

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 6th August 2015 in St Peter's Church, Easton commencing at 8.00pm

Apologies: none, all members i.e. Michael Baker, chair, Richard Burton, Stephen Thomason, Philip Trussell and Clive Wood present

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 declared.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 25th June were read and required an amendment to item Easton United Charities. Deleted 'appoint the new trustees' inserted 'explain the organisation and objectives of the Charities'. The minutes were then approved and signed.

Matters arising: *Stonely Road* – Steve Thomason reported he has written as agreed at the last meeting but had not received a reply.

Cherry Orchard Lane – the clerk reported the letter regarding the surface work and bollards had been sent to the Rights of Way Officer who had acknowledged its receipt and would be replying as soon as possible. It was reported that the original entrance to West Farm is now being closed and Mr Purser is using Cherry Orchard Lane as the main entrance to the property. It was agreed a further letter should be sent to the Rights of Way Officer advising of this and asking if this is permissible.

Hartham Street - The Rights of Way Officer had advised that whilst work had been completed the ground is still very soft due to recent heavy rainfall and he had arranged for the route to be closed until the seasonal closure starts on 1st October. Effectively Hartham Street will remain closed until 30th April 2016.

Playing field: *inside field hedges* - the field grass cutting contractor had reported and requested that the inside hedging is cut back. Mr Baker is to check these and will try to arrange this work with his volunteers.

Planning Application: 15/1110/Tree, Blenheim Cottage – felling and removal of Willow Tree – no objections
15/01163/FUL no. 1 Easton Road
erection of dwelling and double garage. The plans were inspected but no block plan had been included and it was therefore not able to establish the position of the building on the site. The clerk to contact Huntingdonshire District Council for this and it was considered there was insufficient information to enable a conclusive opinion. It was agreed the councillors needed to look at the site and then consider the application which requires submission by 20/08/2015

Traffic Calming: Mr Trussell said he would be registering to attend the open day at the Highways Depot on 1st September and would make further enquiries.

Local Government Transparency Code: new website – Mr Thomason said he would ask Mrs Hyde to include details of this in the next village newsletter. Web address is: www.easton.btck.co.uk

Freedom of Information Act: it was agreed this would be updated giving the latest information and after updating be included with the other Parish Council policies on the new website.

Accounts: bank mandate – Barclays Bank plc had sent requests for further/up to date personal information for Clive Wood and Michael Baker. The clerk had passed these on for completion.

Barclays Bank had requested written confirmation from the Parish Council authorising them to release information to the clerk. A letter to Barclays Bank plc requesting this was signed by the three current signatories

HM Treasury Bonds - having completed and submitted the documentation for the redemption of the consolidated stock the clerk reported the £21.01 had been received and banked.

Cambridgeshire County Council the claim for the contribution towards verge cutting in the sum of £130.71 had been submitted and will be paid direct to the bank account.

The clerk had contacted CAPALC with regard to publishing the accounts on the website by 1st July as these have not yet been returned from the auditors, but had received no reply.

accounts payable:

St Peter's Church	inv. 28 hire of Church	£100.00
(hire of meeting rooms s.135)		

Four Seasons Landscaping:	inv.891 verge cutting	£200.00
(Highways Act 1980 s.11)		

Richard Burton	inv hedge cutting playing field	£40.00
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Correspondence: Mr Trussell had completed and handed his declaration of financial and other interests to be submitted to Huntingdonshire District Council. A declaration of no change of interest was made by the other councillors

Huntingdonshire District Council

Tree Warden Co-ordinator, Tree & Landscape Section, Planning Services
Details of tree management courses at Shuttleworth College

Cambridgeshire County Council

Business Support Assistant, Local Infrastructure & Street Manager

Cambridgeshire County Council details received and forwarded in advance to each councillor of a highways open day to be held in Huntingdon on 1st September.

Network Manager, Local Infrastructure & Street Manager

Notification of a two year contract awarded with third year on performance for public rights of way cuts. First and second cuts June and August and optional third in October. Requested to be advised www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults if works not completed by end of October. Next year cuts are May, July and September/October.

District Highway Manager. Local Infrastructure & Street Manager

email introducing Jo Challis as new Highway Manager, leading a team of five local Highway Officers, two Highway Inspectors and a Rights of Way Officer for the whole of Huntingdonshire

Neighbourhood Watch email from Brian Davis, co-ordinator for the neighbourhood watch of local crimes in the village and surrounding area.

Local Government Boundary Commission copy of letter to Cambridgeshire County Council advising dates of public consultation on draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council.

email received from Jim White, District Councillor for Ellington ward requesting date of Parish Council meeting. He had been advised of this date but was unable to attend.

Matters for next meeting: planning application 15/01163/FUL
no. 1 Easton Road erection of dwelling and double garage. In order to meet the date for the submission of comments it was decided an additional Parish Council meeting should be held.

Mr Burton has received invoice from Fenland Leisure for supply and installation of swing.

Date and time of next meeting: 12th August 2015 at 7.30pm
to discuss planning application 15/01163/FUL
and 1st October 2015 at 8.00pm

Chairman closed meeting at 9.22pm

Mike Ball 16.09.15