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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 3rd December 2018
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, A Murdock and C Johnston. D Gibley, (Clerk).
In attendance: None.

137/18. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman, Cllrs L Walsh and G Vizma..

138/18. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

139/18. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

None.

140/18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

141/18. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator.** The Chairman said thanks are due to Mr R Pocock for rectifying the electrical fault to the light inside the kiosk.

- **Village Gateways.** The Clerk reported that Mr Ian Drummond was continuing to progress both the signs from LCC and the three gateways.

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

- **Broadgate reinstatement.** The Chairman reported that an on-site meeting had been held with Mr Craig Gilbert of Mulberry Developments on Fri 30th November. Whilst there was acknowledgement that the general condition of the road surface along Broadgate was fairly poor prior to the development commencing, there was agreement that the pavement at 24 Broadgate and the road surface immediately opposite have been particularly damaged by heavy lorries parked prior to unloading. Mr Craig Gilbert agreed to liaise with LCC Highways concerning reinstatement and also to arrange for replacement topsoil for the triangle at the entrance to Deepdale. Separately, Mr Gilbert agreed to arrange for the repositioning of the two entrance signs to Stokes Rise closer to the road junction.

- **Salt Bins.** The Chairman reported that salt had been purchased and the salt bins replenished.

- **Street Lights.** Cllr Murdock said that the streetlights at Church bank, recently mended, and No 2 Broadgate are not working. The Clerk agreed to report these to LCC. **Action: Clerk**

Afternote. Cllr Murdock reported that the Church Bank light was working on the following day....!

142/18. Planning Matters

Cllr Brittain noted that no public comments had been made to date on the current applications 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. Approved.
- 18/01858/LBC - 8 High Street- demolish outbuildings. Pending.
- 18/01862/FUL- Castle View Stables – erect agricultural building. Pending.

Cllr Brittain noted that comments have been made by Leicestershire Public Rights of Way to the effect that, whilst not objecting to the application, a number of conditions are proposed to both protect the footpath B74 and members of the public during construction. Cllr Murdock agreed to assess the condition of the second stile and to request repair if necessary. **Action: Cllr Murdock**

- 18/01937/FUL- 16 Stockerston Lane – erect two storey rear extension. New.

- Flood Alleviation.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position, as summarised below:

- **Anglian Water (AW).** AW has completed the work on the drains discharging into the Brook at Little London.

- **Environmental Agency (EA).** The EA has completed the de-silting of the Brook and the scheduled repair work to the sides of the Brook where they have been undermined. Cllr Brittain expressed surprise that the EA work had not been more substantial where there is evidence of bank slippage into the Brook and asked that the EA be contacted to ascertain if the maintenance will be reviewed on an annual basis. **Action: Clerk**

- **LLFA.** The LLFA and MK Surveys, who have been contracted to carry out a flood modelling study of Great Easton, are meeting with the PC Sub committee on Thurs 13 December at 10am to brief on the current progress and discuss the way ahead. Cllr Brittain agreed to attend.

143/18. 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 – Inv18/136 (cut 8)
On line	£400.00	WW1 Plaques.
On line	£83.00	GELT – expenses for WW1 concert
On line	£955.00	Transparency expenditures, inc purchase of laptop and scanner NB. Offset by Transparency Fund grant of £794.48
On line	£151.20	Community Heartbeat -defibrillator -annual fee
On line	£453.00	Clerk's wages (Oct-Dec)
On line	£113.25	PAYE (Oct-Dec)
On line	£95.50	Church floodlighting -annual grant

- **Budget/Precept 2019/20.** It was agreed to absorb the anticipated increase in grass cutting expenditure from within the existing budget.

- **Village Hall Stage Lighting.** Cllr Murdock outlined a potential expenditure of approximately £6000 for stage lighting in the Village Hall and requested that the expenditure be

invoiced to the PC as the Village Hall is owned by the Parish Council. This would allow the VAT element to be reclaimed. This was agreed.

144/18. Arboreal matters

- Pruning works to tree applications:

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

-18/01538/TCA – 15 Deepdale. Approved

-18/01838/TCA – Yew Tree Cottage, 19 Brook Lane. Approved. Cllr Murdock agreed to contact the applicants concerning the re-planting of a semi mature replacement for the felled walnut tree.

-18/01895/TPO - 17 Brook Lane. New. Cllr Murdock said that this application had been previously refused and a TPO placed on the ash tree. The applicants have now re-submitted the application as the tree roots are causing damage.

-18/02022/TCA – 8 Musk Close (Fell).

- **Grass Cutting.** Cllr Murdock said she had had further conversations with Mrs Lorraine Robins, a local resident who had expressed interest in the grass contract for 2019. It was agreed to continue discussions on a basis of a maximum of 10 cuts/season, to be carried out when needed rather than pre-programmed. It was confirmed that Public Liability insurance is a mandatory requirement.

Action: Cllr Murdock

- **Tree Liability and PC Insurance.** This item will be discussed at the January meeting.

145/18. Police, Community and Heritage Matters

There are no outstanding matters.

146/18. Reports

- **Website.** The Clerk said he would be discussing the website with Cllr Walsh following the suggestions made at the October meeting.

Action: Clerk

147/18. AOB

- **Caldecott Bypass.** The Chairman said the Clerk had received a request from Caldecott Parish Council for support for their campaign for a by-pass for Caldecott because of the predicted traffic increase arising from the approved major housing developments at West Corby and Edith Weston in Rutland. The request notes the potential increased traffic through adjacent villages as motorists seeks to avoid the Caldecott bottleneck. It was agreed to support this request and Cllr Brittain agreed to draft a response.

Action: Cllr Brittain

148/18. Date of next meeting: Mon 14th January 2019.

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chair)