

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 1st October 2015 at 8.00pm in St Peter's Church, Easton. Two members of the public were present.

Apologies: none, all members present, chair- M Baker

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. Mr Baker declared an interest in the item regarding the nomination of the Easton United Charities Trustees

Minutes: the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September were read, approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

As the members of the public had expressed an interest in the agenda item of the nomination of the Trustees for Easton United Charities the chairman suggested taking this first for their convenience.

Easton United Charities - nomination of 2 Trustees

Following the open meeting of the Trustees of the Easton United Charities held on 3rd September 2015 the Parish Council had circulated further details and nomination forms had been delivered to every house in the village. As Mr Baker is chairman of the Easton United Charities and had already declared an interest in this agenda item, he remained in the meeting room and the other four Parish Councillors withdrew to consider the nominations. Five nomination forms had been completed and returned from Messrs. David Charlton, Alisdair Graham, David Hyde, John Maith, and Christopher Saunders. Following their deliberations the councillors returned to the meeting room and reported that the two nominated Trustees would be David Charlton and John Maith. The clerk was instructed to write to these two people advising them of the nominations; and the remaining three persons, who included Alisdair Graham who should be thanked for acting as a nominated person over the previous years who had not been nominated. Also to Mrs Bavington who had acted as a nominated Trustee but who had not stood for re-nomination. The visitors left the meeting after this and the chairman recommenced the meeting with the agenda.

Matters arising: *bank Mandates* - Mr Wood again asked whether Barclays Bank had sent any confirmation with regard to the additional forms submitted and the clerk reported nothing had been received.

Payphone, Easton Road - BT had advised the repair will be carried out as soon as possible.

Stonely Road - gate and footpath - no further information has been received

Traffic Calming: Mr Trussell had been meeting with Scott Parsons from the Huntingdonshire District Council who had been advising on the various different speed reduction measures available and suitable for Easton Road. Mr Trussell and others had met Mr Parsons as arranged on 22/09/15 and the site survey had been carried out. Having researched the various different types Mr Trussell gave a brief resume; following a general discussion it was concluded that the flashing vergeside road sign which was the type originally intended, would be too intrusive and

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unsuitable for this rural location. It was decided that improved road and verge signage would be preferable. Mr Trussell agreed to complete and submit the application form in support of the funding for this under the County Council 2016/17 Local Highway Improvement Initiative. As the Parish Council is expected to contribute towards the cost it was agreed that £1,000.00 would be offered.

Woolley Hill Wind Farm Funding: Mr Burton had made enquiries from medical professional persons in the village with regard to the usefulness of a defibrillator and although opinions varied it was considered worthwhile. The initial cost is in the region of £1,200.00 and Mr Wood agreed to submit the application to request funding for two thirds of this. The remainder being forthcoming from the Parish Council and other voluntary groups in the village.

Accounts: *year ending 31/03/2015* PKF Littlejohn LLP had confirmed the completion of the audit. The Annual Return has been approved and certified by PKF Littlejohn LLP, the external auditors, no qualifying remarks having been made. As no queries had been raised or corrections required to the accounts there is no charge for this year. The notice, as required, advertising the conclusion of the audit had been posted on the notice board.

Accounts: *half year to date -* the clerk reported the receipts and expenditure accounts for the year to 30/09/2015. The bank balance is £8,525.15 as at 30/09/2105. Known expenses of £1,900.00 will become due to the year end, covering election charges, verge cutting, clerk's expenses and playing field cutting. Councillors were reminded that the submission of the precept for 2016/2017 will shortly be due.

Accounts payable: payments for the following invoices were approved and cheques drawn

Huntingdonshire District Council	
electoral services May 2015	£752.11
Mrs A Beer	
clerk's expenses	£11.19

Barclays Bank - servicing authority - at the meeting held on 6th August a letter, at the request of Barclays Bank plc, had been signed by the three signatories, as per the bank mandate, authorising the bank to release bank account information to the clerk. Since then the Bank, having changed its procedures, now advised the Parish Council this is not acceptable and had forwarded a form for completion. This was signed by Mr Baker and Mr Wood.

Contact details of Parish Councillors - for next meeting.

Correspondence:

Huntingdonshire District Council *Finance Department*

Notification of 18/12/15 being the submission date of the Precept 2016/2017.

Executive Member for Operations & Environment

In response to the original request for details of ownership and maintenance of public land in the parish which could not be completed because there was no information as

stated in the letter, the clerk had asked for this and had been advised that none is available.

Tree Warden Co-ordinator

email explaining tree planting scheme with forms requiring completion if the Parish wishes to take part. It was decided no trees are required this year.

Electoral Services Assistant

Current amendment to Electoral Register

Cambridgeshire County Council

Network Manager, Local Infrastructure & Street Manager

Reply listing the footpaths scheduled for inclusion in the 2015 schedule

Footpaths: 1,3,4,6 and 9. Byways 7 and 11

Alconbury & Ellington Internal Drainage Board - Director of Operations

Letter advising of watercourse maintenance programme 2015/2016

NHS - Cambridge & Peterborough

Senior Regional Public Engagement & Involvement Officer

Request for any information from the public prior to the Care Quality Commission inspection of Hinchingsbrooke Healthcare NHS Trust in October

Letters from

Easton United Charities - George Harwell

Information regarding the duties of Trustees.

Mr Graham Goodwill, a Barrister at Law, having been instructed by John Jolly requested copies of the Minutes for the past 15 years in which the Parish Council has appointed Trustees to the United Charities. The clerk had contacted CAPALC who had advised contacting the National Association for further information on supplying this through the Freedom of Information Act. The Parish Council has twenty days in which to supply the information or advise the applicant why this can not be provided. Whilst discussing this Mr Baker advised that he hoped an agreement had been reached between the United Charities and Mr Jolly. Mr Wood confirmed he had heard this and he thought the information would not now be required. It was decided to reply to Mr Goodwill stating this.

Alasdair Graham requesting copies of any information, regarding the Easton United Charities, if requested by and supplied to Graham Goodwill, Katherine Yates or John Jolly.

CAPALC - notification of Clerks & Councillors Annual Catch UP day to be held in Bluntisham Village Hall on 02/10/2015

Matters for the next meeting: Parish Councillor contact details.

Date and time of next meeting: 12th November 2015

Meeting closed at 9:50pm

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