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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 8th October 2018
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance: D Cllr M Rickman and Mr M Yates

113/18. Apologies for absence

None

114/18. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed D Cllr Rickman to the meeting.

115/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

None.

116/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 10th September were approved, subject to Minute 107/18 Grass Cutting being amended to read 4 cuts.

117/18. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Johnston circulated a draft aide –memoire which, once finalised, was agreed to be distributed with the next issue of the parish magazine. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

The Chairman agreed to check the light within the kiosk for night time use. **Action: Chairman**

- **S106.** The Clerk said he had a useful meeting with HDC concerning flexibility in using the earmarked S106 monies.

-**Village Gateways.** The Clerk reported that Mr Ian Drummond agreed that the 3 signs should be supplied by LCC and that the previously agreed funding of £2000 for the three Gateways and £1600 for the signs meant that this work can now be progressed, with installation aimed for the current year.

- **Repositioning of Stokes Rise road signs.** The Clerk confirmed that Mulberry Homes have been requested to reposition the two signs to improve visibility from Broadgate.

- **Church floodlighting.** The Clerk confirmed that the church has been notified and the floodlighting is now working.

- **Gatehouse Lane bridle footpath sign.** The sign needs to be replaced. **Action: Clerk**

118/18. Planning Matters

Cllr Brittain noted that planning applications are relatively quiet and include the following:

- 18/01291/FUL – Barnsdale House – swimming pool. Approved.

- 18/01339/FUL – Nubrook House – one additional dwelling and garage. Withdrawn.

-18/01593/PCD – 8 High Street – Disch of Cond 6 (materials). Pending

-18/01223/PCD - 10 High Street- Disch of Cond 3 (joinery). Pending.

- Flood Alleviation

- LLFA. The Clerk reported that MK Surveys have been appointed by the LLFA .The initial step is “to conduct a topographical survey of the village and surrounding area prior to developing a hydraulic (flood water) model/assessment to improve the understanding of the flood mechanisms in the local area.” This work is being carried out between 17 Sep – 30 Nov 2018 and the village has been notified. Mr Yates requested sight of the LLFA brief to MK Surveys. **Action: Clerk**

119/18. Financial Matters

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

On line	£200.00	4 Counties – Inv 18/097 (cuts 4 and 5)
On line	£100.00	WWI Books/leaflets –refund to Mrs Stamp
On line	£100.00	CAB-annual donation

- Budget/Precept 2019/20. The draft budget for 2019/20, previously circulated, was discussed in detail; the main difference to previous years being the requirement to fund the LED conversion costs over 5 years, which will require an 8.43% increase in the annual precept. Cllr Brittain said that he had been consulted in preparing the draft budget and proposed that it be agreed. The RFO said that HDC had previously accepted increases provided there are clear explanations and his understanding is that this would be agreed. The RFO added that the reserve of approximately £9000 represented one year’s turnover and is in line with recommended guidelines. Cllrs agreed the draft budget and thanked the RFO for the clear presentation.

120/18. Arboreal matters

- Pruning works to tree applications:

-18/01216/TPO – The Paddocks, High Street - pending

-18/01346/TCA – 7 Musk Close – approved

-18/01348/TCA – Granby House, High Street - approved

-18/01347/TCA – 39 High Street - approved

- Grass Cutting. Cllr Murdock agreed to review the village grass cutting specification and to contact ABC garden contractors for a possible quotation for next year, prior to discussions with 4 Counties.

Action: Cllr Murdock

Cllr Johnston requested that the specification should incorporate protection for wild flowers.

- Footpath to Brighthurst School. Cllr Murdock said that the landowner has agreed to cut back the hedge where required, prior to the proposed date of Saturday 20th October for a village work party to clear the footpath. The work, known as “siding out” will be scheduled from 10am and will be publicised on the Nextdoor website. It is hoped that a good turnout will mean that the work can be completed in one morning. Cllr Walsh agreed to draft a notice for Nextdoor. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

- Vegetation opposite 23 Broadgate. Cllr Murdock said that LCC had agreed to accept responsibility for clearing the vegetation opposite 23 Broadgate.

- Stile next to Barnsdale House. Cllr Murdock noted the positive and speedy response from both LCC and the landowner following the notification on line to LCC that the stile needed repair.

120/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

There were no outstanding matters to report.

121/18. Village Perambulation

The following outstanding actions were noted:

- **Bridge parapet.** The Clerk confirmed that LCC have been notified of the further damage to the bridge parapet.
- **4 Deepdale Kerb Dropdown.** LCC have advised that funding to implement kerb dropdowns is now the responsibility of the householder following budget cuts to LCC funding. The Clerk confirmed that the householder has been notified.
- **First House at St Andrews Close.** The Housing Association to be notified of the poor state of repair. **Action: Clerk**
- **Cemetery Gate.** The Clerk said that he had inspected the gate and it appears serviceable.
- **Village work parties.** The Chairman noted that the work on the school pathway scheduled for 20 October will be the first opportunity for wider village involvement and the brook clearance work will necessarily be postponed until after the Environmental Agency scheduled work has been completed. Remaining projects include the church bench, the concrete slab at Church bank and the notice board repainting.

122/18. Reports

- **Website.** Cllr Walsh acknowledged that the website needs updating and requested input, adding that the meeting of the website committee will be arranged in the near future. **Action: Cllr Walsh**
- **Archive Centre.** The Clerk has agreed to draft a note for the magazine to gauge support for the proposal. **Action: Clerk**
- **WW1 Commemorative Weekend.** The Chairman said that planning is proceeding and information on all the events will be in the magazine. Offers of wood for the bonfire will be welcomed.

123/18. AOB

- **Annual Parish Liaison meeting – Wed 7 Nov 1730-2000.** The Chairman indicated that he would attend and possibly Cllr Walsh. The Clerk agreed to advise HDC. **Action: Clerk**
- **Unitary Authority Paper.** An initial briefing paper has been circulated to all and D Cllr Rickman noted that this will become a major topic in the next few months with potential implications for increased responsibilities being placed on PCs.
- **Housing.** Cllr Johnston noted the large number of new homes being planned for Edith Weston and the potential impact on local services. During a brief discussion the point was made that the large number of new homes planned for the west of Corby would likely have a greater local impact.
- **District Council Elections 2019.** D Cllr Rickman noted that the next elections will be held in 2019 and outlined the interview process. The Chairman noted the support given by D Cllr Rickman to the PC.
- **Purple Haze Ball – 10 Nov.** D Cllr Rickman said that the ball is to raise funds for pancreatic cancer in memory of Alan Rickman and information is in the magazine.

124/18. Date of next meeting: Mon 12th November at 7.30.

DAC Gibley (Clerk)

Cllr P Long (Chair