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

Present: Cllrs R Wilson (Vice Chairman), B Hemmings, L Walsh and D Gibley (Clerk)
In Attendance: Mr J Boulter

88/24. Apologies for absence
D Cllr M Rickman, Cllrs F Smith and C Johnston.

89/24. Welcome and Co-option.
Cllr Wilson welcomed all to the meeting adding that the vacancy following the resignation of the former chairman has been advertised for the statutory period and HDC has advised that the council may co-opt. He proposed that Mr Boulter be co-opted, seconded by Cllr Walsh and carried unanimously. Mr Boulter said he would be delighted to accept.
Cllr Wilson then invited Cllr Boulter to fulfil the role of Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hemmings and again carried unanimously. Cllr Boulter, who has previously served on the Neighbourhood Plan committee, accepted with immediate effect.

90/24. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
None.

91/24. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the 10th June were approved without amendment.

92/24. Matters Arising
- **Litter Bin.** The replacement litter bin remains to be to be positioned outside the Village Hall and Cllr Wilson confirmed that he will continue to chase HDC.
- **Additional Green bin for war memorial green waste.** The Clerk reported that the additional green bin for the war memorial waste is now located at 3 Banbury Lane and Mr Page and his work party have been informed.

80/24. Planning. Cllr Wilson reported on the following current applications and planning matters:
-23/01380/FUL – Land behind 22 Caldecott Road to erect one B&B dwelling. Pending.
The application for the single but larger B& B, remains pending.
-23/00619/VAC – Development off Caldecott Road. The planning variation is to clad the recently constructed garage and add garage doors making it secure. Cllr Wilson said that this application remains pending.
-23/00796/FUL and 21/00797/FUL – 21 High Street – minor variations to an existing rear extension, Cllr Wilson said there are no issues with either application.

-HDC Consultation on updating the HDC Local Plan to 2041.
Cllr Wilson reported that he has asked HDC whether the recent change of Government and potential increase of housing targets will impact on the new Local Plan and is also seeking guidance on the minor amendments to tighten the wording of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) with HDC policies. He added that he will be contacting Gary Kirk, who advised on the original Neighbourhood Plan, in order to synchronise the revision of the GE NP with the development of the HDC new Local Plan.

81/24. Flood Alleviation
Cllr Hemmings reported that positive negotiations with local landowners concerning potential flood alleviation measures continue. He also reported that following an on-site discussion with Cllr Smith, there is a possibility of diverting some of the excess water flow from Stokes Rise. He added that he will be in contact with Anglian Water to obtain an update following their recent work to the drains in Brook Lane.

82/24. Financial Matters.
The RFO reported on the following financial matters:
- **Payments.** The following payments, inclusive of VAT where applicable, were authorised:

-£36.00	Grass – two invoices
-£273.32	Refund to L Walsh for website renewal
-£1,356.60	V hall picnic tables (V hall refund - £1,130)
-£162.14	Refund to K Chapman for GE Matters printing
-£669.00	Clerk wages – (Jul-Sep)
-£167.25	PAYE
-£20.39	Domain name -annual renewal
-£80.00	V hall re Y Group rent for June
-£108.00	LCC Computers -software licence
-£20.00	Tech Tim re network resolution

- **Audit.** The RFO said that the audited accounts and supporting documents have been forwarded to the external auditor. No comments have been received to date.

83/24. Arboreal Matters and Conservation.
-Pruning Works to Tree Applications
-24/00567/TCA – 1 Holt View. Approved.

- **Wild Flower areas.** Cllr Wilson, in Cllr Johnson's absence, said the date for the cutting and removal of the village wild flowers from the designated village areas, including the Recreation Field, has been confirmed and publicised as Saturday 27 July, meeting at the former shop at 10am. There was discussion concerning the wildflower area in the vicinity of the defibrillator, which can be rather unattractive in a prominent village location

- **Bio-diversity.** Nothing further to report.
- **West Mercia Rivers Trust.** Nothing further to report.

84/24. Community Actions and Police.
- Recreation Field - 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. Cllr Wilson noted there may be the need and opportunity for a repeat application for capital funding for any refurbishment.
- Police Liaison. Nothing further to report.
- **Village Hall.** Cllr Wilson said he had attended the last village hall meeting in his role as PC representative, noting that Tim Smith is standing down after his successful tenure later this year.

85/24. Defibrillator, Website and Communication.
- Website. Cllr Walsh said the website has been recently updated and reminded the Clerk for the agreed rewording for foodbank donations. **Action: Clerk**.
Mailchimp. Cllr Walsh said that there are now 96 on the mailchimp distribution and publicity to increase the uptake needs to continue **Action: All**
- Defibrillator. Cllr Wilson confirmed that he will action the replacement defibrillator pads, which are time expired at the end of July.. **Action: Cllr Wilson**
- Great Easton Matters. It was suggested that a very brief profile could be written by each Cllr, to be included in the next issue **Action: All**
Afternote. Because of the copy deadline this will be deferred to the following issue.

86/24. AOB.
- Capital expenditures options. The RFO asked Cllrs to identify any areas needing capital expenditure for discussion at the next meeting.
-Thank you event for former Chairman. After discussion it was agreed to invite Phil and Megan and former Cllrs to a thank you event after the September meeting.
-Pop-Up Bar – 30 August. Cllr Wilson said that Mark and Diane are no longer running the occasional pop-up bar but the Village Hall will continue to run these events on a monthly basis on the last Friday of every month commencing on Friday 30th August.

-.**87/24. Date of next meeting**
Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr J Boulter (Chairman)