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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 14th December 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: Mr R Uppal.

120/20. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman

121/20. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the 7th teleconference meeting.

122/20. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest.

123/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 9th November were approved without amendment.

124/20. Matters Arising

-Village Shop. Cllr Wilson reported that the village presentation to Mark and Diane had been most successful. A very positive article had appeared in the Harborough Mail and a letter had also been sent by the Lord Lieutenant; all a clear expression of the very high esteem Mark and Diane deservedly enjoy throughout the village. The challenge remains to turn the goodwill into a long term increase in trade and the promotional flier to encourage more villagers to open shop accounts will hopefully assist.

Action: Cllr Wilson

- Open Spaces Society. The Clerk confirmed that the Open Spaces Society literature had been circulated and there followed a general discussion on the merits of a “village green”. It was agreed that this merited further consideration.

125/20. Planning. Cllr Brittain reported on the following current planning applications:

-20/00781/FUL – Land to rear of 12 Caldecott Road -access and 4 dwellings. Approved.

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

-20/01501/FUL – Works at Eyebrook reservoir. Approved.

-20/01422/FUL – Brook Lane access track. Resubmission of previous application. Refused.

-20/01582/FUL – Castle View Stables – erect agricultural building. Approved. Mr Uppal noted that the barn, once constructed, will reduce the amount of tractor movements.

-20/01594/FUL – 4 Pitches Lane – first floor internal work. Approved.

- 20/01695/VAC – **Castle View Stables -vary Condition 1 and remove Condition 5.** Remains pending. Mr Uppal explained that the application is for a two year period, delayed because of Covid, to allow evaluation of the environmental impact of up to 20 events/year.
- 20/01744/PCD -**Land to rear of 22 Caldecott Road, erect B&B accommodation – Discharge of Conditions 3,4,5,6,9,13&14.** Remains pending.
- 20/01774/FUL – **2 Caldecott Road – erect two storey rear extension.** New.
- 20/01793/FUL – **Poplars farm, Caldecott Road – erect residential extension.** New.
- 20/01799/PCD – **Barnsdale House – Discharge of Conditions 3,5 and 6, relating to the erection of two dwellings at the end of Castle View Lane.** New
- 20/01890/FUL and 20/01894/LBC – 3 Barnsdale – demolish conservatory and erect rear extension.** New.

- **Flood Alleviation.** Cllr Wilson advised that the planned Skype conference call between the LLFA and members of the flood alleviation group scheduled for Monday 16 November had taken place, following which a further remote meeting had been scheduled for Mon 21 December.

Afternote. At the 21 December meeting, it was agreed that a visit to Great Easton of those now involved will be scheduled for Monday 25 January, subject to the current Covid restrictions.

126/20. 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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| £14.39 | P Long -repayment for December Zoom meeting |
| £30.00 | Bugler – 8 Nov – Remembrance Sunday |
| £30.00 | Bugler - 11 Nov – Remembrance Day |
| £480.50 | Clerk – wages (Oct-Dec) |
| £120.00 | PAYE |

- **Budget FY 2021/22.** The RFO said that the draft budget for 2021/22, after consultation with Cllr Brittain, had been circulated; the main recommendation being to leave the precept unchanged. The draft budget was agreed and the RFO requested it be posted on the website.

127/20. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

Cllr Johnston was unable to communicate on Zoom and subsequently reported on the following matters:

- **Pruning Works to Tree Applications**

-20/01640/TCA – Nubrook House, Brook Lane. Approved. She expressed some regret that her comments did not appear to have been considered.

- **Welland Rivers Trust and potential local Projects.** Cllr Johnston reported that she has had positive conversations with both Mr Perry Burns of the Welland Rivers Trust and Mr and Mrs Pocock concerning tree planting along the Welland in memory of David Douche. There is a need to find a receptive landowner and this work is continuing.

A Zoom group of local river wardens has been formed, with monthly updates and various local initiatives to publicise the development opportunities are being pursued. Additionally a Welland Headwaters Steering Group is being formed to develop projects to improve public engagement with the Welland and its tributaries. Cllr Johnston is involved but would welcome additional volunteers.

- **Wildflowers Update.** Following a sponsorship offer from Eyebrook Bird Seeds and liaison with Mrs Alice Murdock, it has been agreed to create a wildflower area behind the Village Hall. This will be publicised on Nextdoor and the website. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
Cllr Johnston was warmly thanked for her various initiatives and any assistance will be welcomed.

128/20. Community Actions and Police.

- **VAS sign.** It was reported that the plans to install a VAS sign at the Caldecott village entrance early next year are being progressed. The solar option is not being pursued. Thanks were again expressed to Mr Drummond

129/20. Reports

- **Website.** Cllr Walsh reported that she was continuing to post updates on Nextdoor and suggested a meeting be held early in 2021 to review the website content. This was agreed. **Action: Cllr Walsh**
- **Defibrillator.** The proposal to organise a further defibrillator training session in early 2021 remains to be programmed. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

130/20. AOB

- **Church Bench.** Cllr Johnston had previously noted that the wooden bench located at the side of the church entrance is in need of renovation.
- **Eyebrook Access.** The Clerk said that Caldecott PC has recently coordinated a further request to Tata Steel to review whether some form of “controlled access” to the Eyebrook for local residents could be negotiated.
- **Food Bank.** The Clerk reported that in excess of £2000 has been donated via the Shop to the Corby Foodbank in recent months, adding that the money gives the flexibility for the organisers to spend directly according to the most current local need. He suggested that this be further publicised.
- **Mrs Linda Wright.** Cllr Wilson said that the recent heroic actions by Mrs Wright at the time of a potentially dangerous fire at Mrs Sheila Thompson’s home should be officially recognised. It was agreed to initially contact Leicestershire Fire services. **Action: Cllr Wilson**
- **Valentine Goodman Charity.** Cllr Vizma said that the annual distribution from the Valentine Goodman Charity to local residents would be taking place later this month, noting that this year the donation would be £80, as bank problems had prevented the annual distribution last year.
Brook Lane railings. Cllr Brittain noted that the railings require some repairs and a repaint. Cllr Wilson suggested this work could be undertaken by the “Friends of the Brook” Group. Mr Uppal added that he had some contacts who might assist.
- **Bank Holiday - June 2022.** The Chairman suggested that the 4 day bank holiday scheduled in June 2022 to celebrate 70 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth will be an opportunity for a coordinated village celebration and that provisional planning could usefully start early next year.

131/20. Date of next meeting

- Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30. It was noted that this will likely be conducted again via Zoom

DAC Gibley (Clerk)

Cllr P Long (Chairman)