

## **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held in St Peter's Church, Easton on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014.

**Apologies** for absence: received from Charles Nixon. Members present Mike Baker (chair) Richard Burton and Steve Thomason.

**Declaration of members' interests** – to receive from members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. - none received.

**Minutes:** the minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 were read, approved and signed as correct. As Mr Wood was not present at this meeting the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were not presented

**Matters arising:** Hartham Street – Mr Thomason reported there is no change at the moment with regard to the leveling of Hartham Street. It is hoped work will be resumed by the County Council after the winter closure of the byway.

War Memorial – Mr Baker reported he had not yet had an opportunity to look at other work by the stonemasons and without Mr Wood who has more information on the proposed renovation of the war memorial it was agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

### **Restricted Byway no 17 & Footpath no. 17**

Definitive Map Modification Order 2014 – notification has been received that the first stage of the modification order has been made.

**Woolley Hill Wind Farm** Community Fund - a notice had been included in the village news letter asking is anyone is interested and willing to sit on the panel for the administration of the fund. As no replies had been received, the clerk suggested Mr Chris Saunders may be interested in attending on behalf of the Parish Council and it was agreed to ask him. In the absence of any other persons volunteering Mr Baker is to attend the inaugural meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Local Electricity Discount Scheme – enquiries are being made by persons in the village challenging the decision of RES Ltd not to include Easton in the discount scheme on the basis of the RES Ltd wording of the area to be included.

**Accounts year end 31/3/2014** - the clerk reported that PKF Littlejohn LLP have completed the audit and approved and signed the accounts submitted. A notice of the conclusion of the audit and the right to inspect the Annual Return will be advertised. The accounts for the year to date had been circulated before and were presented at the meeting. The clerk asked that these are given consideration as it will be necessary to set the 2015/2016 Precept at the next meeting.

**New Model Financial Regulations** – notification has been received of the requirement to approve new Financial Regulations. A copy of the new model from NALC had been

received and had been circulated to each member prior to the meeting and it was agreed to approve and adopt the suggested model.

**Accounts payable** - invoices received and approved for payment from:

Antony Abbs	verge cutting	
Invoices 814 and 816		£400.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	audit fee	£36.00

**Correspondence** - Huntingdonshire District Council  
*Landscape Officer & Tree Warden co-ordinator* - invitation to participate in the Parish Tree Planting Scheme. Messrs. Baker and Thomason are to check areas for planting and complete and submit the application forms.

*Team Leader (Systems & Review), Local Taxation*  
Request for total precept requirement and should include the sum of £750 to cover the cost of a scheduled election should it go to poll.

*Clerk to the Council* -notification that the first meeting of a Local Joint Committee is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in the District Council offices.

*Dr Brian Davis* Letter received from regarding the hedgerow maintenance along Stonely Road. Mr Baker had mentioned this to Mr Michael Picton but as it had been carried out in such a destructive manner it was agreed a letter should be sent to Mr Picton. Mr Thomason agreed to draft a letter and circulate to councillors prior to sending to Mr Picton.

*Cambridge & Peterborough Association of Local Councils – CAPALC*  
Date of AGM 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Histon & Impington Recreation facility

Mr Baker suggested an additional cut should be made to the verges; he and Mr Thomason are to look to see if this is necessary

**Matters for next meeting:** - renovation of War Memorial  
tree planting  
Woolley Hill Wind Farm  
Precept 2015/2016

**Date and time of next meeting** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 8pm