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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 10th February 2020
in the Village Hall
at 7.30 pm**

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

13/20. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman, Cllr Johnson and Cllr Walsh.

14/20. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

15/20. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

None

16/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 13th January were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman.

17/20. Matters Arising

- **Defibrillator.** The Chairman said he had circulated a weekly check rota for the next 6 months and would clarify the on line weekly reporting to Community Heartbeat. **Action: Chairman**

- **Neighbourhood Plan -Re-wording of Policy E2 – Support for new Employment.** Cllr Brittain said he had circulated a draft response to HDC which, after discussion, was agreed. He explained the necessity of ensuring that the policy is in line with current NPPF guidelines and the recently published HDC Local Plan. It was agreed that the proposed revision would now be forwarded to HDC for comment including advice on whether it is a material or non- material amendment. It was also confirmed that Mr Uppal would be forwarded a copy of the proposed amendment.

- **Lounts Crescent garages.** Cllr Brittain said that following a recent on-site visit by Platform Housing Group, a letter had been received seeking the PC's view on a possible proposal to replace the dilapidated garages with a small affordable housing development. This is in line with a current wider survey reviewing all the Platform Housing garage sites which are uneconomic to maintain. During discussion it was noted that Great Easton is more than meeting the required housing quota within the Neighbourhood Plan but the recent social housing incorporated into the Broadgate development, which had given a priority allocation to those with a local connection, had been widely welcomed.

It was agreed to send a holding reply noting that the Parish Council would be willing to discuss a potential proposal subject to current information of local unmet need and the consequent potential demand. **Action: Clerk**

18/20. Planning

Cllr Brittain, reported on the following current planning applications:

- 19/01899/PCD – Land between 4/6 Deepdale - discharge of condition 3 (materials). Approved.
- 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. Approved.

- **Flood Alleviation.** The Clerk reported that the LLFA had advised that further work was being carried out on the WSP report and a final version has not yet been agreed. The Clerk noted that he will request a further update for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

- **Footpath Diversion – Public Footpath B66 off Stockerston Road.** Cllr Brittain noted that LCC Highways had published an Order notifying the proposed small diversion. It was agreed that the proposal should be agreed.

19/20. Financial Matters.

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

- £626.80 LCC – electricity FY 2019/20
- £25.00 L Robbins – grass cutting
- £2,192.77 LCC - LED conversion – 2nd payment (of 5)

-**Budget/Precept 2020/21.** The RFO confirmed the Budget and Precept request for FY2020/21 had been forwarded to HDC and acknowledged.

20/20. Arboreal Matters.

Cllr Johnston had submitted a written report which included:

- **Pruning Works to tree Applications**

- 20/00042/TCA – 5 Castle Lane. Pending
- 20/00106/TCA – 14 Broadgate. Pending
- 20/00165/TCA – Yew Tree Cottage, Brook Lane. Pending

- **Ash Tree in Brook Lane – Ivy removal.** Cllr Johnston noted in her report that she would take the appropriate action on her return.

- **Grass Cutting and Wild Flowers review.** Cllr Johnston's report noted that LCC had agreed two potential areas – Pitcher's Lane and Church Bank - for wildflowers and these would be incorporated into the 2020 grass cutting plan. She confirmed that local information on how this would be managed will be produced and publicised.

- **The Brook.** Cllr Johnston's report included reference to the Brook and a meeting with Mr French of the Welland Rivers Trust who had expressed interest in the water quality and invertebrates living in the Brook. Initial indications are that there is a good biological quality and further monitoring is proposed, with the potential for involving volunteers, including young people and arranging an informative talk. Cllr Johnston was again thanked in her absence for her comprehensive and interesting report.

- 21/20. Police and Community Matters

- Speeding. The Chairman noted that Medbourne had spent £500 on gathering traffic speed information and proposed that Great Easton should conduct something similar before agreeing additional speed reduction options. The Chairman said he would investigate further and advise.

Action: Chairman

- Mud on roads and parking. The Chairman said a letter had been received from Mr Stirmeay stating his concern at the mud on Brook Lane and also vehicle parking in the immediate vicinity of the Sun Inn. During discussion it was noted that Great Easton is a village with working farms and, particularly this year with the exceptional wet weather, a degree of mud is inevitable. Similarly parking in many rural villages is a problem and the absence of accidents means that Highways rarely take action, arguing that parked cars are effectively chicanes which slow vehicles. It was also noted that the parking at the Sun Inn has been exacerbated by the number of contractors' vans, which will markedly reduce as building work is completed. The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr Stirmeay and to copy his reply to Mr Uppal, noting that the Parish Council will keep both subjects under review.

Action: Clerk

22/20. Reports

- Website/Dropbox. Dropbox has been cancelled and the website is working well.

- VE Day -8th May 2020- Planning. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mrs Atkins and confirm the correct Event Notification and road closure procedures are being followed.

Action: Clerk

23/20. AOB

- Cllrs' Individual Roles. It was agreed that these should be reviewed.

Action: Chairman

- Street Light – Lounts Close/St Andrews junction. The Clerk was asked to notify LCC that this light is not working.

Action: Clerk

24/20. Date of next meeting. Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.30pm

DAC Gibley
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long
(Chair)