

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in St Peter's Church, Easton at 8.00pm

**Apologies:** Richard Burton anticipated late arrival

**Members Present:** Michael Baker – chair, Stephen Thomason, Philip Trussell and Clive Wood

**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 received.

**Minutes:** the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May were read, approved and signed as correct.

**Matters arising:** Highway Initiative - Mr Trussell reported the width and signage on the gates had been confirmed and expected work would commence in the near future.

HM Queen 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Commemorative Medal - Mr Baker reported he has almost completed the list of children in the village who will be entitled to receive one each.

Playing field equipment - Mr Burton reported the inspection report had been received from Fenland Leisure and since the inspection date any work recommended had been carried out. Mr Thomason reported he had completed the cleaning and painting of the seat.

War Memorial renovation - Mr Wood confirmed the report from the clerk that he and Mrs Davis are checking the necessity and are awaiting a reply from the Diocese regarding a faculty.

**Freedom of Information request:** The clerk reported Mr Goodwill has confirmed that he does require the copies of the minutes and suggested that initially copies of the last four years should be provided as recommended by CAPALC. This was discussed as it is considered extremely wasteful but other than that provision will have to be made for Mr Goodwill to attend to read through the minutes and advise which pages are required. This will necessitate: hire of room, one or two persons to invigilate and provision of copies required. Following further consideration when mention was made that it is understood that the original dispute between the Easton United Trustees and one of their tenants has been resolved it was suggested that an approach be made to the applicants to ascertain whether these copies are still required. Mr Wood offered to undertake this.

**Village Drainage:** an enquiry had been received regarding the maintenance carried out by the Internal Drainage Board on the Alconbury Brook through the village. Mr Baker confirmed he had attended the last meeting of the Internal Drainage Board. The concern is by Crown Cottage which if not running freely could affect the Grange Croft properties. Mr Burton had advised Mr Sloper of the years the flailing had been carried out by the Drainage Board. Mr Baker had checked this area and is investigating the free flow of the drains in Stonely Road. There is a drain each side of Stonely Road and the one on

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the west side has been filled in on the corner of Grange Croft where it is possible this should run under the road to the Alconbury Brook by Crown Cottage. Mr Burton said he thought it would be possible to make a trial excavation to see if there is a pipe. He and Mr Thomason would undertake this.

**Tree Survey:** Mr Baker is arranging a quotation for a survey to be carried out.

**Accounts:** year ending 31/3/2016 have been submitted to the Auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP and the year-end audit notice has been advertised.

year end to 30/06/2016. The clerk had prepared draft accounts to 30/6/2016 and reported the current balance at £8,977.87 which includes the 2016/2017 precept of £4,000.00 and £100.00 compensation from Barclays Bank plc but excluding any estimated payments of £3,500.00 due.

Accounts payable: invoices received for approval and payment

Four Seasons	£400.00	verge cutting May and June (Highways Act 1980 s.11) approved
Easton Parochial Church Council	£100.00	room hire May and June (hire of meeting rooms s.135) approved
Shopohive (S Thomason)	£19.42	metal paint approved
Business Services at CAS Ltd	£215.11	renewal Insurance premium approved

with regard to the renewal of the insurance premium the clerk confirmed advice had been made to the insurance company that a new replacement swing for the playing field and a new laptop computer had been purchased. The clerk was asked to enquire whether there is any cover for the defibrillator.

Request from Cambridgeshire County Council for submission of invoice for £130.71 for contribution towards verge cutting for 2016.

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Development Manager (Environmental Services) - schedule of 2<sup>nd</sup> weed treatment of adopted highways

Electoral Registration Assistant - alteration to electoral roll

*Hunts Forum* newsletter

*Cambridgeshire County Council*

Cambridge Future Transport – new timetable for local service from Spaldwick and route for Easton Monday-Friday to Huntingdon at 10.58 and 14.00 return. Forwarded to Mrs Hyde for the newsletter

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Transport & Infrastructure Policy & Funding - notification that the updated Rights of Way Improvement Plan has been adopted.  
[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20006/travel\\_roads\\_and\\_parking/66/transport\\_plans\\_and\\_policies](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20006/travel_roads_and_parking/66/transport_plans_and_policies)

Local Infrastructure & Street Management - Highways Open Days – Huntingdon  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Children Families & Adult Information Team - information for carers, passed to Mrs Hyde for the news letter

Simon Bywater – County Councillor Sawtry & Ellington Ward – news briefing

CAPALC - annual catch up day for councillors at £30.00 each

Local Government Review - draft recommendations on future electoral arrangements for Huntingdonshire District Council.

Matters for next meeting - the clerk was asked to ascertain whether HDC has any planning applications due for consideration.

Village drainage, Trees

Date and time of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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