

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was advertised and held on Thursday, 11th August, 2016 in St Peter's Church, Easton at 8.00pm

Apologies: none

Members Present: Michael Baker – chair, Richard Burton, 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 – Mike Baker regarding the renewal of the lease for the Playing Field and the Freedom of Information request.

Minutes: the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 30th June 2016 were read, approved and signed as correct.

Matters arising: Highway Initiative - Mr Trussell reported the County Council had advised him the on-road signage would be in place within the next two weeks with the gates on order and completion by the end of September.

Commemorative Medal - Mr Baker reported he had conferred with the United Charities to ensure he has a complete list of the under 21 years of age who will be receiving one each.

War Memorial – Mr Wood reported that confirmation is still awaited from the Diocese for the renovation work to be carried out.

Playing Field Mr Burton reported that part of the wooden frame enclosing the wood chips is damaged and requires replacement. Mr Burton was authorised to purchase new wood for frame.

Freedom of Information - Mr Wood reported that the request for information is still required. The clerk had again contacted the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) for further advice. CAPALC advised that the request should be rejected on the grounds that the public interest would not be served in making this information available. It was agreed to write to Mr Goodwill stating this but offering him the opportunity to explain more fully why he requires the information.

Village Drainage: Mr Thomason and Mr Burton had excavated a trial area on the corner of the verge of Grange Croft estate but could see no pipe for water to flow into the brook. The cover of the drain in the road had been removed and the drain cleaned out. The drain on the east side of Stonely Road appeared to be clear.

Mr Baker said at the next Internal Drainage Board meeting he would raise the queries in the letter received from Brian Davis some time ago. With regard to the problem in The Lane Mr Baker asked if Martin Buckley who lived in Blenheim Cottage some years ago is contactable to ask if he can help with any information on this. The clerk said she would contact Martin Buckley to ask if this is possible.

Tree Survey: Mr Baker reported he has yet to receive a reply from the company he had approached with regard to a survey of the trees in the playing field. If he hears nothing he will speak again with Bridget Holford at the District Council.

Easton United Charities a copy of a new lease for Goosey Close to run for ten years from October 2014 had been received from the secretary, Mr Charlton. A copy had been circulated previously. The new lease appears to be a continuation of the previous lease but it was noted that

the rent has increased to £30.00 per annum with no prior notification. It was agreed that each councillor should check for any other difference and report at the next Parish Council meeting.

Accounts: invoice received from
Four Seasons Landscaping verge cutting £200.00
(highways act 1980 s.11 – approved)

Invoice for £130.71 submitted to CCC for the contribution towards the verge cutting and notification received of payment to be made direct to the bank account

Correspondence:

Huntingdonshire District Council
Development Management Team

The clerk had, as requested at the last meeting contacted the District Council to enquire whether there are any planning applications being considered. A reply was received that there are none pending consideration or decision at the moment but one which would be forwarded once validated. As nothing was received the clerk again contacted the District Council and was then advised the application was invalid which is why no notification had been sent. It was recommended that registration of the public access system is made for notifications to be emailed as a double-check for notifications from the Development Team.

Executive Councillor for Community Resilience
Invitation to a brief presentation on the Devolution proposals for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. This had been circulated in advance of this meeting should any councillor wish to go.

Executive Support Team request to check and amend if necessary the web details for chair and Parish clerks' name.

Corporate Project Assistant information on invitation to Future East's Forum for Older People regarding an upcoming free event on 17/10/2016

Community Action Suffolk concerning the enquiry regarding the defibrillator – this needs to be insured by whoever owns and is responsible for it. As this is not the Parish Council nothing further to be done

Cambridgeshire County Council
Procure to pay - notification of payment of invoice for contribution to verge cutting

Families Information Service notification of survey to help shape the future of the Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme which helps vulnerable people and families under exceptional pressure who have little or no money

The Greater Cambridge City Deal Team – Tackling peak-time congestion in Cambridge

Early Years Funding team - survey for childcare

Passenger Transport Team - poster to advertise new online form to enable renewal of concessionary bus pass www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/concessionary.

Highways Service closing date for 2017/18 Local Highways Initiative applications 30/11/2016 by online form only.

Woolley Windfarm Community Fund notification of intended next meeting to be arranged, Mr Baker to agree a convenient date with the organiser to attend as the representative for the village

Simon Bywater county councillor July & August news briefings

Highways England Company Limited
A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Team Newsletter on improvement scheme

A14 update of dates of public information exhibitions at Alconbury 5th and Brampton 8th October 2016

Code of Practice increase of HGV traffic

Press Release community funding A14

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG agreed proposals from the public consultation held in March

UK Power Network notification of new free telephone number '105' for all electricity network operators with effect from 6th September to be used for any power failure or line damage

Matters for next meeting It was asked if any provision could be made to reduce the road noise from the A14 which it is considered will only increase with the proposed A14 improvement scheme.

Date & time of next meeting: 22nd September

Mr Baker 0109/16