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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 13th January 2020
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, G Vizma, L Walsh and R Wilson. D Gibley (Clerk).
In attendance: Mr & Mrs R Pocock and Mr P Johnson.

01/20. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr Johnson.

02/20. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

03/29. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

None

04/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2nd December 2019 were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

05/20. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Walsh said that weekly check rota remains to be finalised. **Action: Cllr Walsh**
- **Caldecott junction visibility.** The Clerk noted that Rutland CC have confirmed they have received the request but a response remains outstanding.

- **Neighbourhood Plan -Re-wording of Policy E2 – Support for new Employment.** Cllr Brittain said he had prepared a summary in preparation of a preliminary meeting with the Chairman, Mr Pocock and the Clerk, scheduled for Monday 20th January at 3.15, following which a draft response would be circulated for the PC to consider at the February meeting. It was re-confirmed that Mr Uppal had requested to be advised prior to submission.

- **Lounts Crescent garages.** The Clerk said he had received a response from Platform Housing Group, the successor housing organisation to Willow Housing, agreeing to a meeting on site to discuss the condition of the garages and surrounding area. Mr Johnson asked to attend the meeting which was agreed.

Afternote. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23 January at 3pm at the garages.

06/20. Planning

Cllr Brittain, reported on the following current planning applications:

-19/01699/FUL – 5 Stockerston Lane. Rev scheme of 19/00636/FUL. Approved. Cllr Brittain said Mr Connachie had thanked the PC for its support.

- 19/01899/PCD – Land between 4/6 Deepdale - discharge of condition 3 (materials). Pending.
- 19/01947/LBC – 16 Broadgate – front elevation and internal works. Pending
- 19/01908/FUL and 19/01909/FUL – 37 High Street – remove conservatory and erect single storey rear extension. Pending.
- 19/00416/FUL- Castle View stables – change of use. Cllr Brittain said that this application had been confirmed as approved in the previous minutes and he has since had the opportunity to read the conditions attached to the approval. He noted that the Conditions are quite stringent and that the approval will be reviewed after one year’s evaluation.

- **Flood Alleviation.** The Clerk reported that there had not yet been a further response from the LLFA and he will request an update for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

- **Mud on roads.** Several comments had been received concerning the amount of mud on the roads in both Brook Lane and Bringhurst road adjacent to the farm entrance. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Uppal, asking if measures can be put in place to minimise this. **Action: Clerk**

07/20. Financial Matters.

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

- **Payments.** No payments are due.

-**Budget/Precept 2020/21.**The draft budget, previously circulated, was discussed .It was noted that this would be the second successive year when there had been a significant increase in the Precept; Year1 being the need to fund the annual instalment repayment to LCC of £1,827 in respect of the street light LED conversion, now in Year 3 of 5. The second reason for this year's further increase is to earmark £3000 to fund traffic calming measures, to help address village concerns about speeding within the village. Cllr Brittain said he had been in close consultation with the RFO and considered that this increase is justified, noting that the continued retention of a reserve equivalent to annual expenditure is prudent, particularly in the context of steadily increasing responsibilities being placed on Parish Councils. Councillors agreed the draft budget and precept request. The RFO was asked to forward the Precept request to HDC. **Action: RFO/Clerk**

08/20. Arboreal Matters.

Cllr Johnston had submitted a written report which included:

- **Pruning Works to tree Applications**

-19/01304/TCA – Brookside Cottage, 17 Brook Lane. Approved.

-19/01286/TCA – 11 Banbury Lane. Approved. Cllr Johnston noted that this application involved felling 4 trees, two being adjacent to the Brook and queried why loss of biodiversity or other land management considerations do not appear to be considered when assessing an application. She noted that she would be clarifying this with HDC. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

- **Grass Cutting and Wild Flowers review.** Cllr Johnston’s report noted that three potential areas for wildflowers had received positive endorsement from local residents. She reported that she would be meeting with LCC on Wed 15th January to discuss the plan which, if approved, will be incorporated into the village grass cutting plan for 2020. She added that this will be publicised on the Next door website and explanatory laminated notices will be sited at each location. Cllr Johnston was thanked for her comprehensive report.

- 09/20. Police and Community Matters

- Speeding. VAS (Vehicle-Activation Sign) installation. The Clerk reported that, following helpful advice from Mr Drummond and also LCC, the overall cost of purchasing and installing a single VAS sign would be in the order of £4000. Cllr Brittain queried whether this considerable expenditure would provide the best option and suggested the provision of Rumble strips and “dragons teeth” road markings at each of the three village locations might be more cost effective. The Clerk was asked to seek cost options from LCC. **Action: Clerk**

10/20. Reports

- Website/Dropbox. Cllr Walsh confirmed that there is no longer a need for Dropbox and it was agreed that the annual subscription should be cancelled. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

- VE Day -8th May 2020- Planning. Cllr Vizma updated the PC on the latest planning for the VE day commemorations next year and requested action on the following points:

- Public Liability Insurance. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of the current Public Liability policy and also to place it on the website. **Action: Clerk**

- Road Closure. Information was requested concerning road closures for the street party.

Afternote. The Clerk has obtained confirmation from LCC that there will be no charges and that full details of the application process will be provided by LCC,

11/20. AOB

- Fly Tipping. Cllr Wilson confirmed he had notified HDC following recent fly tipping, which has since been removed.

- Cllrs’ Individual Roles. It was agreed that these should be reviewed. **Action: Chairman**

- Neighbourhood Plan implementation. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

- Governance Review. The recent HDC Governance Review has been circulated. Cllrs confirmed that there are no outstanding issues which require to be raised.

- Community Police Liaison. The Clerk said that a police liaison visit is scheduled for Friday 24 January outside the village shop between 7-8pm.

12/20. Date of next meeting. Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.30pm

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chair)