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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th July 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, L Walsh, R Wilson and B Hemmings. D Gibley (Clerk).
In Attendance: Mr R Mitchell.

94/22. Apologies for absence
D Cllr M Rickman and Cllr C Johnston

95/22. Welcome.
Cllr Long welcomed all to the meeting and said he would take items of public interest first.

96/22. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.

97/22. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of 13th June were approved without amendment.

98/22. Matters Arising
-Mobile VAS. It was agreed that the cost of re-siting the VAS pole at the Bringhurst Road village entrance is prohibitive but care will be taken when positioning the VAS sign to minimise any intrusive glare.

99/22. Planning.
Cllr Brittain reported on the following current planning applications:
-21/01977/PCD and 21/01978/LBC – 22 Broadgate – convert outbuildings to dwelling and other works. Remains pending.
-22/00897/FUL and 22/00898/LBC – 15 Deepdale -remove garden room and erect single storey extension. Approved.
-22/00918/FUL – 6 Deepdale – erect dormers and rooflights. Remains pending.
-22/00922/CLU and 22/00837/VAC-Nubrook House, Brook Lane – Certificate of lawfulness for construction of building foundation. Remains pending.
-22/01230/AGR – Poplars Farm - erect agricultural barn. New. Cllr Brittain noted that this is a resubmission of a previous application.
No comments have been received concerning any of the above applications.

100/22. Flood Alleviation

Cllr Wilson said he had received an update from Victoria Coombes, the Flood Risk Manager at the LLFA. Whilst further work is proceeding to unlock potential funding, the modelling to date has shown the relatively low impact on local properties and diverting water via a channel to the flood storage reservoir is not a suitable option and would actually increase the flood risk in parts of the village. The update indicated that further work is continuing, including ongoing dialogue with local landowners. The continuing importance of maximising the flow along the Brook and ensuring Anglian Water keep to their agreement to conduct an annual survey of the local drain network was repeated.

101/22. Financial Matters.

The RFO reported on the following financial matters:

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

-£45.00	L Robbins for grass cutting – 3 cuts
-£24.00	Refund to C Johnston for paint for street signs
-£17.99	Repay L Walsh re invoice for domain name
-£200.00	P Clerk -annual expenses for printer ink, postage etc
-£250.00	Parish magazine -annual contribution
-£3,214.80	Village hall wall repairs. NB The invoice, net of VAT, has been refunded
-£35.00	DD to ICO for annual Data Protection fee
-£25.00	NatureSpot for Parish Council page in their publication
-£100.00	Church floodlighting -annual contribution

An invoice for Jubilee printing has not yet been received.

- Public Liability Insurance cover for Volunteers. Cllr Walsh said she had prepared draft risk assessments for the various activities carried out by Cllrs and residents acting on behalf of the Council. It was agreed that these should be circulated to the relevant "leads" for review and, once finalised, will be posted on the website. During discussion it was re-emphasised that providing we can demonstrate all reasonable efforts have been made to comply, the insurance Public Liability will continue to apply. Cllr Walsh was warmly thanked for bringing her expertise to the preparation of the assessments. **Action: Cllr Walsh/RFO**

- Village Insurance Perambulation. It was agreed to hold the postponed annual perambulation on Tuesday 26th July, starting at 7pm from the Sun inn. **Action: All**.

102/22. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

Pruning Works to Tree Applications

Cllr Johnston had forwarded a written report, including:

22/00985/TCA – Rosebrook Cottage, Little London. Approved.

- Grass Cutting/Weeds. As previously reported, the state of Hollands Lane and Moulds Lane will be assessed during the village perambulation, including comments concerning weeds growing at the kerbsides.

-Wildflower Areas. The wildflower areas now need to be cut and cleared. Cllr Wilson said he would contact Mr Phil Johnson who has kindly offered to assist and would arrange a suitable date with all parties.

Afternote. The dates have now been agreed for 5 and 6 August.

- Welland Rivers Trust. Nothing further to report.

103/22. Community Actions and Police.

- Recreation Field. Cllr Wilson reported on the successful opening of the recreation Field new equipment on Saturday 2 July and the full report and photographs in the Harborough Mail, despite the sudden downpour. He added that the installation of the fencing is scheduled for mid-August. The final invoices are now being prepared and are within the anticipated budget. Cllr Wilson was congratulated by all on coordinating the whole project which is already being well used and is a major enhancement to the existing facilities.

- A Walk on the Wildside. Mr R Mitchell said that the Garden fete held on the 26 June had been an outstanding success. Just over £2000 had been raised which will be spent on future environmental projects in the village. He then circulated funded proposals for the three Gateway planters, with the recommendation to choose "self-watering" planters, fixed to the top of the gates, adding that he would recommend that the planters are removed during the late autumn and winter months. The proposal received unanimous support.

The PC again thanked Mr Mitchell and Mrs Chapman for their outstanding commitment and work over many months, adding that the recognition by the Lord Lieutenant is well deserved.

- Footpaths. Cllr Hemmings said the minimal response to his overtures for support for his footpath initiatives is disappointing but the work will continue to acquire a local dedicated area for dogs to be exercised and liaison with landowners is ongoing.

104/22. Reports

- Website.Cllr Walsh said that she is updating the website and requested input to include the recent improvements to Clarke's Piece and the Walk on the Wildside environmental enhancements.

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105/22. AOB

106/22. Date of next meeting

Monday 12th September 2022 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

NB. No scheduled meeting in September

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr P Long (Chairman)