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**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on the 11<sup>TH</sup> May 2020  
by online Zoom conference call  
at 7.30 pm**

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

In Attendance: Mr Chris Page.

**37/20. Apologies for absence**

D Cllr M Rickman

**38/20. Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed all to the second teleconference meeting adding that D Cllr Rickman had sent his apologies having sustained a serious riding accident last month. The Chairman requested that the good wishes of the PC be sent for a speedy recovery.

**39/20. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.**

None

**40/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> April were approved without amendment.

**41/20. Matters Arising**

**- Neighbourhood Plan -Re-wording of Policy E2 – Support for new Employment.** Cllr Brittain updated the PC stating that he had circulated a summary of the current position, which he had also forwarded to HDC for comment and to confirm his understanding of the required process, should the PC wish to propose a change to Policy E2. He agreed to prepare a summary position prior to the next meeting for the PC to consider and decide on any further action **Action: Cllr Brittain**

**42/20. Planning**

Cllr Brittain, reported on the following current planning applications:

-20/00255/FUL – 5 Stockerston Road – Discharge of Condition 3. Approved.

-20/00345/FUL and 20/346/LBC – The Sun Inn – Erect internal staircase and other works to increase seating capacity. Approved.

Cllr Brittain noted that the PC, whilst supporting the application, had requested HDC contact LCC Highways concerning the village parking concerns in the vicinity of the Sun Inn. LCC Highways had subsequently advised that they are aware of the concerns but will not take further action because of the previous lack of recorded accidents.

-20/00570/NMA – 4/6 Deepdale. Minor works. Remains Pending.

-20/00527/FUL – Annex to Barnsdale House. Change of use from office to residential dwelling.

New. Cllr Brittain said he had circulated a note explaining why the PC did not wish to oppose the application, despite it being contrary to Policy E1 of the current Neighbourhood Plan concerning existing employment opportunities. After discussion it was agreed that the PC should submit a

comment explaining the reasons for its adoption of a Neutral stance in respect of the application.

**Action: Cllr Brittain**

- **Flood Alleviation.** The Clerk reported that the LLFA has recently repeated its intention to forward the WSP flood alleviation report and arrange a telephone conference call to discuss the report and how it should be progressed. This remains to be arranged.

Cllr Wilson said that TATA steel had accepted responsibility to rectify a burst pipe in the vicinity of the Pumping Station near Caldecott.

#### **43/20. Financial Matters.**

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

£257.60	Zurich insurance – annual renewal
£17.50	L Robbins – village grass cutting
£150.00	Clerk’s annual expenses for printing/postage etc
£14.39	Zoom – monthly subscription

- **VE Day £500 grant from HDC.** The Clerk said the £500 grant from HDC could be retained subject to agreement to spend it on VE commemoration related expenditure.

- **Audit.** The RFO said that the accounts have been passed to Cllr Brittain to arrange the internal audit, noting that despite a relaxation in the audit timetable because of Covid-19, the intention is to adhere to the normal timetable and have the accounts available for review at next month’s Annual Meeting.

#### **44/20. Arboreal Matters.**

Cllr Johnston reported on the following current tree applications:

##### **- Pruning Works to Tree Applications**

- 20/00380/TCA – 48 High Street. Approved.
- 20/00469/TCA – Rosebrook Cottage, Little London. Approved.
- 20/00572/TCA – 7 Musk Close. Pending
- 20/00609/TCA – 2 Moulds Lane. Pending.

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

- **Grass Cutting and Wild Flowers review.** Cllr Johnston confirmed that local information on the two designated wild flower areas will be publicised on Nextdoor and the website. Cllr Johnston added that she would be submitting a grant application to fund the purchase of wildflower seeds and equipment.

**Action: Cllr Johnston**

- **The War Memorial.** The Chairman thanked those who had worked to tidy up the war memorial and invited Mr Chris Page to speak. Mr Page stated his concern that the surrounding area had appeared neglected and his strong feelings that this was a poor reflection for those the memorial commemorated, adding that he would be very willing to lead a group to work with the PC to enhance the appearance. Mr Page was warmly thanked and his offer accepted.

#### **45/20. Police and Community Matters**

The Chairman noted that many posts on Nextdoor had clearly evidenced a wide level of potential support for community actions within the village. Whilst the war memorial had been a major focus with the imminent VE Day anniversary, there is the opportunity to build on this going forward. Cllr Wilson said he would be willing to help compile and coordinate a roster of potential volunteers. Cllr

Brittain suggested that the subject of community actions and wider community involvement be a single item agenda for an additional informal Zoom meeting. Following discussion, this was agreed and a Zoom meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm. The outcome of the discussion and any proposed actions will be reported to the next PC meeting for formal consideration.

**Action: All**

### **34/20. Reports**

- **Nextdoor posts.** There was general concern that some of the recent Nextdoor posts had been ill informed and that any concerns should be directly addressed to the PC through the Clerk. The Chairman agreed to draft an appropriate notice for Nextdoor. Mr Page said that he and most likely others were not aware of the PC meetings and agendas and suggested reference could be made on Nextdoor drawing attention to the PC meetings. This was agreed.

- **Website and Covid-19.** The Clerk had drafted a summary of the relevant Covid-19 information which Cllr Walsh had finalised and inserted an excellent page on the website. Cllr Walsh was thanked for her assistance.

### **35/20. AOB**

- **Annual peregrination.** It was agreed that this would be scheduled at the Annual meeting.

### **36/20. Date of next meeting**

- **Annual Parish Meeting.** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 .

NB This is one month later than normal but is permitted under the current Covid-19 regulations.

DAC Gibley  
(Clerk)

Cllr P Long  
(Chair)