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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 12th February 2018
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: Mr & Mrs R Pocock, Ms O Waddington, Ellie, Rafe & Jamie Uppal, Mr & Mrs R Mitchell.

13/18. Apologies for absence

Cllr L Walsh.

14/18. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting that this was the first PC meeting since the Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan and he wished to congratulate all those involved throughout the process. The final result of an 86% YES vote and a 46% turnout – the second highest within HDC – was a very positive endorsement and provided a very strong mandate for the Parish Council in its future deliberations. He added that he would take those items of public interest first.

15/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

Cllr Brittain declared an interest concerning Brook Lane Paddock.

16/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 8th January were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

17/18. Matters Arising

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

- **Brook Lane.** Cllr Brittain reported that he had contacted Dr Craven on two occasions following complaints about the state of Brook lane arising from the development adjacent to Brookside House. The situation is now much improved and the road and verges would be fully reinstated on completion of the work; currently scheduled for October 2018. He added that there had been a diesel spillage which had entered the Brook, which he had traced to somewhere above Little London; noting that all now appears normal.

- **Defibrillator.** Mrs McKay had advised that the defibrillator training is scheduled for Monday 19th February at 7.30 in the Village Hall. The training would be advertised by posters and the Next Door website. She added that the kiosk housing the defibrillator has been cleaned but needs repainting. It was agreed to install the defibrillator signs and the Chairman said he would arrange for a large poster to promote the training, for display at the V Shop.

- **Village Gateways.** The Chairman said that Mr I Drummond is progressing the costed options for the Village Gateways and there would be a wide consultation before any final decisions are made.

- **The Paddock.** The Chairman said that there was widespread local concern at the state of the Paddock, exacerbated by the installation of the galvanised industrial steel fencing, currently on one side of the paddock. This has caused serious upset, in particular for the adjacent local residents and also the committee of the Village Hall, which is also concerned about the potential loss of income. The current state of the Paddock, designated as an important Local Green Space after detailed negotiation during the recent Neighbourhood Plan process, is of great concern. He added that whilst

the long term resolution will require further liaison with the landowner, his first priority has been to attempt to ascertain the legal parameters with HDC planning, conservation and environmental officers, which is not yet complete. To date it would appear that no planning rules have been broken but the negative impact is very considerable and the District and County Councillors are fully in the picture.

Following discussion, which largely reflected the previously recorded concerns, the Chairman stated that there were many related issues to be addressed and resolved, including effluent waste into the Brook stream, fencing, the ash tree and the long term future of the paddock. He requested patience on the part of all those immediately involved whilst the work continues.

18/18. Planning Matters.

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters:

- 17/01050/FUL – Barnsdale – Discharge of conditions 2,6,7,8&9 – pending.
- 17/01240/VAC – 28 Broadgate – change of Housing Assn name. Remains pending.
- 17/01161/FUL – Land to rear of 28 Caldecott Road – new dwelling. Withdrawn.
- 17/01635/PCD - 48 High Street - Disch of conds 3,4 and 5. Pending.
- 17/02126/PCD – Land to rear of 44-48 High Street – Disch conds 3,4&5. Pending.
- 17/02080/PCD – Barnsdale House – Disch of cond 3 (wall) . Pending.
- 17/02073/PCD – 9 Brook Lane – Disch of conds 2,4,5&9. Pending.
- 17/02174/AGR – Castle View Farm and Stables – erect agricultural building. HDC has decided that in view of the size of the building and the proposed materials to be used, a full planning application will be required. Cllr Brittain added that at a meeting with the landowner on 18th January, the landowner had expressed concerns at the uncontrolled dogs by walkers when using the designated footpath along the Jurassic Way, as there are now livestock in the field. It was agreed to raise this subject again in the usual publications
- 18/00264/LBC – Yew Tree Cottage, 19 Brook Lane - internal works. Pending

- Flood Alleviation.

The Chairman said that the meeting with the LLFA on the 9th January had been very positive. The LLFA had confirmed they would be conducting a technical review of the local flood problems, drawing on the local information and reports that have been forwarded and would consult prior to finalising the technical specification. It is hoped that an initial response will be received in the next month.

19/18. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On Line	£17.16	P Long – refund for the purchase of salt
On Line	£5.00	Leics Footpath Ass – annual mem fee
On Line	£1,278.92	LCC- Streetlighting – 2017/18
On Line	£945.00	Valentine Goodman Trust – Poor’s Field - 3 years rental
On Line	£55.48	G Robbins – repair of War Memorial posts
On Line	£79.00	A Murdock – refund for annual payment of Dropbox

20/18. Arboreal matters.

- Pruning works to tree applications:

- 17/01994/TCA – Brookside House. Pending.

Cllr Murdock noted that there is nothing further to report.

21/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- **Police Liaison.** Cllr Johnston reported on the recent Police Awareness Event she had attended and circulated a range of police information. Police resources now dictate that the police will only engage with the community on request when there are particular concerns to be addressed. Cllr Johnston specifically mentioned the Community Speedwatch Scheme, which was raised during the N Plan process, as speeding in the village is a concern.

22/18. Reports

- **Websites – Parish Council/Next Door/ Great Easton and Bringhurst websites.**

There was agreement that the Parish Council information – minutes, agendas etc – should only be placed on the PC website, with a reference to their posting on the Next Door website. Notices on the Next Door website, which has an increasing village membership, are for immediate information – events, incidents etc. It was agreed that continual efforts need to be made to ensure the PC website is up to date at all times.

- **Neighbourhood Plan.** It was agreed that the “made” Neighbourhood Plan provides a mandate for the Parish Council to 2031, with the option of an update after 5 years. There is now a requirement to implement the Community Actions, as detailed in the N Plan and for a monitoring process to be developed. It was noted that a number of recommendations arising from the N Plan have already commenced, including the Village PC website and the Village Gateways.

- **Archive Centre.** The Chairman said that preliminary work to place the numerous records on a data base has begun.

23/18. 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 had organised an initial planning meeting to coordinate the village events, to be scheduled for the w/e 10/11 Nov 2018.

- **Permissive footpath along the Old Railway Line.** Bybrook Builders have chosen not to continue with their agreement with HDC regarding the permissive footpath along the former railway line and so this will no longer be open to walkers from 1 February 2018. The loss of this valued amenity, enjoyed by generations of villagers, is strongly regretted. This decision has been published on the PC website.

- **The Burning of plastic waste behind the Easton Square development.** Complaints have been received concerning both the smell and fumes from the burning of plastic waste at Clarke’s Farm. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr N Clarke. **Action: Clerk**

-**S106 Funding.** Following a query whether S106 funding from the Barnsdale development could be accessed for village infrastructure works relating to flood prevention, the Clerk was requested to raise this with HDC. **Action: Clerk**

24/18. Date of next meeting: Mon 12th March 2018 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)