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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th December 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, R Wilson and B Hemmings. D Gibley (Clerk).
In Attendance: None

133/22. Apologies for absence
D Cllr M Rickman, Cllrs Johnston and Walsh.
134/22. Welcome.
Cllr Long welcomed all to the final meeting of the year.
135/22. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
There were no declarations of interest.
136/22. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of 14th November were approved without amendment.

137/22. Matters Arising
-Defibrillator Training. Questions were asked about the possible use of the Defibrillator, registration and also future training.
Afternote. Cllr Walsh has confirmed that further training will be arranged in the Spring and confirmation that the defibrillator is correctly registered with the emergency services will be clarified. **Action: Cllr Walsh**
-Annual Parish Liaison meeting. Cllr Brittain confirmed he had attended the recent annual parish liaison meeting at HDC, noting that the Walk on the Wildside stand had raised considerable interest from other parishes and Mr Mitchell is responding directly to further information requests.
-Surplus beech Tree. Cllr Brittain noted that the surplus beech tree has now been donated to Heron House on Caldecott Road.

138/22. Planning.
Cllr Brittain reported on the following current planning applications:
-22/01455/FUL and 22/01456/LBC – Brookside House, 9 Brook Lane – Various works incl replacing conservatory with new extension and internal works. Remains pending.
-22/01703/FUL – 7 Church Bank – erect porch and rear ext. Pending.
-22/01785/FUL - 28 Caldecott Road – construct new access track and relocate existing stable block. Pending. Cllr Brittain noted that one objection has been recently submitted.
-22/01796/FUL – 22 Stokes Rise – Erect rear extension. Pending..
-22/02082/LBC – 16 Barnsdale. – replace all 14 windows with double glazing. New.

Cllr Brittain concluded by noting that there are no identified issues with any of the above applications.

139/22. Flood Alleviation

-East Mercia Rivers Trust report. Cllr Wilson reported that the LLFA has now forwarded the report on potential natural flood alleviation measures and it was suggested that this should be placed on the website **Action: Cllr Wilson**

The response from local landowners who currently have countryside stewardship agreements has been generally positive and more specific proposals to include potential funding sources are being pursued.

-The Brook. Cllr Wilson noted that Mr Bowder has recently been in contact with the Environmental Agency who have confirmed that the excess silt will be removed.

140/22. Financial Matters.

The RFO reported on the following financial matters:

- **Payments.** The following payments, inclusive of VAT where applicable, were authorised:
  - -£1,264.32 Artete re V Hall toilets. NB V Hall repaid £1,053.93
  - -£32.24 Repay I Drummond re Gateway repair materials
  - -£495.50 Clerk's wages – Oct – Dec
  - -£123.75 PAYE
  - -£121.20 Purchase of Sign Board – refund GELT

- Budget/Precept for FY 2023/24. Cllr Brittain noted that the forecast budget for 2023/24 will need to be agreed at the January meeting, in order to meet HDC's normal timetable for setting the Precept. **Action: RFO**

- Village Perambulation. The remaining outstanding actions, following the annual village perambulation on 26 July, are summarised below:

- Brook Lane railings – repair and painting. **Action: Cllr Wilson**

Cllr Wilson confirmed he is continuing to liaise with Mr Boyd to obtain a costed quotation.

- Shop notice board base. Paint white perimeter border. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
- V hall Litter bin to be replaced **Action: Clerk**
- Garages at Lounts Crescent. Clerk to contact Housing Assn. Cllr Johnston to provide contact info. **Action: Clerk**

141/22. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.

-Pruning Works to Tree Applications

- 22/01814/TCA - 16 Barnsdale. Approved.
- 22/01947/TCA – The Bakers, Brook Lane. Pending

- **Trees for which the PC has responsibility.** Costings for any identified work needed for the relevant trees remains outstanding. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

- The mature ash tree located where the brook crosses under Brook Lane. Ownership for this tree remains to be clarified with LCC Highways. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

- Green Waste collection information. Cllr Wilson has recently posted on Nextdoor that the final winter collection will be on Thursday 19 January 2023.

142/22. Community Actions and Police.

- Recreation Field. Cllr Wilson said a recent HDC Health & Safety annual inspection has noted that the "birds nest swing" needs attention. Separately, he will be liaising with Wicksteed whether annual inspections to include the zip wire would be financially advantageous.

- Dogs. Cllr Hemmings thanked Cllrs for their comments on the proposed dog sign which he would now produce and have positioned at agreed locations around the village **Action: Cllr Hemmings**.

-Footpaths from Rockingham to the Welland. Cllr Hemmings said that HDC has not agreed to the proposed extension of the footpath adjacent to Rockingham Road and he has informed Caldecott PC.

- Police Liaison. Nothing further to report.

143/22. Reports

- Website. The Clerk's email address has been activated: clerk@greateaston.org.

144/22. AOB

- **Remembrance Poppies.** There was general agreement that the suggestion of remembrance poppies fixed to village lampposts should be pursued. **Action: Clerk**
- **Christmas Tree.** The suggestion of a centrally located Christmas Tree was discussed and agreed, subject to agreeing a suitable location.
- **VAS Data.** The Chairman said that analysis of the data shows that the heaviest traffic is, as expected, along Caldecott road.
- **Village Shop and PO.** Mark and Diane have asked that the following revised opening hours for the Shop and the PO be publicised in the PC minutes and on Nextdoor:

wef January 3rd, the Shop and PO will close at 2pm during the week – Mon – Fri- until at least Easter.

(Saturday opening hours will remain unchanged and Sundays will remain closed).

This reflects the statistical fact that 95% of the trade is during the morning and the need to minimise the high energy costs.

145/22. Date of next meeting

Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Afternote. The PC has recently been informed of the sad death of former Cllr Lawrence Parker, who served on the PC with distinction for many years. The PC sends its sincere condolences to Dot and the family.

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr P Long (Chairman)