

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council was advertised and held on 1st September 2016 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

Apologies: none

Councillors present: Mike Baker, chair, Richard Burton, Steve Thomason, Phil Trussell and Clive Wood

The chairman opened the meeting welcoming very many village residents with the proposal that agenda item 5 be discussed first as this was the item of most interest for the public in attendance and for their views to be heard.

PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 16/01365/FUL

The siting of up to 10 caravans, some to be initially allocated on a long term contract for senior construction staff of the A14 project for the duration of the project. The application also includes details of the black waste removal and recycling waste removal from the site West Farm, The Lane, Easton, Huntingdon PE28 0TY

Mr Baker read a letter from Councillor Jim White (District Councillor for the Ellington Ward) who had been requested to support the wish of some villagers that the application be refused. Following this Mr Baker invited anyone to speak. Several people commented on various points; Mr Baker advised that only material planning reasons for any recommendation will be considered by the Huntingdonshire District Council and noted each for consideration by the Parish Council. He also advised that individual persons should submit their comments to the Huntingdonshire District Council. It was requested that the Parish Council recommendation be forwarded to Brian Davis who wished to circulate this via his email contact list. This was agreed and Mr Baker closed this topic at 9.15pm and continued with the published agenda.

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 declared an interest in the Freedom of Information request.

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2016 were read, approved and signed as correct.

Matters arising: none discussed, to be discussed at the next meeting

Parish Council consultation application 16/01365/FUL West Farm

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Following on from the open public discussions the consensus of opinion was that the application should be refused and the points noted were

Development outside of the village envelope, loss of amenity and nuisance to neighbours, access to the site, local roads, A14 access, proximity of listed buildings, village infrastructure and caravan club rejection of the site.

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It was agreed that Mike Baker and Steve Thomason would draft a letter to the HDC to include these points and circulate to other councilors prior to submission to the District Council by the due date.

6. **Freedom of Information request**

Mr Baker, having declared an interest left the meeting. A letter had been sent to Mr Goodwill inviting him to provide the Parish Council with a comprehensive explanation of why the information is required. Mr Goodwill had replied questioning the validity of the appointment of the trustees and requested the information or a reason for refusal within 14 days. It was agreed to reply immediately in order to comply with his request, refusing the the request on the grounds recommended by CAPALC, that has been of no public interest to date and the costs and administrative time would be out of proportion to and outweigh the serving of any beneficial public interest

7. **Accounts payable:** invoice received for approval and payment from:
Four Seasons Landscaping verge cutting £200.00
(Highways Act 1980 s.11) approved

Audit 31/3/2016 PKF Littlejohn LLP had queried and requested explanations of the variance between the current and prior year figures using numerical figures that account for as much as the variance as possible. Provide information of what the council has spent or not spent this year that it did last year using numerical figures as evidence. This had been provided to PKF Littlejohn LLP who are satisfied and required no further information.

8. **Correspondence:** UK Power Networks advance notification of new national telephone number '105' to be launched for customer. Details to be available after 6th September

Confirmation from Mr Thomason that he is hosting a visit from the Narrow Gauge Railway Society and wishes to use the playing field for parking 17/09/2016

9. **Date and time** of next meeting - 22/09/2016 as arranged

The meeting closed at 10:10pm

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