

GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 8th January 2018
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mr B Cripps, Mr and Mrs N McKay.

01/18. Apologies for absence

None.

02/18. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting he would take those items of public interest first.

03/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

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

04/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 4th December were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

05/18. Matters Arising

- **Road junction with A6003.** Nothing further to report

- **Defibrillator.** Mrs McKay reported that the defibrillator has been installed and she has the signs ready to be fitted. She noted that a record of the required weekly checks would need to be displayed for audit purposes and she would be publicising dates for the training. In the meantime the defibrillator is able to be used by previously trained volunteers. Mrs McKay was thanked for her work.

- **The Paddock.** The Clerk read out an exchange of emails with Mr Uppal concerning the pigs, the boundary wall and the ash tree. Mr Uppal had confirmed that the necessary compliance with DEFRA regulations is in place and had noted that the central ash tree appears to be “hollow”. He had added that the respective responsibilities concerning the boundary wall with the village hall remained unresolved. Cllr Murdock agreed to clarify the TPO status of the ash tree. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

06/18. Planning Matters.

-**Barnsdale Development.** The Chairman invited Mr Cripps to update the meeting concerning Barnsdale House and the adjacent development.

Mr Cripps said he personally planned to move in to Barnsdale House in mid/late February and 5 of the 6 new houses are planned to be built this year. There would be some inevitable disruption involving the installation of the mains services and work to cut back the overhanging tree branches. £160,000 Section 106 funding will be paid to HDC in lieu of affordable housing.

Mr Cripps concluded by requesting PC approval for the proposed street name leading into the development of “Castle Lane”, which was unanimously agreed. Mr Cripps was thanked for providing the useful update.

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters:

-17/01050/FUL – Barnsdale – 6 dwellings, access and stable block. Approved.

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

-17/01161/FUL – Land to rear of 28 Caldecott Road – new dwelling. Pending.

Cllr Brittain said there was a need to reconfirm the understood view of Cllrs that the application should be opposed, as the December meeting, when this application was previously discussed, was not quorate.

The principal reason for the PC opposing the application was that the dwelling would be outside the village Limit to Development (LTD) and into open countryside and therefore contrary to the policy for “infill” within the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Mr & Mrs McKay requested that the PC should clarify that the principal reason for rejection by the NP was purely in relation to the LTD and that the size and design of the dwelling had not been considered at the time the NP was being drafted, asking that the PC should therefore take a neutral stance to the application.

The Chairman explained that the PC, having only recently approved the draft NP had no option other than to support the policies within the NP if the NP was to have credibility. This meant that the only option for the PC was to oppose the application. Cllr Brittain agreed to the request to copy to all Cllrs the exchange of emails concerning the application with the McKays and said that the request to HDC to “call in” the application was, in his view, in the best interests of all parties.

After further discussion, Cllrs agreed unanimously that the PC should re-affirm its decision to oppose the application.

Action: Cllr Brittain

-17/01635/PCD - 48 High Street. Disch of Conds 3,4 and 5. Refused.

-17/01697/PCD – Land at Gatehouse Lane. Disch of Conds 2,3,6,7 and 8. Approved.

-17/01801/FUL/17/01802/LBC – 8 High Street. Replace extension and internal works. Withdrawn.

- 17/02126/PCD – Land to rear of 44-48 High Street – Disch conds 3,4&5. Pending.

-17/02080/PCD – Barnsdale House – Disch cond 3 (wall) . Pending.

-17/02073/PCD – 9 Brook Lane Disch conds 2,4,5&9. Pending.

-17/02174/AGR – Castle View Farm and Stables – erect agricultural building. New application.

- **Brook Lane verges in the proximity of Dr Craven’s barn development.** Concern was raised that the verges were being badly damaged and would need to be reinstated once the development had been completed. Cllr Brittain agreed to raise this with Dr Craven.

Action: Cllr Brittain

- Flood Alleviation.

The Chairman said that the LLFA is scheduled to have an initial meeting with the Flood Group on Tuesday 9th January. The Clerk added that the Environment Agency had welcomed the suggestion for additional assistance to maintain the flow of the Brook and simple H&S guidelines would be drafted.

07/18. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

- **Payments.** The following payment, inclusive of VAT where applicable, was authorised:

On Line £120.00 LCC – repair of Little London streetlamp

-**Precept/Budget for FY 2018/19.** The budget and precept for 2018/19, previously discussed at the November and December meetings, was formally agreed. The Clerk said the PC had agreed a budget of £8,880 for 2018/19, which represented a 5.02% increase on the previous year. The increase included a new item of £750 for materials for the new village work parties and an increase of 3% for the Clerk’s salary. The Clerk said he would now forward the budget and precept information to HDC.

Action: Clerk

08/18. Arboreal matters.

- Pruning works to tree applications:

- 17/01862/TPO and 17/01865/TCA – Yew Tree Cottage, Little London. Approved.
- 17/01918/TCA – 8 Deepdale. Approved.
- 17/01947/TCA – The Old Byre, Brook Lane. Approved.
- 17/01994/TCA – Brookside House. Pending.
- 17/01823/TCA – brookside House. Pending.

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

09/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- Police Liaison. Cllr Johnston confirmed she would be attending a neighbourhood police event on 25 January and will report back. The question of police attendance at a PC meeting was again discussed and Cllr Johnston agreed to investigate the options. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

10/18. Reports

- Website.** Cllr Walsh said the website was now largely up to date and she would liaise with the Clerk concerning the NP referendum information.
- Neighbourhood Plan.** The Clerk re-confirmed that HDC is organising the NP Village Referendum on 25 January on similar lines to a local election and households would shortly be receiving polling cards for voting, including the option of postal votes. An A5 leaflet would also be distributed to all households and the wording had been cleared with HDC. The Chairman agreed to organise a board for the village shop.
- Archive Centre.** Nothing further to report.

11/18. AOB

- “Meet the PC” Event.** Nothing further to report. This will remain on the agenda until finalised.
- WW1 Centenary Commemoration – 2018.** The Chairman said he would be contacting village organisations to coordinate a programme of events around the 11th November and mentioned Mrs Stamp’s suggestion of households plaques for those homes where soldiers had served in WW1.
- Village Gateways.** Mr Ian Drummond had agreed to form a small committee to consider the provision of Village Gateways at the three main entrances to the village, including design options and associated costs, and would report back in due course..
- Electoral Rolls 2018.** The Clerk distributed the 2018 Electoral Rolls to Cllrs, reminding all that the contents of the “Full” Register should not be disclosed to third parties.
- War Memorial Perimeter posts.** It was noted that 2 posts had been damaged. Cllr Murdock agreed to contact Mr G Robbins who had carried out repairs previously. **Action: Cllr Murdock**
- Broadgate Triangle Verges.** It was reported that lorries had damaged these verges which would need reinstatement. The Clerk was asked to contact Mulberry Homes. **Action: Clerk**

12/18. Date of next meeting: Mon 12th February 2018 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)