owners to act responsibly. **Action: Cllrs Johnston/Murdock**

- **“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 has been agreed. There was general approval for an event in the period Feb/Mar 2018 and this will remain on the agenda until finalised.

- **War Memorial.** Cllr Murdock requested approval for two bags of chippings to be purchased as part of the tidy up of the memorial prior to the annual service. This was agreed.

- **Centenary Commemoration -2018.** The Chairman noted the forthcoming centenary in 2018 and noted that there would likely be a wish to commemorate this event.

- **Village Working Party.** The Chairman said he was continuing to ask for names of volunteers. It was agreed to initially identify a short list of suitable tasks and hold an initial session, following which, if successful, hopefully the idea would gain momentum. The Clerk agreed to circulate a potential list of tasks. **Action: Clerk**

- **D Cllr Rickman Points.** D Cllr Rickman said that he would continue to attend whenever available, and mentioned Project Darwin, the decentralisation of policing with Market Harborough as one of the police hubs, and the Annual Parish Liaison Event on 1 November, which he hoped some would attend. The Chairman thanked him for his ongoing support and advice.

**149/17. Date of next meeting:** Mon 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long  
(Chairman)