

Easton Parish Council

A meeting was advertised and held on 12th November 2015 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

Apologies: Mr R Burton for late arrival, all other members present; chair - Mr Mike 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. None declared.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st October 2015 were read, approved and signed as correct.

Matters arising: Barclays Bank - the Servicing Authority form had been returned to Barclays, who had neither acknowledged receipt nor carried out the request.

Huntingdonshire District Council - request for ownership and maintenance of public land in the parish, Mr Baker is preparing to complete this.

Mr Graham Goodwill - The clerk had sent the reply to Mr Graham Goodwill as discussed and after some time Mr Goodwill had stated he no longer required the requested information.

Parish Councillor - contact details were completed for councillors use.

Trustee Nominations – Easton United Charities: As instructed, the clerk had written to the two persons nominated to be the new Trustees, David Charlton and John Maith, and both had now accepted the nomination.

Local Highway Initiative 2016/2017 - Funding application. Mr Trussell reported he had submitted the application to the County Council who will advise when a decision is made.

Woolley Hill Wind Farm Funding application - Mr Wood had submitted the application for the defibrillator; Mr Baker who had attended the meeting held earlier this evening to discuss the various applications from the local villages, reported that this had not been approved.

Maintenance: Village pump - Mr Thomason reported some of the wood fencing is rotting and is to cost the expense of the materials required to make good the fence. He suggested asking Mr Messenger for a quotation to carry out the work.

Notice board - Mr Baker said he would remove the small tree which has grown beside the notice board.

Verge cutting - Mr Baker suggested the contractor be asked to carry out an additional cut as due to the mild and wet weather grass has continued to grow. This was agreed and the clerk was asked to make the arrangement.

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CAPALC - Transparency Code Funding - some information on the funding now becoming available to contribute towards the costs incurred complying with the Transparency Code. Ian Dewar of CAPALC had suggested submitting a claim of up to £300 toward as the cost of a laptop computer and the clerk had prepared a schedule of such computers, with the specification which would meet the needs of the Parish Council. It was thought that a budget figure of £400 would procure a reasonable laptop with the Parish Council paying any difference between the funding acquired and the actual amount paid. Mr Wood said that the magazine 'Which' should be checked for 'best buys' before any claim was submitted.

Accounts payable: the following invoices were presented for payment, approved and cheques drawn

Easton Parochial Church Council	hire of room invoices: 32,33 &34	£150.00
	(hire of meeting rooms s.135)	
Four Seasons Landscaping	verge cutting Invoice 906	£200.00
	(Highways Act 1980 s.11)	

Precept 2016/2017 the receipts and expenditure account was presented, with the expected costs to the year end discussed with a view to agreeing to set the precept at the next Parish Council meeting in time to meet the submission date. The councillors were asked to consider any other expenditure or village project required to be included.

Correspondence:

Alasdair Graham letter querying the public attendance at a Parish Council meeting. The clerk had already replied stating the public is entitled to attend any Parish Council meeting and this is stated on every agenda.

Ms Marie Cuisick advising an application is being made for the closure of Stonely Road at the beginning of January to facilitate drainage connection to The Timbers.

Huntingdonshire District Council

Planning Department - Implementation Team Manager
Guidance note on Community Infrastructure Levy
Returning Officer HDC elections change of number of years
Currently the Council holds 'elections by thirds'; elections are held for 17 or 18 seats each year for three successive years out of four. Under the Localism Act 2011, the Council has the power to change its electoral arrangements to 'whole council elections', meaning that all seats on the Council would be elected at the same time, once every four years. Consultation running – 4/12/15

Business Development Manager (Operations Division)
Request for information on parking contraventions in the parish
Call Centre Manager notification of reduction of call centre hours

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Cambridgeshire County Council

Local Infrastructure & Street Management – local gritting scheme details for volunteers.

Cambridgeshire Budget consultations – poster and details of consultation currently running 2016/17 budget cuts

Tour of Cambridgeshire preliminary information for 2016 tour
Flood & Water Team information on leaflets to be downloaded regarding riparian ownership and for further information see Cambridgeshire's local flood risk management strategy.

Consultant in Public Health offer of winter health information packs
Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Training and Development Manager newsletter

Community Engagement Team leaflet Cambridgeshire Timebanking
Review Officer Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire

Cambridge Consultation extended to 09/02/2016

Strategic Marketing & Communications Manager news for Parish Councils

Wings for Life world run details of Cambridgeshire road closures 08/05/16

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group meeting 24/11/15

Wood Green and Uniting Care bulletin

Engagement team - reminder public consultation on the future model for Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) closes 19/11/2015

Cambridge & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group - request to publicise NHS services other than A&E – notice requested to be included in the newsletter.

Hunts Forum - AGM Wood Green 19/11/15

Matters for next meeting - War Memorial estimates and quotations are still being obtained from stone masons and are being reviewed by the Easton Social & Fund Raising committee. Mr ^{Wood}~~Baker~~ reported he had spoken to a local undertaker who would also carry out a survey and submit a quotation. John Hill had submitted an invoice from The Royal British Legion for a Remembrance Day Poppy wreath with a request for the Parish Council to pay this.

Brian Davis had written to Mr Trussell regarding keeping the brook clear to enable free flow of water and suggesting better clearance of the pipes under the road by Ford Cottage. Mr Trussell is to check whether the pipes are blocked in any way and if any improvement or preventive work could be carried out to prevent the area flooding.

The clerk reported new verge and playing field cutting contracts would be due from the 2016 season and was advised these are not yet due for renewal.

Date and time of next meeting: 10th December 2015 - Mr Wood reported that ex councillor Charles Nixon had previously offered his premises for the December meeting. Mr Wood is to check whether this offer is still open and make the arrangement. The chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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