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

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

In attendance: Mr I Drummond, Miss Ellie Uppal and Miss Olivia Waddington.

25/18. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr P Brittain.

26/18. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, including Mr Ian Drummond who would be reporting on his recommendations for the Village Gateways.

27/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

None.

28/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 12th February were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

29/18. Matters Arising

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

- **Brook lane Paddock.** The Chairman said he and two other Cllrs had met with Mr Raj Uppal, the landowner of the paddock, to express their concerns at the negative impact on both the surrounding households and also the Village Hall following the installation of the security steel fencing within the centre of the village Conservation Area and also to seek clarification of the landowner's intentions. Mr Uppal had re-confirmed that all actions continue to be within current legal legislation for agricultural use and declined to comment further.

Mr Uppal had added that he was concerned at vandalism in relation to both the paddock and the former permissive footpath, now closed to village use, and the Parish Council restated that vandalism of any sort is to be deplored.

The Chairman concluded by noting that the PC cannot intervene as no rules have been contravened..

- **Defibrillator.** Mrs McKay had reported that the defibrillator training scheduled for Monday 19th February had been well attended and the list of names had been recorded. There is a need to maintain a rota to carry out the monthly defibrillator check and for this to be recorded on the Webnos : <https://beta.defibcheck.org/user> . Mrs McKay had passed the login and password information to the Chairman and proposed the record check list should be kept on the rear of the shop door. The green signs are now ready and the Chairman agreed to install on the four sides of the kiosk.

The Chairman asked about the information signs notifying the location of the defibrillator and undertook to locate and position.

Action: Chairman

- **S106.** The Clerk said HDC had advised that the S106 monies arising from both the Broadgate and Barnsdale developments could not be used for flood alleviation. Following discussion it was agreed to liaise further with HDC.

Action: Clerk/Chairman

30/18- Village Gateways.

The Chairman invited Mr I Drummond to report on his work to date with Village Gateway options. Mr Drummond said he had met with a Mr James Whailing from LCC Highways who had agreed that all three village signs are dilapidated and would be replaced at no cost by LCC. Mr Drummond showed slides of the three village entrances and his proposals following discussion with Mr A Murdock for traditional farm style gates, in naturally pressured treated wood, to be installed at the three entrances, with dragons teeth and the 30mph speed roundels painted on the roadway. He proposed that the gateways could be installed by his team at an overall cost of approximately £1,700 to include a licence to work in the roadway costing £50.

Mr Drummond additionally proposed that a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) could be installed at the bend on the Caldecott entrance, and following discussion, possibly one at the Barnsdale entrance. The costs for VAS signs are considerable and include annual running costs. It was agreed that further work on this proposal including firmer costings is required.

Following discussion there was general approval of the overall scheme for the three gateways which would now be publicised on the website and parish magazine for further comment before agreeing to proceed. Mr Drummond was warmly thanked for his work.

Mr Drummond mentioned his concerns at the damage to the kerbs along Broadgate and Deepdale and the verges along Brook Lane from the respective developments, all of which will require reinstatement by the respective contractors.

31/18. Planning Matters.

The Chairman 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.
- 17/01635/PCD - 48 High Street - Disch of conds 3,4 and 5. Pending.
- 17/02080/PCD – Barnsdale House – Disch of cond 3 (wall) . Approved.
- 17/02073/PCD – 9 Brook Lane – Disch of conds 2,4,5&9. Approved.
- 18/00025/FUL – 28 Broadgate – Install electric/pedestrian gates . Withdrawn.
- 18/00264/LBC – Yew Tree Cottage, 19 Brook Lane - internal works. Pending
- 18/00300/PCD – Barnsdale House – Disch of cond 4 – Contamination. Approved.
- 18/00249/LBC – 8/10 High Street – replace windows and doors. Pending.

- Flood Alleviation.

The Chairman noted that LLFA had yet to respond following their visit and the Clerk was asked to contact the LLFA for an update. **Action: Clerk**

32/18. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

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| On Line | £40.00 | Green Bin |
| On Line | £440.00 | Clerk –Jan-Mar 18 |
| On Line | £110.00 | PAYE |

- **Transparency Fund.** The Parish Council has been granted £794.49 from the Transparency Fund following an application towards the costs of complying with the transparency regulations for small Parish Councils.

33/18. Arboreal matters.

- Pruning works to tree applications:.

- 17/01993/DDD – Bybrook House – pending
- 18/00381/TCA – 17 Brook Lane – pending.

Cllr Murdock noted that there is nothing further to report.

34/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

- Police Liaison. Cllr Johnston said that Cllr Rickman had also attended the recent Police Awareness Event and there are efforts being made to reinvigorate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

35/18. Reports

- Website. Nothing further to report.

- Archive Centre. Nothing further to report.

- Street Lights. LCC has produced a costings paper which outlines annual savings of approximately £700 if the remaining 13 street lamps owned by the PC were to be converted to LEDs. The estimated conversion costs would be approximately £4,800, which would mean that the conversion costs would be covered in 7 years, assuming the present lamp columns are compatible for LED conversion. There was general agreement that LEDs are “the future” but further information is required on compatibility and payback options before a firm decision can be made. **Action: Clerk**

36/18. AOB

- “Meet the PC” Event. Nothing further to report. This will remain on the agenda until finalised.

- WW1 Centenary Commemoration – 2018. The Chairman said that following his meeting with village stakeholders a comprehensive weekend of events is coming together for the anniversary weekend of 10/11 November 2018. He agreed to include the Sun Inn in the planning network.

- The Burning of plastic waste behind the Easton Square development. The Clerk reported he had followed this up with Mr N Clarke.

- Flytipping at the end of Gatehouse Lane. Cllr Murdock said there is a large amount of fly tipping at the end of Gatehouse Lane which she has reported to HDC for removal.

-Dog Fouling. The continued level of dog fouling within the village streets was again noted. It was agreed to repeat the concerns in the parish magazine and website and to take follow up action with any identified dog owner.

- Grass Cutting. Cllr Murdock said she would liaise with the grass contractor concerning the timing of the first cut of the season. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

37/18. Date of next meeting: Mon 9th April 2018 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)