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

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

In attendance: Mr M Yates and Mr and Mrs R Pocock

125/18. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr L Walsh.

126/18. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and commented on the numerous successful Armistice commemorations.

127/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

None.

128/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 8th October were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

129/18. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator.** The Chairman said he had been in contact with Heartbeat concerning the light inside the kiosk which all agreed was needed during the winter months. Mr Pocock offered to assist to see if the fault could be rectified before calling an electrician. Cllr Johnston was thanked for the excellent leaflet which had been sent to all households.
- **Village Gateways.** The Clerk reported that Mr Ian Drummond was progressing both the signs from LCC and the three gateways.
- **Gatehouse Lane bridle footpath sign.** The sign needs to be replaced. **Action: Clerk**

130/18. Planning Matters

Cllr Brittain noted that no comments had been made to date on the current applications, which are listed below.

- 18/01593/PCD – 8 High Street – Disch of Cond 6 (materials). Approved
- 18/01223/PCD - 10 High Street- Disch of Cond 3 (joinery). Pending.
- 18/01724/LBC and 18/01726/FUL – 22 Broadgate -convert outbuildings to dwelling. Pending.
- 18/01858/LBC - 8 High Street- demolish outbuildings. Pending.
- 18/01862/FUL- Castle View Stables – erect agricultural building. New.

Cllr Brittain noted that a full planning application has been required for the agricultural building as it will be located nearer to the road to Bringhurst.

- Flood Alleviation.

The Clerk noted that three potential flood alleviation measures which are currently being progressed in the village, as summarised below:

- **Anglian Water (AW).** AW have recently relayed a section of the drain discharging water from Broadgate and Pitchers Lane into the Brook at Little London and installed two one way valves to allow water to continue to discharge into the brook when water levels are higher in the Brook than the drain. AW have also confirmed that the condition of the drains will now be checked annually as part of the regular maintenance schedule. A letter had been sent to the Chief Executive from the PC, at the suggestion of Mr Yates, to note the work provided by Mr Adam Shaw and his team.
- **Environmental Agency (EA).** The EA is scheduling an extensive de-silting of the Brook and also repair work to the sides of the Brook where they have been undermined. A contract has been let and the work is scheduled for November; start date to be confirmed.
- **LLFA.** MK Surveys has been contracted to carry out a flood modelling study of Great Easton by the LLFA and the initial survey has been in evidence throughout the village. This work will potentially lead to recommendations to alleviate the flood risk. Mr Yates noted that the brief mentions monthly updates by the contractor to the LLFA and the opportunity for village representation. The Clerk said he would follow this up with the LLFA. **Action: Clerk**

131/18. 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 18/115 (cuts 6 and 7)
On line	£80.00	Wreath, Bugler and annual donation
On line	£400.00	Up to £400 for laptop and scanner to supplement the Transparency Grant of £794,48

- **Budget/Precept 2019/20.** It was agreed to absorb the recently advised mandatory £400 charged by HDC for election expenses within the agreed budget for 2019/20, by reducing the Neighbourhood Plan implementation and Contingency headings each by £200.

132/18. Arboreal matters

- **Pruning works to tree applications:**

- 18/01216/TPO – The Paddocks, High Street – pending
- 18/01538/TCA – 15 Deepdale. Approved
- 18/01838/TCA – Yew Tree Cottage, 19 Brook Lane. Pending
- 18/01895/TPO - 17 Brook Lane. New

- **Grass Cutting.** Cllr Murdock reported that she is considering alternative contractors for 2019, including a local resident and will report back in due course. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

-**Footpath to Bringhurst School.** Cllr Murdock said the “siding out” of the school footpath had taken place on the 20th October as scheduled and there had been a good work party, noting in particular Mr I Drummond’s assistance.

- **Tree Liability and PC Insurance.** Cllr Murdock said the PC had received a communication from the PC insurers advising that a tree management strategy should be in place for those trees owned by the PC, as the PC could be held responsible in the event of an accident. After discussion it was agreed that a list of those trees owned by the PC should be compiled and potentially two visual

inspections in Summer and winter should be carried out. Cllr Murdock agreed to draft an outline action plan for discussion at the January meeting. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

133/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

The Chairman said he had received a brochure concerning scams and the accompanying dangers, particularly for the elderly and more vulnerable residents, with the offer of a presentation at a suitable meeting. It was agreed to pass the information to the WI.

134/18. Reports

- **Website.** The Chairman said he had received a communication from Cllr Walsh stating that the website has been updated. There followed a general discussion on the increasing use of the Next Door website by local residents, Parish Council access and the banner. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Cllr Walsh and report back. **Action: Clerk**

- **Archive Centre.** It was noted that there might be an opportunity for the room in the V Hall to become available for Archive storage if the possible church reorganisation occurs in 2019.

WW1 Commemorative Weekend. The Chairman said that the many events commemorating the centenary of the Armistice had all been most successful and thanked those directly involved in the planning, adding that he will be drafting a note for the magazine. Particular mention was made of the house plaques made and installed by Clare Woodward which had been extremely well received and the village map of the plaque locations prepared by Mrs Stamp.

135/18. AOB

- **Salt Bins.** The Chairman and Cllr Brittain agreed to purchase the salt and fill the bins.

- **Snow Warden Scheme.** The LCC proposal for a village funded snow warden was discussed. It was agreed not to participate.

- **Icy Pavement outside near shop.** It was reported that last year the slope adjacent to the Village Shop became dangerous when the temperature was icy. The Clerk was asked to communicate with Mr Hankey to request that corrective measures be taken. **Action: Clerk**

- **Church Bank street light.** The Clerk was asked to contact LCC concerning the light which is not working. **Action: Clerk**

- **Notice Board.** The Clerk was asked to convey thanks to Mr A Murdock for painting the notice board. **Action: Clerk**

136/18. Date of next meeting: Mon 3rd December at 7.30.

NB. Change of date to avoid a clash with the village carol singing.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chair)