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GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th November 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs J Boulter (Chairman), R Wilson (Vice Chairman), B Hemmings, C Johnston and D Gibley (Clerk)
In Attendance: None.

125/24. Apologies for absence
D Cllr M Rickman, Cllrs F Smith and L Walsh.

126/24. Welcome.
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

127/24. Declarations of Interest for agenda items.
None.

128/24. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the 14th October were approved without amendment.

129/24. Matters Arising

- **Communication and Mail Chimp.** Cllr Wilson said there had been some criticism that residents had not been aware of the police liaison visit, despite it having been announced on Mailchimp, noting that the Mailchimp circulation remains relatively small. It was agreed to include a special explanatory article in the next issue of Great Easton Matters and to continue individual efforts to promote. **Action: Cllr Walsh and All Cllrs**
- **Mobile Post Office.** The Clerk and Cllr Wilson both reported that there had been no progress with their respective contacts. Following discussion it was agreed to check whether the Caldecott weekly mobile postal service continues and if there would be an option to alternate with Great Easton. **Action: Clerk**
- **Archive Room – A3 photocopier.** The Clerk reported that Mrs Hill has since advised that the proposed extensive copying of documents held in the Archive room is not proceeding and there will therefore be no requirement for an expensive A3 printer.
- **Garages at Lounts Crescent and Platform Housing.** The Clerk said he will pursue contact with Platform Housing who own the dilapidated garages, with the aim of facilitating a meeting to discuss the way ahead. **Action : Clerk**
- **Speed sign and Drayton 20 mph limit.** Cllr Wilson said that although the MVAS has not been moved recently he has adequate assistance, noting that the battery replacement is a simple task but relocation needs two people. The Chairman said that Drayton has recently introduced a 20mph limit and asked the Clerk to liaise concerning the planning process prior to implementation. **Action: Clerk**

130/24. 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.
-24/01201/PDN – Castle View Stables -potential conversion of agricultural building to a residential dwelling. Notification to determine if prior approval is required. Refused. Cllr Wilson explained that the refusal has been based on the close proximity of the proposed dwelling to the courtyard area used for weddings and functions and the consequent unsuitability of the proposed use as a dwelling.
-24/01232/LBC – Banbury House, 11 Banbury Lane – erect double garage and various internal/external works. The application remains pending and there have been no negative comments to date.
-24/01263/FUL – Land off Great Easton Road. Convert agricultural barn (Barn 4) to residential dwelling. The application remains pending. Detailed ecology and land contamination comments have been submitted but none precluding the proposed development.
24/00616/VAC – Development off Caldecott Road. Application to vary Cond 4 to add garage doors to make premises more secure. Cllr Wilson said that the applicant has appealed against the original refusal and he has written to support the planning application, noting the increased security the garage doors would provide.

-HDC Consultation on updating the HDC Local Plan to 2041.
Cllr Wilson reported that he is planning to attend a consultation meeting at HDC on Saturday 30th November on Neighbourhood planning and the current progress of the new HDC Local Plan. The Chairman said he would also attend.

131/24. Flood Alleviation
Cllr Hemmings reported that measures to implement rainwater retention works on the Nevill Holt estate are temporarily postponed until the end of the shooting season.
Separately he noted that the installation of a gulley to drain the localised flooding at the bottom of Brook Lane has been delayed as there are pipes in the immediate area, adding that he is monitoring progress.
Cllr Hemmings added that he had recently attended a meeting to discuss household flood prevention and will be drafting a note for the next Great Easton Matters

132/24. Financial Matters and Insurance.
The RFO reported on the following financial matters:
- **Payments.** The following payments, inclusive of VAT where applicable, were authorised:

-£45.00	Open spaces Society – annual subscription
-£32.00	PC grass Inv 38 and 39
-£4.85	Refund DG re plastic ties for fixing Remembrance poppies
-£30.00	Bugler for Remembrance Sunday
-£60.00	V hall re Youth Group rent for Oct
-£50.00	British Legion re wreath plus donation
-£30.00	Bugler for Armistice Day

133/24. Arboreal Matters and Conservation
-Pruning Works to Tree Applications
Cllr Johnston reported on the following applications:
-24/01101/TCA – **11 Banbury Lane.** Approved..
-24/01108/TCA – **Rosedene, Pitchers Lane**. Approved..
-24/01239/TCA – 13 Barnsdale. Cllr Johnston said that the application has now been withdrawn.
-24/01336/TCA – 1 Castle Lane . New. Reduce height and reshape oak tree.
-24/01301/TCA – Linden House, Brook Lane. Approved.

- Trees for which the PC is responsible. Cllr Johnston confirmed that LCC pruning works have now been completed.
- **Bio-diversity.** Nothing further to report.
- West Mercia Rivers Trust. Nothing further to report.
- Insurance cover for volunteers. Cllr Johnston said she would be contacting the Clerk to confirm that the PC liability insurance cover is in place for volunteers who assist with grass cutting and wildflowers.
- Owners' responsibility for hedge trimming. Cllr Johnston said she would draft a note concerning owners' responsibilities for hedge trimming, in particular over hanging hedging on public footpaths, for the next issue of Great Easton Matters. **Action: Cllr Johnston**

134/24. Community Actions and Police.
Recreation Field- Equipment annual inspections. Cllr Wilson said the follow up work has been largely completed apart from some additional grease lubrication.
Police Liaison.

- **Community Safety Police Vehicl**e. A visit has been arranged for the Police Community Safety vehicle to be in Great Easton on Thursday 21 November, to coincide with a regular Good Companions meeting. The exact timings and further information will be publicised near the date. **Action: Cllr Smith**
  AFTERNOTE. The police visit is now confirmed for the 21st November, between 1130 -1430 in the Village Hall.
- **Dedicated Whatsapp Group.** It was agreed to request an update from Cllr Walsh concerning the creation of the dedicated Whatsapp group, potentially including the local "beat" police officer, agreed at the last meeting. **Action: Cllr Walsh**

Village Hall
Cllr Wilson said that Village hall bookings are slightly down, which the new Facebook page will hopefully help address.

135/24. AOB.

- **Mark Howson Concerts.** There was a general discussion concerning ways that the financial costs of presenting the regular live concerts might be reduced, including improved promotion,
- **Xmas Event for former Cllrs and partners.** It was agreed to invite all former Cllrs and partners to a Xmas event following the December scheduled meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- **Meeting dates -2025.** It was agreed to continue meeting on the second Mondays in each month

136/24. Date of next meeting. Monday 9th December.

DAC Gibley (Clerk) Cllr J Boulter (Chairman)