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**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**in the Village Hall**  
**at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mr I Drummond, Mrs A Blair, Mr A Wilmer, Ms E Uppal and Ms O Waddington.

**62/18. Apologies for absence**

None.

**63/18. Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and said he would take items of interest to the public first.

**64/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.**

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

**65/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> April were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

**66/18. Matters Arising**

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Brittain said he now has the correct paint for the repainting of the telephone kiosk and this would be one of the first actions of the working party in June.

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

- **GDPR Data Protection Regulations.** The Clerk said that there had been recent changes to the new GDPR Act, which now excludes small Parish Councils from the more onerous aspects of the GDPR Act, including the need to appoint a nominated Data Protection Officer. Cllr Walsh confirmed this was correct.

**67/18. Planning Matters.**

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters:

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

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

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

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 Withdrawn.

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

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

Cllr Brittain advised that the application has been “called in” and is likely to be heard at the June meeting of the Planning committee.

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

-18/00586/AGR – Castle View Stables – Agricultural building – Approved, as permitted agricultural development.

-18/00621/FUL – Castle View Stables- install agricultural track. New.

Cllr Brittain explained that the application is for a new trackway for farm vehicles to access livestock handling facilities within the holding. He had walked the course with Mr Uppal and saw no objection. LCC has requested more information concerning the protection of the public footpath B74 where it crosses the track and Cllr Johnston mentioned the need to protect the hedgerows adjacent to the track.

-18/00701/FUL – Barnsdale House – two new dwellings. New application.

Cllr Brittain said that the Neighbourhood Plan had originally approved “about 6 dwellings” for the development to the rear of Barnsdale House. This application for two dwellings will now make a total of 7 dwellings, all within the Limit to Development (LTD) and conforms to the spirit of the original application. He saw no reason to object. This was agreed.

### **- Flood Alleviation.**

The Clerk said that LLFA had recently forwarded a draft brief for a Great Easton Flood Modelling study which, once finalised, will go to tender. The tender document confirms that the two reports by Mr Yates and Mr Christie, previously forwarded to the LLFA, will be made available to the successful tender. The flood sub committee will be responding.

### **68/18. Financial Matters**

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On Line	£257.60	Zurich Insurance renewal
On Line	£400.00	Youth group-annual donation
On line	£250.00	Parish magazine-annual donation

- **Annual Audits.** The internal audit of the 2017/18 accounts has been completed and signed off, as reported at the Annual Parish meeting and the external audit documents will be forwarded to PKF Littlejohn Auditors by the 13 June.

### **69/18. Arboreal matters.**

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

-17/01993/DDD – Bybrook House – pending. It was agreed to delete this from future reference.

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

- **Grass Cutting.** Cllr Murdock said that despite contact with the contractor from both herself and the Clerk, a variety of circumstances had prevented the grass being cut. Several householders had helpfully cut both their immediate verges and also the war memorial and this will be acknowledged in the magazine. Hopefully the situation will be resolved shortly.

### **70/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters**

Cllr Johnston said there were no outstanding matters to report.

### **71/18. Reports**

- **Website.** Cllr Walsh said that following recent problems with a virus, there was a view that a different server might be helpful but the need for simple access remains important. She agreed to arrange a meeting of the website sub committee to discuss this further. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

- **Archive Centre.** Nothing further to report.

- **Street Lights.** The Clerk reported that LCC have yet to forward the proposal for LED conversion. Cllrs were reminded that the proposal will allow phased payment of the conversion costs and a firm estimate will be provided by LCC following a survey of the individual lampposts, prior to the PC making a final decision.

- **Village Gateways.** Mr I Drummond requested that the PC provide firmer guidance on the proposals he had submitted for discussion by the PC for the three Village Gateways, prior to proceeding further. Cllr Johnston mentioned her concern that the gateway near Bringhurst School did not reduce the already narrow footpath. Following discussion it was agreed to provide further guidance. **Action: Clerk**

**Afternote.** The following guidance has since been forwarded to Mr Drummond, who is again thanked for his work on this to date.

- **Gateways.** *The PC has agreed that traditional farmstyle gateways should be erected at the three entrances to the village, to be constructed of naturally pressure treated wood, at the locations of the current 30mph and Great Easton signs. The actual size will vary according to the verge space available, in particular on the footpath leading to Bringhurst School to avoid reducing the available pavement space. (This will be confirmed at the 4th June meeting at 6pm). The wooden gateways will be sourced and installed by volunteers to whom the PC is very grateful.*

- **Road markings.** *Road markings incorporating dragons teeth and 30mph roundels should be painted on the road surface at each gateway.*

- **Village signs.** *It is suggested that the village road signs, which LCC Highways have agreed to replace, should include the 30 mph roundel. A scan of a possible design is attached.*

- **Funding.** *The PC has agreed funding up to £2000 to include the £50 licence. The work should ideally be carried out in the Summer months.*

- **VAS sign.** *The decision to fund and install a VAS sign will be decided separately.*

*I would add that the PC is very grateful for your work to date on this and wants to assist in any way you suggest.*

## **72/18 – Closure of Bus service RF1.**

The Chairman said this item had been added as we had been notified that the contracted service will cease from 24 June. Mrs A Blair said that this service was a vital facility for those residents who use the service and also young people. Cllr Johnston agreed to follow this up with Rutland CC.

**Afternote:** Mr Nick Begy of Rutland CC has since advised that “they are in advanced discussions with Stagecoach to replace this service so we hopefully will see no disruption”. He had also said that they are very interested in suggestions to improve commerciality and improve the service going forward. Cllr Johnston has undertaken to canvas local views and respond. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

## **73/18. 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 received two suggestions: a commemorative bench, to be partly funded by HDC and a Poppy on the new road sign Stokes Rise. It was agreed to respond positively to both proposals. **Action: Chairman**

- **Flag Pole.** Mr Wilmer said that he considered the village should have a flagpole and suggested organising a petition to canvas local opinion. Following considerable discussion it was clear that there were was not a consensus to support the proposal. Planning permission would be needed and the Parish Council would need to be strongly in favour.

- **Dog Fouling.** Mr Wilmer spoke on the success of the recent campaign which had seen a marked improvement in reducing dog fouling within the village and his wish to maintain the momentum by distributing leaflets to all households within the village. The cost of 250 cards would be £79. After discussion there was a view that this would be overkill at this present time but that the subject should be reviewed in a few months. There was however a general appreciation for Mr Wilmer's positive initiative which had achieved tangible results.

- **Reinstatement of pavements and roads by Contractors.** Mr Drummond raised his concerns at the damage caused by heavy lorries to pavements and road surfaces not constructed to withstand the heavy loads and the need for contractors to be held to account to reinstate on completion of the developments. He mentioned the three developments at Broadgate, Brook Lane and Barnsdale. The Clerk was asked to write to the respective contractors/developers to remind them of their reinstatement responsibilities.

**Action: Clerk**

**74/18. Date of next meeting:** Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30.

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long  
(Chairman)