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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 13th July 2020
by online Zoom conference call
at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, G Vizma, C Johnson, G Vizma and R Wilson. D Gibley (Clerk).

In Attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mrs E Yates, Mr C Page, Mr D Hankey, Mr R Uppal, Mr and Mrs O'Brien.

73/20. Apologies for absence

Cllr L Walsh

74/20. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the third teleconference meeting, noting the large attendance and requested that all follow his invitation when to speak.

75/20. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

Cllr P Brittain declared an interest concerning any discussion of the Paddock planning application.

76/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 8th June were approved, subject to the following two amendments:

- Item 68/20 Arboreal matters.
- 20/00609/TCA. Delete 2 Moulds Lane. Insert Nubrook House, Brook Lane
- 20/00778/TCA. Delete 21 Brook Lane. Insert Yew Tree Cottage, 19 Brook Lane

77/20. Matters Arising

- Neighbourhood Plan -Re-wording of Policy E2 – Support for new Employment.

Cllr Brittain said that at the last meeting the PC had decided to proceed with the amendment to Policy E2 of the Neighbourhood Plan, as explained in the minutes of 8th June. However, as the 5 year review of the Neighbourhood Plan is due in 2023, it is now recommended to defer the proposed amendment to the 5 year review of the Neighbourhood Plan, when it can be considered along with any other amendments which may need to be reviewed at that time. The postponement was agreed.

Cllr Brittain added that Mr Pocock, who had provided considerable assistance with the proposed amendment, agreed and had been thanked for his contribution.

78/20. Planning

-20/00586/FUL- The Paddock -work to improve the entrance track and create a hardstanding area. The Chairman explained that this application had been instigated following written complaints of excessive mud on Brook Lane from vehicles exiting from the paddock. He added that the application had attracted a large number of objections, being a designated important "Local Green Space" within the village. These objections included reference to the size of the proposed area of hardstanding, the unsuitability of the block-paving for heavy farm vehicles and the potential increased rainwater run-off into Brook Lane.

The Chairman invited comments and there was a clear consensus that the proposal neither enhances or protects the area of green space in the heart of the village and a more appropriate approach would

be to improve the existing track with additional hardcore. It was also noted that other developments in Brook Lane, now completed, had contributed to the mud on the road, there had been a particularly wet winter and a certain amount of mud on roads is inevitable in a farming village.

Mr Uppal stated that he had responded to the request to alleviate the mud and if there was now recognition that other developments had contributed to the mud, he would like this formally minuted. This was acknowledged and agreed.

The Chairman then asked for comments from Cllrs and there was agreement that the application should be opposed.

Cllr Brittain then reported on the following planning applications:

-20/00781/FUL – Land to rear of 12 Caldecott Road – access and 4 dwellings. Cllr Brittain reminded the meeting that the application is for 4 large dwellings on a site previously allocated for development in the Neighbourhood Plan. He noted that whilst one or more affordable dwellings would be preferred, this cannot be enforced. Objections had been notified concerning the proximity of the housing to homes at the end of Banbury Lane and the inclusion of land originally designated as a menage area, which had been excluded from the designated plot in the Neighbourhood Plan. Following discussion, it was agreed to support the application, including the use of the menage area, but to request the applicant redesign the layout of Plot 4 to minimise the impact on the nearby houses and to address the specific concerns raised by the objectors.

-20/00892/FUL. Poplar Farm, Caldecott Road – erect agricultural building. There are no objections.

-20/00814/LBC – Sun Inn stable block- structural works. Pending

-20/00819/PCD – Sun Inn – Discharge of Condition 4 re the internal staircase. Pending.

-20/00829/FUL and 20/00830/LBC – Sun Inn -change of use of part of the garden and outside seating and storage area. Pending. It was agreed to write and state strong support for this application.

-20/00835/VAC – Castle View Stables- extend time period for D2 use to December 2022. Cllr Brittain reminded the meeting that HDC Environmental Health had required a noise impact review to be in place, which would be evaluated after one year. However the Covid-19 lockdown had meant that no events have taken place and this application would extend the evaluation period until the end of 2022. He recommended approval and this was agreed.

- Flood Alleviation. The Clerk reported that the LLFA had been in recent contact and are proposing to hold a conference call with LLFA, the Environmental Agency and village representatives to discuss the recommendations in the WSP Consultant's report.

79/20. Financial Matters.

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

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| £200.00 | Parish magazine – annual donation |
| £15.54 | Website renewal – refund to Cllr Walsh |
| £15.00 | L Robbins – grass cutting |
| £14.39 | Zoom month 3 – refund to Cllr Long |
| £400.00 | Youth group - annual donation |
| £95.00 | Church floodlighting - electricity costs refund |

Audit. The Certificate of Exemption has been forwarded to the external auditor. The relevant papers will be published on the website.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Walsh

80/20. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

Cllr Johnston reported on the following current tree applications:

- Pruning Works to Tree Applications

- 20/00663/TCA – 37 High Street. Approved.
- 20/00778/TCA – 21 Brook Lane. Approved
- 20/00807/TCA – 1 Castle Lane. Approved.
- 20/00861/TCA - Kingfisher Barn, 11 Brook Lane. Approved.
- 20/00952/TCA - Linden House, 2 Brook Lane. Pending

Cllr Johnston noted that there were no tree conservation issues with the above applications.

- Grass Cutting and Wild Flowers review. Cllr Johnston confirmed that local information on the two designated wild flower areas remains to be publicised on Nextdoor. Cllr Johnston said a small work party would be needed for the wild flower areas and agreed to liaise with Cllr Wilson for volunteers. She anticipated being able to use the Recreation Field strimmer. **Action: Cllr Johnston** It was noted that garden waste could be disposed of at the Church.

- Moulds Lane. Cllr Johnston said that the recent tree application had been approved for the removal of the leylandii hedge on one side of the lane and Mr Uppal noted the request for the hedge on the Paddock side to be pruned.

81/20. Community Actions and Police.

- War Memorial. Mr Page said that the work parties are now in place and the next stage is to remove the surrounding hedge and repair and repaint the railings. Mr Drew, who had originally donated the hedge, had been consulted and agreed the need for its removal. Mr Page was thanked for his work and asked to convey the thanks to the volunteers.

82/20. Reports

- Website. The Chairman said that Cllr Walsh had reported that there were no current problems with the website and she was continuing to place notices on Nextdoor referring to the PC monthly meetings, agenda and minutes.

71/20. AOB

-Archive Room. The Chairman said the Village Hall had suggested forming a small group to investigate the feasibility of using the recently vacated room in the Village Hall as an Archive Room and he would be the PC representative.

- Planters. Mr Hankey raised the subject of the 3 Planters originally sited outside the Sun Inn. The Chairman said it had been confirmed that they belonged to the PC and are currently in the safe keeping of Mr Uppal pending final decisions on their future use or disposal.

83/20. Date of next meeting

- Monday 14th September at 7.30. It was noted that this will likely be conducted again via Zoom. There is no scheduled August meeting

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chair)