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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th May 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Long (Chairman), B Wilson, C Johnston, L Walsh and D Gibley (Clerk)
In Attendance: D Cllr M Rickman, Mr J Boulter and Mrs M Law.

62/24. Apologies for absence
Cllrs B Hemmings and F Smith.

63/24. Welcome.
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

64/24. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
None.

65/24. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the 8th April were approved without amendment.

66/24. Matters Arising
- **Litter Bin.** The replacement litter bin remains to be to be positioned outside the Village Hall.
- **Additional Green bin for war memorial green waste.** The Clerk reported that,following approval, he has ordered an additional bin, which will be positioned at 3 Banbury Lane, to be used for green waste from the war memorial

67/24. 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. Cllr Wilson confirmed he has received a copy of the planning conditions relating to the approved application.
-23/01380/FUL – Land behind 22 Caldecott Road to erect one B&B dwelling. Remains pending.
-24/00180/FUL – 5 Stockerston Lane – erect replacement garage/carport. The application is now approved.
-24/00364/FUL – Land SE of Castle View farm Stables – erect second agricultural barn. The application is now approved.

-HDC Consultation on updating the HDC Local Plan to 2041.
Cllr Wilson said the next consultation on the HDC new Local Plan is scheduled for Saturday 18 May and the Clerk has confirmed he will attend in his absence.

68/24. Flood Alleviation
Nothing further to report**.**

69/24. Financial Matters.
The RFO reported on the following financial matters:
- **Payments.** The following payments, inclusive of VAT where applicable, were authorised:
    -£48.00 Grass – three invoices
    -£40.00 Tim's Tech Support
    -£61.00 HDC – additional green bin
- **Internal audit.** It was reported at the earlier annual meeting that the internal audit has been completed.
- **Funding for Youth Group.** The Clerk spoke to a proposal he had previously circulated requesting that the PC agree to increase its annual contribution from £500 to £750, an annual increase recently approved by the church and also fund the hall hire fees for the weekly sessions during term time. The Clerk explained that there is a need to find annual revenue funding for the two qualified staff and the hall hire of approximately £4000 annually which, whilst achieved, is an increasing challenge. There was strong support for the Youth Group to continue and the additional funding was agreed.

70/24. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.
Cllr Johnston reported on the following:
-Pruning Works to Tree Applications
-24/00410/TPO – The Old Orchard, Church Bank. Approved.
-24/00303/TCA – Trees for which the PC is responsible. Approved. Cllr Johnston said the anticipated cost for the tree works is now confirmed as £1,459 plus vat and the work has been added to the LCC schedule of works for implementation later this year.
-24/00567/TCA – 1 Holt View. Pending.

- Work Party. – Sat 25 May. It was agreed that the publicised work party on Saturday 25th May, meeting at 10am outside the former village shop should go ahead, although a number of Cllrs are away
- Bio-diversity. Nothing further to report.
- West Mercia Rivers Trust. Nothing further to report.

71/24. Community Actions and Police.
- Equipment annual inspections. The follow up to the recent equipment inspection, which highlighted the need for potentially expensive repair or replacement to a number of items, remains outstanding.
- Police Liaison. Nothing further to report.

72/24. Website and Communication.
- Website. Cllr Walsh said she had updated the website and Mailchimp continues to be working satisfactorily.
-Village Communication Update – Great Easton Matters. The latest issue has been recently circulated to all households. There was again appreciation of the high standard of presentation and the varied content.

73/24. AOB.

- Nuisance dog barking. Nothing further to report.

- 80th D Day Anniversary Commemoration. The Beacon lighting was confirmed as 9.15pm. It was agreed that any refreshments will be individually provided. The Chairman confirmed he would be liaising with Mr Murdock and Cllr Smith confirming final arrangements.

-Inflatable Bouncy Castles. Cllr Walsh said that hall hirers occasionally want to bring a bouncy castle and Mrs Mitchell had queried the associated health and safety and insurance cover. After discussion it was agreed that providing the village hall confirm that the hirer has the appropriate insurance cover in place then the bouncy castles can be used.

- **Election**. D Cllr Rickman outlined his roles and plans for the forthcoming election on 4 July, adding that any help would be appreciated.

-.**74/24. Date of next meeting**

Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr P Long (Chairman)