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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th April 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Long (Chairman), B Wilson, C Johnston, B Hemmings and D Gibley (Clerk)
In Attendance: Mr J Boulter.

39/24. Apologies for absence
Cllrs L Walsh and F Smith.

40/24. Welcome.
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

41/24. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
None.

42/24. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the 11th March were approved without amendment.

43/24. Matters Arising
- **Former village shop.** No reply has been received concerning the request for an update on the former Village Shop.
- **Litter Bin.** Cllr Wilson agree to chase up the promised replacement litter bin, to be positioned outside the Village Hall.

44/24. Planning. Cllr Wilson reported on the following current planning applications:
-23/01667/FUL – Land off Great Easton Road – revised application to convert existing barns to 4 dwellings. This application has now been approved. Cllr Wilson said he is requesting a copy of the approval letter to view the conditions attached to the planning approval.
-23/01380/FUL – Land behind 22 Caldecott Road to erect two B&B dwellings. Remains pending.
-24/00033/FUL – Foxhollow Farm, 17 High Street – replace barn and add ancillary residential accommodation. Approved. Cllr Wilson noted that the revised and now approved application had been amended to incorporate stone cladding, in particular on the wall facing onto the High Street.
-24/00180/FUL – 5 Stockerston Lane – erect replacement garage/carport. The application remains pending.
-24/00364/FUL – Land SE of Castle View farm Stables – erect second agricultural barn. New. Cllr Wilson said that the second barn is to house additional stock to reflect the increased demand from the Sun Inn and other eating establishments and he did not anticipate objections.

-HDC Consultation on updating the HDC Local Plan to 2041.
Cllr Wilson said that he had not received any information concerning the next consultation in April, adding that he would contact Mr M Bills for an update concerning the potential impact on the current Great Easton Neighbourhood Plan. **Action: Cllr Wilson**

-Updated draft Great Easton Conservation and Management Plan 2023.
It was confirmed that the consultation is now complete and it was agreed to place a copy of the Great Easton Conservation and Management Plan 2023 on the website. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

45/24. Flood Alleviation
Cllr Hemmings reported that there has been progress with the Nevill Holt Estate concerning potential flood alleviation measures and there is funding available. He added that, encouragingly, there are recent indications that other neighbouring landowners are prepared to enter into discussion with the LLFA.
Following a question about Anglian Water, Cllr Hemmings agreed that he would follow up the earlier work concerning the annual inspection and potential clearance of the existing drainage system and also the effectiveness of the relatively recently fitted non-return valves at Pitchers Lane.
Action: Cllr Hemmings

46/24. Financial Matters.
The RFO reported on the following financial matters:
- **Payments.** The following payments, inclusive of VAT where applicable, were authorised:
  -£32.00 Grass – two invoices
  -£395.58 LRALC membership – annual subscription
  -£257.60 Zurich Insurance renewal for 2024/25
- **Internal audit.** The RFO requested formal approval for Mr P Brittain to carry out the internal audit for the PC account. This was agreed.

47/24. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.
Cllr Johnston reported on the following:
-Pruning Works to Tree Applications
-24/00277/TCA – 29 Brook Lane. This application is now approved.
-24/00410/TPO – The Old Orchard, Church Bank. Pending
-24/00303/TCA – Trees for which the PC is responsible. Remains pending. Cllr Johnston said she had submitted the application following the visit and advice from the LCC tree surveyor. The anticipated cost for the tree works will be c£1500, which has been included in the current budget. It was agreed to accept the one quotation received to date from LCC and to place the LCC tree report on the website. **Action: Cllr Johnston**.
- Memorial tree in the Recreation Field. Cllr Johnston said that one of the trees recently donated and planted has been apparently wantonly damaged. It was agreed the PC should fund a replacement tree. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
- Work Party. It was agreed to organise a work party on Saturday 25th May, meeting at 10am outside the former village shop and to publicise the need for volunteers. **Action: Cllr Johnston**
- Disposal of Ivy and other waste on the Jitties. Ivy has recently been cut back along Hollands Lane and left on the pathway. It was agreed to remind landowners of their responsibility for the disposal of any waste by including a note in the next newsletter. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

- Bio-diversity. Cllr Johnston said she is attending a bio -diversity seminar run by LCC, noting there is the potential for bio-diversity "gains" from flood alleviation measures.
- West Mercia Rivers Trust. Nothing further to report.

48/24. Community Actions and Police.
- Equipment annual inspections. The actions and responsibilities concerning the equipment inspections remain to be resolved. The Clerk said he would liaise with Cllr Hemmings and Mr Jefferson. **Action: Clerk**
- Police Liaison. Cllr Hemmings said he has passed the relevant police liaison contact information on to Cllr Smith.

49/24. Website and Communication.
- Website. The Clerk reported that he has met with Cllr Walsh and the necessary updating of the website remains outstanding. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Walsh**
-Village Communication Update – Great Easton Matters. The Chairman noted that the final date for material for the next edition of Great Easton Matters is next week.

50/24. AOB.
- Nuisance dog barking. The Chairman said he has received complaints of continuous dog barking in the centre of the village. Following discussion, it was agreed to initially publicise the unacceptable nuisance effect on neighbours and, if necessary, to consider further action in due course.
Action: Chairman
- 80th D Day Anniversary Commemoration. In the absence of Cllr Smith it was agreed to defer the final decision concerning hot dog type refreshments to the next meeting.
The Beacon lighting was confirmed as 21.15.
- **Jim Wright – Celebration of over 100 years of the Wright family service to the Church and Great Easton.** The Clerk said an event to celebrate over100 years of the Wright family service to both the Church and the village is being planned for Friday 7th June and details of the event will be widely publicised.
-Defibrillator. Cllr Wilson said that there is an urgent need for a "clean-up" for the defibrillator. The Chairman said he would implement.
- Youth Group funding. The Chairman asked whether the Youth group paid for the use of the village hall, which the Clerk confirmed. It was agreed to discuss funding for the Youth Group at the next meeting.

-.**51/24. Date of next meeting**
Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.
This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, to be followed by the normal monthly meeting.

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr P Long (Chairman)