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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th April 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, Mrs T Chapman, Mr R Mitchell, Mr A Eastmond, Mr P Johnson, Mr & Mrs P Moreland, Miss M Stamp and Mr & Mrs J Cook

41/22 Presentation of Youth Award to Mr Arthur Eastmond
The Chairman welcomed Mr Arthur Eastmond and said that the Walk on the Wildside Project organisers had unanimously recommended that Mr Eastmond receive an inaugural Youth Award for his work in designing and building the dedicated website **-wotws.org -** for the Project. The Chairman warmly congratulated Mr Eastmond and presented him with a framed certificate on behalf of the Parish Council.

42/22. Apologies for absence
Cllr L Walsh.

43/22. Welcome.
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting that he would take items of interest to the public first.

44/22. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
Cllr Hemmings declared an interest concerning the planning application at 9 Barnsdale.

45/22. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of 14th March were approved without amendment.

46/22. Matters Arising
-Mobile VAS. The MVAS has been re-positioned on Caldecott Road and it is planned to extract and publish speed statistics in due course.
- **Village Trail pamphlet.** The Clerk confirmed that the amended Village Trail pamphlet remains with HDC.
- **Village Litter Pick.** Cllr Brittain reported that, despite the relatively small numbers of collectors, 13 bags had been filled from the Caldecott and Stockerston entrance roads, noting that the centre of the village remains reasonably "rubbish-free".
- Village Notice Board. The small repair remains outstanding. **Action : Cllr Hemmings**

47/22. Planning.
Cllr Brittain reported on the following current planning applications:
- 21/01004/FUL – 28 Caldecott Road – extend access track from Caldecott Road. Now approved.
-21/01977/PCD and 21/01978/LBC – 22 Broadgate – convert outbuildings to dwelling and other works. Remains pending. He noted that this application has been outstanding for some time but is on-going.
-22/00101/FUL – 9 Clarkesdale – erect 2 storey side extension. Now approved.
-22/00555/PCD – Eyebrook Reservoir – Discharge of Condition 3 (landscaping). Remains pending.
-22/00675/LBC – 9 Barnsdale – internal alterations. Pending.
-22/00544/AGR – Rectory Farm – erect agricultural building. Withdrawn pending re-submission.

48/22. Sun Inn proposal for a car park, a redesign of the War Memorial layout and a potential 4/5 house development on land behind Stone Acres on the Caldecott Road.

The Chairman explained that the potential applications continue to generate considerable public interest and, although the formal applications have not yet been submitted to HDC, it had been agreed to keep the item on the agenda.
The Chairman re-confirmed that once formal planning applications have been submitted, there will be full public consultation, likely involving a public meeting and a village referendum, for both the War Memorial revised layout and the housing development, noting that the housing development would require a change to the current Neighbourhood Plan. He added that the Parish Council will not be making any recommendations prior to the village consultation.
The Chairman then invited comments from those attending the meeting and a summary of the comments/queries included:
- Would a one way traffic system around the War Memorial, currently adopted by many local drivers, be a simpler and safer solution?
- The potential difficulty for long farm vehicles and trailers negotiating a one way layout, without restricting car parking for local residents
- The heritage and listed status of the War Memorial and Curtilage and the history of the grassed triangle which pre-dates the construction of the War Memorial.
- The importance of ensuring any proposed change to the Neighbourhood Plan is in accord with the HDC Local Plan which is currently being reviewed.
The Chairman concluded by thanking everyone for their contributions and again noted that this is the beginning of a dialogue over the coming weeks.

49/22. Flood Alleviation
Cllr Wilson said he had recently walked the length of the Brook within the village because of possible dumping of adjacent garden cuttings but had found no evidence and the Brook is "running well". He added that the LLFA dialogue with local landowners concerning potential natural flood management measures is continuing.

50/22. Financial Matters.
The Clerk/RFO reported on the following financial matters:
- **Payments.** The following payment, inclusive of VAT where applicable, was authorised:
    -£283.20 LRALC – annual membership subscription
- **Internal Audit for FY 2021/22.** The RFO confirmed that the PC turnover is less than £25000/year and therefore the account continues to be subject to internal audit and this is in hand.
- **Public Liability Insurance cover for Volunteers.** The insurance risk assessments for the various volunteer actions remain to be drafted. **Action:Cllr Walsh/RFO**
- **Additional HDC Funding.** An additional £220 grant from HDC has been received for miscellaneous expenditures for the Queen's 70th celebrations.

51/22. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.
Pruning Works to Tree Applications
- 22/00684/TCA – 10 Stockerston Lane. Pending.
- 22/00728/TCA – 8 Broadgate. Pending
- 22/00817/TCA – 39 High Sreet. Pending.
- 22/00822/TCA – Rosebrook Cottage, Little London. Pending.

Cllr Johnston said she would be reviewing the above new tree applications.

- **Wildflowers Update.** Cllr Johnston said that the wildflower update for Nextdoor is in hand.
Action: Cllr Johnston
- **Welland Rivers Trust.** Nothing to report.

52/22. Community Actions and Police.
- **Recreation Field.** Cllr Wilson reported that the revised Wicksteed quotation now includes the additional fencing and is within the planned budget. He added the additional equipment is now included on the insurance schedule.
- **A Walk on the Wildside.** Cllr Brittain said that the additional funding has enabled an increased number of fruit trees, now totalling 96, to be distributed to local residents and the level of community engagement is now impressive. He said that he has been asked to provide financial oversight and can confirm that the financial management and records are being properly maintained.
- **Footpaths.** Cllr Hemmings said he would be organising a second volunteer meeting, focusing on the need to "educate" dog walkers to meet landowner concerns and further work on identifying a possible small area of land for dogs to be exercised.

53/22. Reports
- **Website**. Nothing further to report.

54/22. AOB
- **Bank Holiday – 2-5 June 2022 for HM The Queen's 70th Celebrations.** The Chairman said that detailed planning now needs to be progressed for the 4 days of celebrations, which now include:
    Thurs 2 June: Hog Roast and Lighting the beacon
    Sat 4 June : Murder Mystery evening in the Village Hall
    Sun 5 June : Church commemoration service followed by a Street Lunch in the High Street.

Additional events include a scarecrow competition, with more anticipated as the date approaches.
A further planning meeting is scheduled for Monday 25 April.

55/22. Date of next meeting - Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.00 in the Village Hall. NB 7pm start.

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr P Long (Chairman)