

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was advertised and held following the Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2016. The meeting was opened at 8.30pm by Michael Baker

Apologies for absence: received from Clive Wood, all other members, i.e. Richard Burton, Stephen Thomason and Philip Trussell were present with Michael Baker in the chair.

Declaration of financial or personal interest: to receive 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 Parish Council meeting held on 6th April 2016 were read, approved and signed as correct.

Matters arising: Ownership & Maintenance of public land - Mr Thomason reported he had completed this and it is now to be submitted to the Performance Review Officer at Huntingdonshire District Council.

Verge Cutting acceptance of the contract has now been received from Four Seasons Landscaping

Highways Initiative the design for the signage for the speed restriction proposal by the Highways Department of the Cambridgeshire County Council was presented by Mr Trussell. This comprises of kerbing, gates on the verges on both sides of Stonely Road and one side on Easton Road and 30 mph road markings. Mr Burton asked Mr Trussell to check to ensure enough width for agricultural machinery and the permitted signage on the gate.

Playing Field: Mr Burton reported the repair of the high bar climbing frame has been carried out satisfactorily. He has been advised the 'Burmah Bridge' has been dismantled by the contractor as this is considered this unsafe.

HM Queen 90th birthday the Commemorative Medals ordered have been received. Mr Baker has researched the names and ages of those in the village under 21 years who will each receive one.

War Memorial renovation. A reply is awaited from the Parochial Church Council as to whether a faculty from the Diocese is required. Easton & Cook, the stonemasons had been advised.

Mr Burton reported he had spoken to the people at Magpie Farm who had said the dogs were undergoing training and this would be monitored.

Freedom of Information request a request has been received from Mr Graham Goodwill asking for the minutes of the Parish Council for the past fifteen years. The association (CAPALC) had been consulted and the opinion received was that the Parish Council should reply advising Mr Goodwill photocopies could be provided but the term

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of a council is four years and at the end of each term councillors lose their seats and only the current term is relevant relating to claims against individual members. It was agreed to reply as suggested. No reply had been received from Mr Goodwill.

Proposed Caravan Club site an acknowledgement from the Caravan Club had been received to the letter sent from the Parish Council which had highlighted the traffic problems envisaged.

Drainage Mr Baker had spoken to those people with properties which appeared to have problems impeding the flow of water in the village drains and ditches. Further investigation and remedial work is to be carried out in The Lane and Stonely Road. Alisdair Graham had checked the drain from the playing field to the ditch which appeared to be clear, but he considered the foundations for the new swing may have damaged the drainage pipe. Further checks are required. Mr Burton had received an email from Ed Sloper querying the clearance of the brook through the village as the water flow in the Crown Cottage area did not appear to be running freely.

Tree Survey Mr Baker reported that the District Council advised an independent contractor should carry out this work and he is to obtain further information on price and specification.

Planning Application 16/00220/FUL land south of 1 Easton Road – amendment proposed erection of dwelling the applicant had provided drawings for this in the absence of any from the District Council. The plans were inspected and discussed. It was agreed that as a ‘no observations for or against’ had been submitted for the application on 03/03/2016 the submission for the amendment should be that ‘the Parish Council had no objections and had not received any regarding this amendment’

accounts year end 31/3/2016

the clerk reported the accounts for the year had been taken to Martin Buckley to carry out the internal audit. These had been signed and returned for submission to the external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP.

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

Easton Parochial Church Council	room hire	
	2 meetings	£100.00
CAPALC	affiliation fee	£119.00
Tower Mint	purchase 50 medal	£128.40
Martin Buckley	internal audit fee	£30.00

Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council:

Accounts payable remittance advice of Precept for 2016/2017

Elections & Democratic Services Manager statement of nominated persons for forthcoming election of Police and Crime Commissioner

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Consultation HDC
a Neighbourhood Area

The Stukeleys Parish Council application for designation of

Senior Planning Officer

updated Neighbourhood & Planning Guide

Cambridgeshire County Council

Asset Systems Manager
introduced

- notification of replacement Highways Reporting site to be

Local infrastructure & Street Management – risk assessment form for Parish Councils
cutting their own grass

Communications Officer
Capacity Act newsletter

Spring 2016 issue of the Safeguarding Adults & Mental

Transforming Lives briefing

Review Officer

notification of six week public consultation on Local
Government Boundary Commission's new draft recommendations on new electoral
division boundaries across Cambridgeshire County Council

Strategic Marketing & Communications Manager
and meetings

issue 4 Parish News – various events

Highways England Company Limited

Communications & Engagement Officer

A14 communications material available

Director of Complex Infrastructure Programme

letter advising development consent

3C Shared Services

update on the legal shared services between Cambridgeshire
County, South Cambs and Huntingdonshire District Councils

Anglian Water Services Ltd asking for any photographs for the past 50 years which
could be used to commemorate the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to Grafham Water.

Charles Nixon reported a fallen tree on a footpath to Spaldwick

Matters for next meeting

Drainage
Tree survey

Date and time of next meeting:

30th June 2016

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended and closed the meeting

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