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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on the 9th November 2020
by online Zoom conference call
at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, G Vizma, C Johnson and R Wilson. D Gibley (Clerk).
In Attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mrs O'Brien, Mr and Mrs R Pocock.

108/20. Apologies for absence

Cllr L Walsh.

109/20. Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed all to the 6th teleconference meeting.

110/20. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.

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

111/20. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 12th October were approved without amendment.

112/20. Matters Arising

-Village Shop. It was reported that the Shop proprietors remain keen to encourage more customers to open accounts. A promotional flier is under consideration and Cllr Wilson agreed to liaise further with the proprietors. **Action: Cllr Wilson**

- War Memorial. Thanks were again expressed to Mr C Page and his team of helpers who have now replaced the wooden posts and regalvanised the connecting chains around the surrounding grass. It was acknowledged that the hedge will likely need to be replaced to enable the railings to be repaired and this will also provide better visibility of the wreaths.

- Open Spaces Society. The Clerk confirmed that the annual subscription for membership has been paid (£45) and agreed to circulate the informative literature to Cllrs. It was agreed that the request for an initial visit will need to be delayed until the present Covid restrictions are lifted.

113/20. 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. Now 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.

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

Afternote. A further comment has been submitted concerning the landscape restoration plan.

-20/01340/FUL – Kingfisher Barn, Brook Lane – erect carport. Now approved.

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

Remains pending.

-20/01582/FUL – Castle View Stables – erect agricultural building. New. Cllr Brittain noted that this revised application is for a larger building than the one already approved but is lower and should have a reduced impact on the local environment.

-20/01594/FUL – 4 Pitchers Lane – first floor internal work. New.

-20/01695/VAC – Castle View Stables -vary Condition 1 and remove Condition 5. New. Cllr Brittain explained that Condition 1 relates to extending the time period for assessment from December 2021 to December 2022. It was suggested that because of the unknown future Covid restrictions, that the timescale could be amended to “a period of 12 months from the date of the first event”.

Condition 5 relates to the limit of 20 event/days in a calendar year, which includes the days to set up and dismantle. It is argued that to include these days effectively reduces the number of events to only 6 / year and is unlawful and contrary to planning guidance.

After discussion it was agreed to write to HDC in support of the application, to include the suggestion of the revised timescale.

Action: Cllr Brittain

-20/01744/PCD -Land rear of 22 Caldecott Road, erect B&b accommodation – Discharge of Conditions 3,4,5,6,9,13&14. New application. It was noted that this refers to the application for B&B accommodation which was granted on Appeal. Mr Pocock said he had concerns about the location of refuse storage and that the proposed building does not appear to be in line with existing buildings, adding that he will be responding separately to HDC.

- Flood Alleviation. Cllr Wilson advised that the next planned Skype conference call between the LLFA and members of the flood alleviation group is provisionally scheduled for Monday 16 November at 11. (since confirmed.).

Cllr Wilson added that the letter to residents concerning the maintenance of the Brook had been well received and mentioned in particular the helpful assistance of David Gibb and Mark Stirmeay. He added that the Environmental Agency (EA) is aware of the village response and has had a working party also clearing the Brook. It was agreed that the “Friends of Great Easton Brook” letter be posted on the website.

Action: Cllr Walsh

114/20. Financial Matters.

The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

£15.00	L Robbins -grass cutting
£14.39	P Long -repayment for November Zoom meeting
£45.00	Open Spaces Society – annual membership fee
£35.00 (DD)	ICO Data Protection - annual fee
£50.00 (Ch)	Poppy Appeal – wreath and donation
£151.20	Community Heartbeat Year 4 - annual fee

- Budget FY 2021/22. Cllr Brittain noted that the annual timetable requires that next year’s budget should be discussed at the December meeting. The RFO said he would prepare and circulate prior to the meeting.

Action: RFO

115/20. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

Cllr Johnston reported on the following current tree applications:

- Pruning Works to Tree Applications

-20/01380/TCA – 11 Banbury Lane. Approved.

-20/01425/TCA – 12 Musk Close. Approved.

-20/01640/TCA – Nubrook House, Brook Lane. New. Cllr Johnston noted that the application involves the removal of 6 trees, including an attractive acer tree and two mature apple trees. She said she will review whether this is excessive after consideration of the approved planning application for a new dwelling within the grounds.

- Welland Rivers Trust and potential local Projects. Cllr Johnston said that her planned meeting with Mr Perry Burns of the Welland Rivers Trust had been postponed because of the current Covid-19 lockdown and would be rescheduled. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

- Wildflowers Update. Cllr Johnston said that the two designated wildflower areas on Church Bank and Pitchers Lane had been featured on an LCC video conference call featuring “Nature Spot” which records wildlife areas in Leicestershire.

116/20. Community Actions and Police.

- VAS sign. It was reported that Mr Drummond has contacted Swinford Parish Council who have installed a solar powered VAS , which obviates the need for an electrical supply, to request their advice as to its effectiveness.

117/20. Reports

- Website. No report.

- Defibrillator. The proposal to organise a further defibrillator training session in early 2021 remains to be programmed. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

118/20. 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.

- Road Safety Week – 16-22 November 2020. Cllr Rickman agreed to recirculate poster information concerning the scheduled Road safety week

- Hollands Lane. Cllr Brittain requested that LCC be notified that the light on Holland Lane is not working **Action: Clerk**

- Pavement damage. The Chairman noted that Mr Uppal had requested LCC be notified of the pavement damage adjacent to the Sun Inn. **Action: Clerk**

- Launde Ward. D Cllr Rickman said he had submitted his application to stand in Launde Ward as a County Cllr, noting the importance of the rural villages having a voice at County level.

119/20. Date of next meeting

- Monday 14th December at 7.30. It was noted that this will likely be conducted again via Zoom

DAC Gibley (Clerk)

Cllr P Long (Chairman)