

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting, advertised to be held on 11th December 2014 in St Peter's Church, Easton adjourned to Glebe Cottage at the invitation of Mr Nixon. No members of the public were present.

Apologies for absence: received from Clive Wood. Members present Mike Baker (chair) Richard Burton, Charles Nixon 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 23rd October 2014 were read, approved and signed as a correct record. The minutes of the July meeting are still awaited as Mr Wood was not present

Matters arising: Hartham Street - Mr Carroll had advised Mr Thomason that any further necessary work will be commenced once the seasonal closure is in effect.

War Memorial - it is hoped Mr Wood will be able to provide information on this at the next meeting.

Tree planting - Messrs. Baker and Thomason had checked around the village for suitable planting sites and submitted the application. It was also agreed to plant additional hawthorn hedging around the playing field.

Hedgerow maintenance - Stoneley Road. Following the letter received from Dr Brian Davis and discussed at the last meeting Mr Thomason had circulated the drafted a letter to be sent to Mr Picton as the work carried out had been particularly destructive to the trees in the hedgerow. It was agreed that rather than write it would be preferable for Steve Thomason and Mike Baker to speak to Michael Picton and minute the conversation.

Parish Paths Partnership network meeting – Steve Thomason and the clerk had attended this meeting on 29th October at Brampton. Organised by Kate Day and Simeon Carroll of the County Council Local Infrastructure & Street Management. Mr Thomason reported that he understood that the work in Hartham Street had recently been completed. If further improvement work is required this will be finished later after the ground has settled. He had spoken to both Kate Day and Simeon Carroll about the possibility of additional and/or permanent closure to vehicular traffic and was advised this may be a future consideration. With regard to the proposed new bridleway between Magpie Crossing and Grafham Water the consultation period on this is ending and once and if approved the record added to the definitive map.

Precept 2015/2016 the accounts to date had again been circulated to enable prior consideration to be given. The receipts and expenditure to date and anticipated expenses to the end of the financial year were discussed and considered. It was proposed and agreed that the Precept for 2015/2016 in the sum of £4,000.00 be requested.

Woolley Hill Windfarm Mr Baker reported he had attended the inaugural meeting held on 24th November as the panel representative to consider grant requests for funding from the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund. This is to cover the seven local villages and funding is estimated at twenty thousand pounds per year and to run for 25 years. The next meeting is due to be held on 13/04/2015. Chris Saunders had expressed an interest in being the parish council representative and Mr Baker said he would speak to him to thank him for his offer.

Cherry Orchard Lane Mr Thomason reported he had received an email from Simeon Carroll, Rights of Way Officer, Local Infrastructure & Street Management requesting the view of the Parish Council on the resurfacing of the entrance of Cherry Orchard Lane which is in very bad condition. It was agreed that the condition should be checked and reported on at the next meeting. Village opinion would be canvassed to find a way forward on this.

Accounts payable: invoices received from, approved and cheques drawn in settlement

Easton PCC	hire of room x 3	£150.00
Derek Jolly	playing field grass cutting	£720.00

Mr Nixon asked if the Parish Council held any government consuls as he understood a buy back has been announced. The clerk reported these at £21.01

Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council

Elections & Democratic Services Manager copy of updated electoral register

Sports Development Officer (Health), Sport and Active Lifestyles Team

Details of 9 free walks a week throughout the district

Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport

Contact details to promote the organisation. Mr Baker said he would speak and discuss possible arrangement for visit Parish Council

Cambridgeshire County Council

Communications & Engagement Officer

Request for details to update contact information for Cambridgeshire County Council Transport Consultations.

Children, Families and Adults Services

Adult Safeguarding & Mental Capacity Act newsletter circulated on behalf of the Adult Safeguarding Team.

Business Development Co-ordinator

Information on fund for 'innovative joint projects', where at least two organizations work together to benefit children and young people.

Review Officer

Notification of commencement of the local government boundary commission for England electoral review for Cambridge. The consultation ends 19/01/2015.

Communitith & Businss Support Office

advising next year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of world war II and offering help advertising events.

Other matters notification from Simeon Carroll that he had been in contact with Mr Picton with regard to a locked wire across the entrance to footpath no.5 which runs south of the Stonely Road out of the village and before Hartham Street. Mr Carroll understood that the installation of a gate is proposed and he had sent Mr Picton an authorisation form and advised him to consult the Parish Council.

Date and time of next meeting Thursday, 22nd January 2015

The chairman thanked Mr Nixon for his very kind hospitality and closed the meeting at 9:50pm