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**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on the 9<sup>TH</sup> July 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 R Pocock, Mr M Whyte and Mrs S Whyte.

**87/18. Apologies for absence**

None.

**88/18. Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting..

**89/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.**

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

**90/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> June were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

**91/18. Matters Arising**

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Brittain said the intention is to paint the kiosk over the next few weeks.

**Afternote,** The kiosk has been repainted and Defibrillator signs installed.

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

**Action: Clerk**

- **Village Gateways.** Following discussion the Parish Council agreed that the three entrance signs are an important part of the new Gateways and the potential additional costs of approximately £1400 can be funded. Mr Iain Drummond has agreed to source the preferred option. Mr Drummond was again thanked for his work.

- **RF1 Bus service.** Cllr Johnston agreed to clarify the longer term plans for this important bus service.

**Action: Cllr Johnston**

**92/18. Planning Matters**

Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning matters:

-18/00442/FUL – Land rear of 28 Caldecott Road – new B&B dwelling. Deferred.

Cllr Brittain advised that the application is now scheduled to be heard at the HDC planning meeting on the 26th July. It was agreed to forward a further submission to HDC confirming the PC stance to uphold the LtD following the challenge from Gateley Solicitors.

**Afternote.** The application was discussed on 26 July by the full Planning Committee and the decision was to refuse the application.

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

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

-18/00577/FUL - 13 Deepdale – new dwelling and garage/store. Pending. Cllr Brittain said there are now 4 objections, primarily concerning the planned ridge height of the new dwelling. Cllr Brittain added that he understands the developer is amending the drawings accordingly.

- 18/00953/PCD – Land rear of 44-48 Lounts Crescent-disch of conds 4 and 5. Pending
- 18/00790/FUL – The Cottage, Caldecott Road – new access drive. Pending.
- 18/01102/FUL - Holyoaks Farm – change of use to Shooting Lodge. New.

### - Flood Alleviation

- **LLFA.** The Clerk reported that the LLFA has agreed the brief for the Great Easton Flood Modelling study but nothing further has been received. An update from the LLFA will be requested for the September meeting.

- **Flood Warden.** Mrs L Upton, a member of the Flood Group sub committee, has kindly agreed to be nominated as the Village Flood Warden and to liaise as required with the Environmental Agency. This is an appointment requested by HDC for all villages.

### 93/18. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On line	£100.00	4 Counties – Inv18/037 (1)
On line	£100.00	4 Counties - Inv18/058 (2)
On line	£275.65	Web renewal, (paid by Cllr Walsh)

- **Annual Audit.** The Clerk said that the external audit documents remain with PKF Littlejohn Auditors and have also been placed on the website to conform to transparency requirements.

### 94/18. Arboreal matters

- **Pruning works to tree applications:**

- 18/01158/TCA – 19 Brook Lane-works to trees. Pending

- **Grass Cutting.** The Clerk reported that two cuts had now been completed but there were particular areas needed to be cut which had been missed despite specific instructions provided by Cllr Murdock. It was agreed that Cllr Murdock and the Clerk would meet with the contractor at the end of the season and make a recommendation for the preferred course of action for next year.

### 95/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

There were no outstanding matters to report.

### 96/18. Village Perambulation

The Chairman updated the meeting on the progress of the outstanding matters identified during the village perambulation on the 4<sup>th</sup> June:

- **The Bridge.** The previously reported damage to the wall appears more dangerous and LCC needs to be informed. Afternote. LCC have been requested to re-inspect and advise.

- **Moulds lane,** Little London and Hollands Lane foliage. . This has been cut back.

- **Contractors' Reinstatement.** The respective contractors for the building works at Brook Lane, Barnsdale and Broadgate need to be reminded of their reinstatement responsibilities once the developments have been completed.

- **4 Deepdale.** LCC Highways to be notified that there is no curb dropdown opposite 4 Deepdale.

**Action: Clerk**

- **First House at St Andrews Close.** The Housing Association to be notified of the poor state of repair.

**Action: Clerk**

- **Cemetery Gate.** HDC to be notified that the gate needs repair. **Action: Clerk**
- **Westbrook Hedge.** The hedge has been cut back.
- **Village work parties.** The Chairman noted that the telephone kiosk and the Village Gateways have made a start but there remains a need to build on the general support for this initiative. Identified projects include:
  - church bench
  - brook clearance. NB Cllr Johnston noted possible environmental concerns and the presence of a kingfisher, which she undertook to obtain protection advice. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
  - the concrete slab at Church Bank
  - footpath clearance along pavement to Bringhurst school
  - the PC notice board repainting and base concrete repair.

### 97/18. Reports

- **Website.** The meeting of the website sub committee remains to be arranged. **Action: Cllr Walsh**  
Cllr Walsh advised that the annual website renewal costs are £275.65, inc VAT, including the retention costs of three domain names. This expenditure was approved.
- **Archive Centre.** The Chairman said his work to quantify the amount of storage materials prior to further discussion of the proposed locations is progressing. **Action: Chairman.**
- **Street Lights.** The Clerk reported that he had circulated revised LED conversion costs which have now increased to £8,619 37, primarily because of the additional costs of converting the nine parish owned wooden poles. The LCC offer is for the conversion costs to be repaid over 5 years and, on present costings, the “payback” period will be 12.58 years. During discussion, it was noted that LED’s are now recommended and the maintenance costs for our existing lanterns would likely increase significantly in the future. A decision now would provide time for the precept to be adjusted for 2019/20 onwards to reflect the repayment over five years of the one-off conversion costs. It was agreed to accept the LCC proposal and sign the Payment Agreement. **Action: Clerk**
- **WW1 Plaques.** The Chairman confirmed that the 8 commemorative plaques have been ordered.

### 98/18. AOB

- **“Meet the PC” Event.** Nothing further to report. This will remain on the agenda until finalised.
- **WW1 Commemorative benches.** HDC have offered to partly fund commemorative benches as part of the WW1 centenary initiatives and a decision is required. The Chairman has circulated members seeking views.  
**Afternote.** It has been decided not to proceed, partly from the lack of an obvious location and also the proposal for the commemorative housing plaques which is now in hand.
- **Stokes Rise parking.** Mrs Whyte spoke of her concern that the temporary parking in front of the Show Home may not be returned to a landscaped area but be retained as parking, contrary to the original plans. It was agreed to contact Mulberry and request clarification. **Action: Clerk**
- **Planning Applications.** D Cllr Rickman said that HDC policy for the “call in” of planning applications for consideration by the full Planning Committee has been reviewed. In future applications will only be called in when the committee advise and not automatically and the numbers allowed to speak will be limited to 3 on either side.

**99/18. Date of next meeting:** Mon 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30.

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long  
(Chairman)