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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 14th September 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: Mr and Mrs O'Brien, Mr and Mrs R Pocock and Mrs S Ward.

84/20. Apologies for absence

D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr L Walsh

85/20. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the 4th teleconference meeting, noting that he would invite discussion of those items of interest to the public first under Matters Arising.

86/20. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

None.

87/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 13th July were approved without amendment.

88/20. Matters Arising

- **War memorial.** Cllr Wilson reported that he had been made aware that there is a view that the surrounding hedge should be retained. He has discussed this with Mr Page who had agreed that the priority is to not make any major changes prior to Armistice Day in November and then review the way ahead.

- **Moulds lane.** Cllr Brittain said that the leylandii is scheduled to be removed later this month but there remains the need to tidy up the paddock side and asked that Mr Uppal be contacted. He added that he had spoken with Mrs Holland and will review whether further action is needed when the above actions have been completed. **Action: Clerk**

- **Bringhurst School Parking.** Mrs Ward, a school parent, stated her very serious concerns at the apparently increasing hazards caused by the dangerous parking at school drop off and collection times, and said that in her view a serious accident is inevitable unless urgent action is taken. The Chairman noted that this is an historic problem and agreed that the dangers seem to be increasing. Following discussion, there was general agreement that urgent action is needed. Discussion of possible measures included police enforcement of the existing yellow lines, school/parent "parking wardens" during peak times, provision of lay-by areas and further encouragement for all parents in Great Easton to walk their children to and from school. It was agreed to write to the school and relevant bodies requesting an urgent meeting to discuss possible measures to address the problem. **Action: Clerk**

- **Mound of earth in the Paddock.** Mrs O'Brien asked about the unsightly and potentially rat infested mound of earth recently dumped in the paddock. It was agreed to contact Mr Uppal to request his intentions. **Action: Clerk**

Mrs O'Brien mentioned the existence of "The Open Spaces" Society and agreed to forward details.

89/20. Planning. Cllr Brittain reported on the following current planning applications:

- 20/00586/FUL- **The Paddock -work to improve the entrance track and create a hardstanding area.** This application was refused.
- 20/00781/FUL – **Land to rear of 12 Caldecott Road – access and 4 dwellings.** Remains pending.
- 20/00892/FUL - **Poplar Farm, Caldecott Road – erect agricultural building.** Remains pending.
- 20/00814/LBC – **Sun Inn stable block- structural works.** Approved.
- 20/00819/PCD – **Sun Inn – Discharge of Condition 4 re the internal staircase.** Approved.
- 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.
- 20/00835/VAC – **Castle View Stables- extend time period for D2 use to December 2022.** The application has been approved, extending the deadline to December 2022. Cllr Brittain noted that the previous conditions continue to apply.
- 20/01501/FUL – **Works at Eyebrook reservoir.** Remains pending. Cllr Brittain noted that the PC comment in support and Cllr Johnston’s comment concerning trees and the need for a woodland maintenance plan have both been submitted.
- 20/01121/FUL and 20/01222/LBC – **3 Barnsdale – demolish conservatory and erect new extension.** New application.
- 20/01238/FUL – **6 Clarkesdale. Extend garage to create new dwelling.** New application.
- 20/01340/FUL – **Kingfisher Barn, Brook Lane – erect carport.** New application.

- **Flood Alleviation.** Cllr Wilson advised that the planned Skype conference call between the LLFA, the EA and members of the flood alleviation group has been postponed. He said a list of questions following receipt of the WSP Consultants report has been forwarded to the LLFA, adding that all reports have now been grouped together under Flood Alleviation on the website for ease of reference. Cllr Wilson said that one of the questions submitted concerns clarification of insurance liability for potentially affected properties, which he will be pursuing and issue guidance if needed. **Afternote.** The Skype conference call is now provisionally scheduled for am 7 October.

90/20. Financial Matters.

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

£17.50	L Robbins	grass
£15.00	L Robbins	grass
£14.39	P Long	refund - Zoom month 4
£15.54	L Walsh	refund – website domain name
£15.00	L Robbins	grass
£480.50	Clerk	Wages –(Jul-Sep)
£120.00	HMRC	PAYE

- **6 monthly budget review.** The RFO said he would circulate the current expenditures for the normal 6 monthly review at the October meeting, with suggested capital expenditures. **Action: RFO**
- **The website.** The Finance section of the website has been redesigned to make it more transparent to fully comply with current regulations.

91/20. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

Cllr Johnston reported on the following current tree applications:

- Pruning Works to Tree Applications

- 20/00807/TCA – 1 Castle Lane. Approved.
- 20/00861/TCA - Kingfisher Barn, 11 Brook Lane. Approved.
- 20/01225/TCA – 37 High Street. Pending.
- 20/01380/TCA – Kingfisher Barn, Brook Lane. New.

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

- Grass Cutting and Wild Flowers review. Cllr Johnston thanked Cllr Wilson for coordinating the successful work parties, which had been well publicised and supported via Next Door. Cllr Johnston noted that she had likely missed this year's funding opportunity for the purchase of wild seeds but was assured that the PC had available funds if needed. Mrs Leah Cameron has some photos of the work parties "at work" and it was suggested that these could be displayed on the website. A vote of thanks was agreed for the ready assistance provided by Mr Phil Johnson.

- Annual Litter Picking. The annual village litter picking , organised again by Mr David Membrey, has been rescheduled for Saturday 19 September.

92/20. Community Actions and Police.

There were no matters to report.

93/20. Reports

- Website. It was noted that the website has been updated and there are no outstanding issues.

94/20. AOB

- The Village Shop. There is a widespread recognition throughout the community concerning the outstanding service provided by the Village Shop throughout the unprecedented Covid-19 and a general desire for the community to identify ways to maintain and build on this as life gradually normalises. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that appropriate gifts should be given to all four members of the shop team. The encouragement for more customers to have running accounts was also discussed which might result in more regular use and Cllr Wilson agreed to liaise with Mark and Diane to consider how this might work and be publicised. **Action: Cllr Wilson**

- Planters and Stones outside 1 Caldecott Road. The PC has been contacted concerning the two large stones placed on the verge in front of 1 Caldecott Road. Cllr Brittain said he had spoken with Mr Richardson who confirmed he had positioned the stones to attempt to reduce speeding and inconsiderate and potentially dangerous driving in the vicinity of the Sun Inn along Caldecott Road. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council considers that the priority is to identify an overall traffic and parking plan for the immediate area around the Sun Inn and re-affirmed its position concerning both the Planters, and now the stones, that any decisions should be "on hold" pending an overall traffic and parking plan being developed. This will require further liaison with LCC Highways and Mr Uppal. **Action: Clerk**

- Housing White Paper. Cllr Brittain said that the PC had been requested to respond by the 29th October to the recently circulated Government White Paper which proposes to double the annual number of houses built within the HDC area and a wide number of related planning issues.

Following discussion, he agreed to circulate a draft response.

Action: Cllr Brittain

95/20. Date of next meeting

- Monday 12th October at 7.30. It was noted that this will likely be conducted again via Zoom

DAC Gibley (Clerk)

Cllr P Long (Chairman)