

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was advertised and held on 3rd March 2016 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

Apologies: Philip Trussell and Clive Wood.
Members present: Richard Burton, Stephen Thomason, Chair 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 meeting held on 14th January 2016 were read, approved and signed as correct.

Matters arising: Drainage, Church Road: Mr Baker reported that his invitation to the meeting of the Alconbury & Ellington Internal Drainage board had been withdrawn, but it had been arranged for him to attend the next meeting when the brook in Church Road would be discussed. In particular the letter from Brian Davis regarding the level of flood risk for the area.

Notice Board: Mr Baker reported that he had trimmed the lower branches which would make it easier to open the door of the notice board.

Environmental Maintenance Requests: Mr Thomason and Mr Baker had not been able to complete this having no information to start with. It was agreed that the HDC should be advised that it is considered the request is ambiguous and asking for further information.

Repairs to Village pump: Mr Wood, not at meeting

CAPALC Transparency Code Funding: notification had been received that the bid for funding had been successful and a grant of £389.94 will be paid. Having already checked various specifications it was agreed that the clerk would purchase a laptop computer once the funds have been received.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party: Mr Burton had requested details after the last meeting and had submitted his nomination.

Highways Initiative – traffic calming: Mr Trussell had forwarded a report regarding the application he had submitted as having been approved. This is to improve signage at either end of the village and also road mark 30 mph roundels. At a total cost of around £4,700 contribution of £1,000 had been agreed

Planning Application: 16/00220/FUL proposed erection of dwelling and double garage land south 1 Easton Road.
The plans were considered and no objections raised. This decision to be submitted to the District Council

Village Verge Cutting Contract 2016-2018 Tenders had been sent and quotations requested from HDC Grounds Maintenance & Street Cleaning Team, Mr Derek Jolly and Four Seasons Landscaping.

Mike Baker 6/04/16

Quotations received as follows:

HDC Grounds Maintenance	2016	£1,642.81 pa
	2017	£1,659.24 pa
	2018	£1,684.13 pa
D P Jolly	No quotation	
Four Seasons Landscaping	2016-2018	£1,260.00 pa

After consideration, it was unanimously agreed that the clerk be instructed to offer the contract to Four Seasons Landscaping.

Goosey Close Field cutting Contract 2016-2018

Tenders had been sent and quotations requested from HDC Grounds Maintenance & Street Cleaning Team, Mr Derek Jolly and Four Seasons Landscaping.

The following quotations were received:

HDC Grounds Maintenance	No quotation	
DP Jolly	2016-2018	£60.00 per cut
Four Seasons Landscaping	2016-2018	£80.00 per cut

After consideration, it was unanimously agreed that the clerk be instructed to offer the contract to Mr Derek Jolly.

Playing Field - repair of climbing frame. Mr Burton had contacted Fenland Leisure Products Ltd and had been advised that as this is existing equipment repair is permitted and he had received a detailed quotation for the necessary work in the sum of £742.67 excluding VAT. This was discussed and it was agreed that Mr Burton should ask Fenland for a discount on the price quoted or ask Fenland to include carrying out the annual inspection of the equipment in the playing field for this amount. If agreed, Mr Burton would place an order with Fenland to carry out the work before the year end.

- hedge maintenance Mr Thomason and Mr Baker had cleared the edges around the field.

- seat painting the seat had been checked and Mr Thomason will clean and coat with metal paint.

Church Yard - War Memorial renovation Mr Wood not present.
- seat maintenance to be inspected

Accounts: invoices received and payment approved for Parochial Church Council

hire of room (hire of meeting rooms s.135) £50.00

contribution to costs of expenses of village newsletter. £26.52

The PCC had requested a half share contribution to the costs on an annual basis.

Consideration was given to this and payment of the invoice was agreed on this occasion but to advise the PCC this has not been approved as an annual payment at this time.

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Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council

One Leisure Active Lifestyles Manager

draft Strategy to be presented to the Executive Cabinet. No facilities in this area.

Senior Planning Policy Officer

Invitation to Huntingdonshire neighbourhood planning workshop, Tuesday, 15th March at Pathfinder House in Huntingdon.

Electoral Services Assistant

Changes to electoral register 02/2016

Executive Member for Operations & Environment

Notification that following a 'Litter bin audit' to identify the HDC owned bins which will continue to be emptied by the HDC and any others which HDC would be prepared to empty at a cost. The bin owned by the Parish Council, by the bus shelter would be charged at £252.64 per annum. It was decided that this is excessive and the clerk was instructed to reject the offer.

Executive Councillor for Operations & Environment

Offer of advice for Keep Britain Tidy 'Clean for the Queen' campaign

Information about business support workshops South Cambs & Huntingdonshire DC

Review Officer

William.morrison@lgbce.org.uk

Electoral Review of Huntingdonshire closing 16/4/16 followed by consultation on recommendations.

Barclays Bank plc customer services investigation continuing.

Cambridgeshire County Council

A proposed covenant between local communities and commercial vehicle operators to reduce noise, pollution and increase safety is being supported by the county council.

Infrastructure and Street Management

Proposal to remove funding for school crossing patrols has been defeated although the efficiency of the service is to be checked.

Reminder details of tour of Cambridgeshire cycle event road closures.

Cambridgeshire future transport CFT Community Engagement Officer

Bus services - no decision yet on the new contract, details will be confirmed when this is awarded which is expected to be the first week in May.

The Campaign company

advice of intention to recruit local people to

publicise free NHS Health checks

Cambridgeshire Community Reach Fund - Huntingdonshire

New funding to support families with special educational needs or disability.

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HACT letter from the manager, Jo Philpott, offering to visit to promote the service

Hunts forum Cyber Crime Conference which is to be held on 10th March 2016.

HBKA Apiary Manager advising of help available should bee swarms be a problem and advertising the viewing gallery in Hinchingsbrooke Country Park, open Sunday afternoons from April to September.

Community road watch requesting information on a fact finding freedom of information issue.

Highways England Ltd A14 Huntingdon – Cambridge forum

Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner - newsletter

CAPALC

Buckingham Palace – CAPALC nominations made and the two persons notified.
Draft AGM minutes 10/12/15
Good councillor guide (68 pages)

Business Support Assistant Huntingdonshire Older People's Team

Request for information on facilities, activities and clubs are available in the area and if there is a local newsletter

Councillor Simon Bywater key issues – local services

Luminus Group Link to provide feedback for survey closing 11th March

Anglian Water Pollution Prevention Manager

campaign Anglian Water are launching called "Pollution Watch" to ensure sewage pollution incidents are reported and dealt with quickly and minimise the impact to the environment.

Cambridgeshire Community Fair 7 June 2016, Burgess Hall, St Ives

Rights of Way and Byways Course to be held Monday 11th, in St Neots costing £25.00 details already circulated to councillors. Mr Baker agreed to attend.

Balfour Beatty request to complete questionnaire on the upgraded street lighting programme being carried out throughout the county. Mr Baker to pass to Mr Trussell as he is the councillor in the vicinity of the only street light.

Commemorative Medal 90th birthday HM Queen Elizabeth II – Mr Baker felt sufficient should be purchased to distribute to each household; agreed to be confirmed at next meeting.

Matters for next meeting Parish Meeting 31st March, the clerk to request reports from the chair of the Trustees of the United Charities and Brian Davis, Neighbourhood Watch

Meeting closed: 9.55pm

Mr Baker 6/04/16