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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 12th October 2020
by online Zoom conference call
at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mr and Mrs O'Brien, Mrs E Yates and Mr P Burns.

96/20. Apologies for absence

None

97/20. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the 5th teleconference meeting, in particular Mr Perry Burns of the Welland Rivers Trust, noting that he would invite discussion of those items of interest to the public first under Matters Arising.

98/20. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

Cllr P Brittain declared an interest in planning application 20/01442/FUL – The Paddock

99/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 14th September were approved, subject to the following amendment:

- 88/20 – Mound of Earth in the Paddock. Line 1 – delete “and potentially rat infested”

100/20. Matters Arising

- **Government Planning White Paper.** Cllr Brittain said he had forwarded the agreed response had been sent from The Chairman to the Government, with a a copy to our MP. A copy has also been placed on the website, referenced on Nextdoor to facilitate further individual comments. D Cllr Rickman noted the excellent response and Cllr Brittain was thanked for drafting the reply.

- **Moulds Lane.** Cllr Brittain said that the leylandii has been removed and Moulds Lane is largely clear of overhanging branches. He would be liaising with Mrs Holland and carry out any further clearance as required.

- **Bringhurst School Parking.** The Clerk reported that letters had been exchanged with the School concerning the parking and enforcement issues. The Headmistress, Mrs Michelle Brett, had welcomed the communication as she fully shares the concerns. She had requested a PCSO presence and D Cllr Rickman is involved in facilitating the right response. Mrs Brett had also forwarded the PC communication to DRET as the PC had asked about longer term parking planning if the school is to continue to expand. It has been agreed to seek a meeting with the various parties early next year to review progress.

- **Parking at the Sun Inn.** The Clerk reported that there had been an informal meeting with Mr Uppal who had outlined a potential proposal for the provision of car parking behind Mrs Wallis's former house and the reconfiguration of the traffic around the War Memorial. Mr Uppal had

indicated that he will seek a feasibility assessment from LCC Highways before preparing a more formal proposal for wider consultation.

-Village Shop. Cllr Wilson confirmed he had spoken with the Shop proprietors who are keen to encourage more customers to open accounts. A promotional flier is under consideration and the Chairman indicated that printing costs could be covered by the PC. Cllr Wilson said he would continue to pursue this. Cllr Walsh suggested using the website to promote the Shop, which was noted.

Action: Cllr Wilson

101/20. Planning. Cllr Brittain reported on the following current planning applications:

-20/00781/FUL – Land to rear of 12 Caldecott Road -access and 4 dwellings. Remains pending. A revised application has been submitted.

-20/00892/FUL - Poplar Farm, Caldecott Road – erect agricultural building. Remains pending.

-20/00829/FUL and 20/00830/LBC – Sun Inn -change of use of part of the garden and outside seating and storage area. Remains pending.

-20/01501/FUL – Works at Eyebrook reservoir. Remains pending.

-20/01121/FUL and 20/01222/LBC – 3 Barnsdale – demolish conservatory and erect new extension. Approved.

-20/01238/FUL – 6 Clarkesdale. Extend garage to create new dwelling. Approved.

-20/01340/FUL – Kingfisher Barn, Brook Lane – erect carport. Remains pending.

-20/01422/FUL – Brook Lane access track. Resubmission of previously refused application.

New. During discussion it was noted that the size of the “apron” has been reduced but the majority of the previous objections remain. It was clear that the PC remains of the view that the entrance track should be improved rather than replaced and that this further application should continue to be opposed.

During discussion mention was made of the national Open Spaces Society. It was agreed that the PC should join – annual membership fee is £45 – and a request made for a visit to the Paddock to seek any potentially relevant advice.

Action: Clerk

- Flood Alleviation. Cllr Wilson advised that the planned Skype conference call between the LLFA and members of the flood alleviation group had been held on 7 October, as previously scheduled. The meeting had been very positive and the agenda had followed a series of questions he had tabled following receipt of the WSP report. He added that the question he had raised concerning insurance cover for potentially affected properties and the need for prior notification had not been previously raised. The LLFA have undertaken to respond and a second Zoom conference has been provisionally scheduled for 16 November.

102/20. Financial Matters.

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

- Payments. The following payment, inclusive of VAT where applicable, was authorised:

£100.00 CAB Annual donation

- 6 monthly budget review. The RFO spoke to the previously circulated 6 monthly review of the budget and expenditures, noting that the budget includes £3000 for capital expenditures for traffic calming which needs to be progressed. Cllr Brittain confirmed the need for early decision. The Chairman said that Mr Drummond has kindly agreed to liaise with LCC Highways concerning the installation of a VAS sign at the Caldecott entrance to the village and a costed proposal will be prepared.

Action: Mr Drummond

103/20. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

Cllr Johnston reported on the following current tree applications:

- Pruning Works to Tree Applications

-20/01225/TCA – 37 High Street. Approved.

-20/01380/TCA – 11 Banbury Lane. New.

-20/01425/TCA – 12 Musk Close. New.

Cllr Johnston noted that she is not aware of any tree conservation issues with the above applications.

- **Annual Litter Picking.** The PC recorded its thanks to Mr David Membrey for again organising the annual village litter picking, which took place on 19 September.

- **Welland Rivers Trust and potential local Projects.** The Chairman invited Mr Perry Burns to speak about his work. Mr Burns explained his role and in particular his desire to meet with interested parties to explore potential opportunities for habitat restoration in the area of the Welland. Cllr Johnston responded and suggested a potential location accessed at the end of Gatehouse Lane. It was agreed that she would liaise after the meeting, with the aim of arranging a meeting of interested parties to visit the suggested area. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

104/20. Community Actions and Police.

There were no matters to report.

105/20. Reports

- **Website.** Cllr Walsh reported that there are no outstanding website issues.

- **Defibrillator.** Cllr Walsh suggested that a further defibrillator training session is needed and proposed organising one in early 2021. This suggestion was welcomed. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

106/20. AOB

- **War Memorial.** Cllr Wilson reported that the next step is to replace the surrounding wooden posts; work which is scheduled for the weekend 17/18 October. It was noted that the materials and work is being carried out at no charge and Mr Page was again thanked for his initiative. Cllr Vizma said that Mrs Atkin had suggested a permanent poppy display and that she had some funds available from the cancelled VE Day commemoration.

- **Church Bench.** Cllr Johnston noted that the wooden bench located at the side of the church entrance is in need of renovation.

107/20. Date of next meeting

- Monday 9th November at 7.30. It was noted that this will likely be conducted again via Zoom

DAC Gibley (Clerk)

Cllr P Long (Chairman)