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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 9th April 2018
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, A Murdock, G Vizma, L Walsh and D Gibley (Clerk).
In attendance: Mr Roger Pocock, Mr Richard Pocock, Mr A Wilmer and Mr & Mrs N McKay.

38/18. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr C Johnston.

39/18. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and invited Mr Alan Wilmer to speak concerning his work to date on dog fouling within the village.

- **Dog Fouling.** Mr Wilmer summarised the work he had conducted and his conclusion that, whilst there is not a wide scale problem within the village, there is a need to keep the problem continually in the public eye, using the Next Door website, magazine and other publicity opportunities. He outlined the need for all villagers, whether or not they are dog walkers, to take responsibility for collecting and disposal of dog "poo". His suggestions included leaflets and the involvement of the school to design a poster(s), with a generous prize. Alan was warmly thanked for his presentation and was requested to forward specific costed proposals.

40/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

Cllr Murdock declared an interest concerning the planning application re 28 Caldecott Road.

41/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

42/18. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator.** The Chairman said that the green kiosk signs remain to be fitted but the defibrillator location signs around the village are in place. He agreed to forward a notice for the website concerning the defibrillator procedures **Action: Chairman**

- **S106.** The Clerk said that the further liaison with HDC concerning S106 monies remains to be completed. **Action: Clerk**

43/18. Planning Matters.

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters:

-18/00101/PCD – Barnsdale – Discharge of conditions 2,6,7,8&9 – Approved.

-17/01240/VAC – 28 Broadgate – Change of Housing Assn name. Withdrawn.

Cllr Brittain noted the successful take up of the affordable housing by people with a local connection, as identified and supported in the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

-18/00264/LBC – Yew Tree Cottage, 19 Brook Lane - internal works. Pending

-18/00249/LBC – 8/10 High Street – replace windows and doors. Pending.

-18/00267/FUL – Recreation Field, Clarksdale-site storage container for mower. Pending

-18/00479/FUL – 38 Barnsdale – erect side/rear extensions. Pending

-18/0042/FUL – Land rear of 28 Caldecott Road – new B&B dwelling. Pending.

Cllr Brittain explained the background to this new application and highlighted the Business Justification statement and the argument within it that, although the proposed new dwelling is outside the Limits to Development (LTD), Policy E2 (a) in the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) allows for “small scale leisure or tourism activities” outside the LTD and that this business proposal could therefore be considered to be in accordance with the NP policy relating to Employment Development. However he added that a Statement at the end of Policy E2 could be interpreted in a different way, which would suggest non compliance.

Mr Pocock noted that that Policy E2 is capable of different interpretation and the application is essentially the same size dwelling on the same site previously opposed by the PC and subsequently withdrawn. He requested that the application should be “called in” for consideration by the full HDC Planning Committee. Mr McKay stated that the internal layout of the proposed dwelling is very different to the previous application and that the employment and related benefits to other businesses within the village would be all year round and beneficial. The Chairman noted the ambiguity within the E2 Policy and his strong support for the application to be considered by the full HDC Planning Committee.

After further discussion, Cllrs were requested to vote. There was unanimous approval for the PC to oppose the application and for the application to be “called in”. **Action: Cllr Brittain**

-18/00586/AGR – Castle View Stables – Agricultural building - prior notification. New

-18/00553/FUL and 18/00554/LBC -8 High Street. Replace rear extension, new roof lights. Pending

- Flood Alleviation.

The Clerk said that LLFA had recently advised that the Project Brief is nearly finalised and would be passed to the flood sub committee for comment prior to being issued.

44/18. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On Line £226.87 LRALC- Ann mem fees

On Line £125.000 Clerk –Annual secretarial expenses

- **Annual Internal Audit.** It was proposed and agreed that Mrs Julia Brittain would conduct the internal audit.

- **Closure of the Molesworth and Collins Charity.** Authority has been given for the Molesworth and Collins Charity to be closed. The small closing bank balance - £208.52 – has been placed in the reserve account, to be spent on an agreed charitable expenditure. The Clerk noted the very helpful assistance provided by Mrs Sue Kingston; the one remaining Trustee.

45/18. Arboreal matters.

- **Pruning works to tree applications:.**

-17/01993/DDD – Bybrook House – pending

-18/00381/TCA – 17 Brook Lane – pending.

- **Grass Cutting.** Cllr Murdock said that she has requested an early cut but the weather was unhelpful. She confirmed that the contractor is aware of the need to avoid the daffodils and wild flowers when in season.

46/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

No matters to report.

47/18. Reports

- **Website.** Cllr Walsh said that a report had been received of a virus from the village website but investigation had not shown a problem. She requested updates concerning the defibrillator and dog fouling.
- **Archive Centre.** Nothing further to report.
- **Street Lights.** The Clerk reported that LCC, following a positive response from the PC, has confirmed that a firm conversion cost will be provided before any agreement is reached and that the conversion costs will be able to be phased over a number of years. LCC will be providing further information shortly.
- **Village Gateways.** The Chairman noted that the consultation concerning the proposed Village Gateways is ongoing. The only comment received to date is for further consideration of the three village signs which, unless specified, will be the standard LCC signs.

48/18. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Clerk reported that the GDPR Act comes into force in May 2018 and, whilst it is primarily designed for larger public bodies, the PC will be required to evidence it is compliant. This will likely require the appointment of a Data Protection Officer, which he suggested could be the Clerk. Cllr Walsh said she had relevant information which she would forward.

49/18. AOB

- **“Meet the PC” Event.** Nothing further to report. This will remain on the agenda until finalised.
- **WW1 Centenary Commemoration – 2018.** Nothing further to report.
- **Flag Pole.** Mr Wilmer said that he considered the village should have a flag pole . Following discussion it was agreed that he would see if there is a village consensus before taking the proposal forward.

50/18. Date of next meeting: Mon 14th May – Annual Parish Meeting - at 7.00 - in the Village Hall.

NB. Please note revised start time of 7pm.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chairman)