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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th January 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, C Johnston, R Wilson and B Hemmings. D Gibley (Clerk).
In Attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mr P Johnson, Mr R Bailey, Mr R Mitchell and Mrs T Chapman.

01/22. Apologies for absence
Cllr L Walsh.

02/22. Welcome.
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting that he would take items of interest to the public members first.

03/22. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
Cllr B Hemmings declared an interest concerning the planning applications at 5 and 9 Barnsdale.

04/22. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of 13th December were approved without amendment.

05/22. Matters Arising
-Mobile VAS. The angle of the Barnsdale MVAS has been adjusted and the frequent repositioning at three village locations should reduce any inconvenience to the opposite resident. It had been previously agreed to contact the supplier – Westcotec, to see if they can supply a side screen.
Action: Clerk
- **Village Trail pamphlet.** The Clerk confirmed that the amended Village Trail pamphlet remains with HDC.
- **Car parking at the Sun Inn.** The Chairman said he had received a communication from Mr Hankey suggesting that LCC Highways be requested to paint double yellow lines outside the Sun Inn to prevent the illegal and potentially dangerous parking. During discussion it was clear that the preferred solution is for a designated car park to be created behind the adjacent property formerly owned by Mrs Wallis. It is understood that this is also Mr Uppal's preferred solution. It was agreed to contact Mr Uppal to request he forward his overall plan for the area, following the recent discussion with him in December. **Action: Clerk**

Mr Bailey, who has relatively recently moved in to Vine Cottage, Cross bank, stated his concern at the amount of pavement parking both outside his property and generally within the village. The Chairman said he would post a note on Nextdoor concerning pavement parking. **Action: Chairman**

- Walk on the Wildside. The Chairman thanked Mr Mitchell and Mrs Chapman for meeting earlier this evening and their most impressive progress report. A copy is attached to the minutes. It was noted that the formal request for a Royal visit has been forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire and Mr D Young, Deputy Lord- Lieutenant was thanked for his drafting assistance.

06/22. Flood Alleviation. Cllr Wilson said there is nothing further to report from the LLFA. Recent information concerning individual flood alleviation measures had been received and, following advice from Cllr Hemmings, an appropriate link will be placed on the website. **Action: Cllr Wilson** Cllr Wilson noted the prompt response by Anglian Water following a resident's alert to a storm drain blockage in Pitchers lane.

07/22. Planning.
Cllr Brittain reported on the following planning applications:
- 21/01004/FUL – 28 Caldecott Road – extend access track from Caldecott Road. Remains pending.
- 21/01290/PCD – Castle View Stables -discharge of Condition 3. Remains pending. The condition relates to the noise management plan required by HDC.
-21/01529/FUL – Nubrook House, Brook Lane – Discharge of conditions 6,7,11-15. Pending.
-21/01695/FUL – Caldecott Road – access and 4 dwellings (resubmission of 20/00781/FUL). Remains pending.
-21/01864/FUL and 21/01865/LBC – 5 Barnsdale – Demolish part of wall and create 5 parking spaces. The PC has forwarded a second submission in support of Mr Clarke's concerns re safe entrance and exit for his long farm vehicles and it is understood that the proposed gate has now been removed from the application.
-21/01977/PCD and 21/01978/LBC – 22 Broadgate – convert outbuildings to dwelling and other works. Remains pending.
-21/02042/PCD – Eyebrook reservoir – Discharge of condition 5 (construction traffic management plan). Now approved.
-21/02160/FUL – 9 Barnsdale – first floor extension and garage alterations. New.

Planning enforcement. Cllr Britain said he had been correspondence with Mr Gibb and HDC planning enforcement concerning an alleged breach at a development at 13 Deepdale. He added that this is an HDC planning responsibility and did not anticipate further PC involvement.

08/22. Financial Matters.
The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:
- **Payments.** The following payment, inclusive of VAT where applicable, was authorised:
£95.00 Church floodlighting – annual grant
- Budget/Precept for FY 2022/23. The draft budget, previously circulated for FY 2022/23 was agreed. The RFO said that it had been agreed at the last meeting to leave the budget and precept unchanged at £12,849 and this would now be forwarded to HDC. **Action: RFO**

A copy of the budget is attached to the minutes and will be on the website.

- Insurance. Two matters arose:

- **Recreation Field additional Equipment.** Following agreement that the PC would fund any additional equipment insurance costs, the Chairman of the Recreation Field Committee has been requested to advise on the most cost effective option.

- Public Liability Insurance cover for Volunteers. The Clerk said that following an exchange of emails, Zurich has confirmed that all volunteers carrying out community work specifically endorsed by the Parish Council are covered by the PC Liability insurance cover, providing that the names of volunteers are recorded and an appropriate risk assessment has been carried out for the relevant activity. The Clerk added that he will liaise with Cllr Walsh concerning the risk assessments and how these can be simply prepared and recorded. **Action: RFO/Cllr Walsh**

09/22. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

Cllr Johnston reported on the following matters:

- Pruning Works to Tree Applications

-21/0**1985/TCA – 47 High Street.** Now approved.

-21/01986/TCA – Linden House, Brook Lane. Now approved.

-21/02184/TCA – 2 High Street. Pending.

Cllr Johnston said there are no issues with any of the applications.

- Wildflowers Update. Cllr Johnston said she hoped to clear the ground and plant the wildflower seeds in the agreed areas at the top of the Recreation Feld in January. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

The Walk on the Wildside project have planted 250 daffodils and crocus at the triangle of Barnsdale and Brook Lane.

- **Welland Rivers Trust.** Cllr Wilson said that the Trust now meets bi-monthly and that natural flood management in conjunction with farmers and landowners is a main focus of future work. Mr Johnson contributed to a general discussion on countryside stewardship, DEFRA and future Government initiatives.

10/22. Community Actions and Police.

- Recreation Field. Cllr Wilson reported that the FCC Communities Foundation Agreement to fund £31,773 for the Recreation Field new equipment has been received and the equipment order has been confirmed with Wicksteed. An early site visit has been requested to finalise exact positioning.

- A Walk on the Wildside. The report, referred to in Minute 05/22 under AOB, provides a detailed update on this exciting project, which is planned to gather increased momentum during 2022.

- Footpaths. Cllr Hemmings said that the recent understandable temporary closure of the permissive footpath at Rectory Farm, occasioned by a few irresponsible dog walkers, is fully supported by the PC. Irresponsible dog walkers have been identified as the major obstacle to overcome the understandable reluctance of landowners to agree further footpath concessions. Cllr Hemmings anticipated producing a letter on this subject in the near future. **Action: Cllr Hemmings**

11/22. Reports

- Website. Nothing further to report.

- 2021 Village Perambulation. The action points, updated and listed below, were not discussed but are updated and summarised for future reference.

- Bridge repair. Obtain update from LCC **Action: Clerk**
- Brook Lane railings repairs. Cllr Wilson said that he has had recent contact with HDC concerning both the railings and the concrete supports which need "professional" repair/replacement. HDC will advise whether this is their responsibility. **Action: Cllr Wilson**
- Moulds lane – clear tree and branches obstructing the lamp. This work may require professional assistance. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
- Lounts Crescent garages disrepair. Housing Assn to be recontacted. The Clerk confirmed that an update has been requested from Platform Housing.
- White perimeter line to be painted on Notice Board base. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
- Litter Bin at V Hall. HDC has been requested to replace. The Clerk agreed to hasten. **Action: Clerk**
- Cross Bank road sign. The sign needs to be repainted. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
- MVAS Poles. Reduce the height. **Action: Cllr Hemmings**

12/22. AOB

- Bank Holiday – June 2022 for HM The Queen's 70th Celebrations. The Chairman said that a further planning meeting would be scheduled in late February. **Action: Chairman**. The Clerk confirmed he would initiate the road closure request. **Action: Clerk**

- Kerb damage. Mr Johnson said that a vehicle has been recently damaged by a raised kerb on Church Bank and wondered whether LCC Highways could be requested to reduce the kerb height. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Mr Johnson and follow up as necessary. **Action: Clerk**

- **PC Profile.** D Cllr Rickman said he had been discussing with Mrs Wightman, who produces the monthly Parish magazine, how to raise the profile of the respective PCs. He suggested that regular updates on both the current work of the PCs and the profiles of Cllrs would be well received.

- **Annual review of Governance policies and Regulations.** Cllr Brittain said that the annual reviews of PC policies and Standing orders needs to be implemented and undertook to update the relevant documents, with the aim of formally reviewing at the Annual Meeting in May. **Action: Cllr Brittain**

13/22. Date of next meeting

Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr P Long (Chairman)