

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Apologies: none; all councillors present.

Declaration of members' interests: to receive members' declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. None made.

Minutes: the Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th November 2016 were read and signed as correct.

Matters arising:

Highways Initiative - Mr Trussell reported the scheme has been completed. A gate each side on the verge of Stonely Road into the village signed with '30mph', 'Easton' and 'please drive carefully. A similar single gate on the Easton Road verge entering the village from the A14

War Memorial Renovation - Easton & Cook reported the renovation had not been completed due to pressure of other work

Tree Survey - Messrs. Baker and Thomason had completed the survey and Mr Thomason had produced a detailed plan to be sent to Global Tree Solutions for a quotation to be prepared.

Village Drainage - Mr Baker had spoken to the owner of Blenheim Cottage with regard to clearing the drain in front of his property.

Freedom of Information request - notification has been received from the Information Commissioner's Office that an initial assessment of the case has been carried out and it is considered eligible for formal consideration under s50 of the FOIA

Planning Applications

16/02188/OUT Proposed erection of two dwellings with associated access, land east of 1 The Lane, Easton - withdrawn

16/02137/FUL Proposed temporary siting of up to 6 caravans for senior staff on working on the A14 project for the fixed term of the project. The application also included details of black waste removal and recycling waste removal – The Planning Department had just advised that this application has been refused. The clerk was instructed to ask the Planning Department for their intended actions.

Salt bins all the bins have been checked and made accessible where necessary. The bin in The Lane has a broken lid but is useable. All contain salt.

Proposed Road Closure, Easton Road Following objections from the Parish Council on the proposed arrangement for this Streetworks/Highways from the County Council and UK Power and their Traffic Team held a meeting. Mr Thomason attended this at very short notice and insisted and negotiated a revised timetable for the weekend 9th December instead of the proposed two weeks.

Precept 2017/2018 - the receipts and expenditure account had been circulated prior to the meeting. Expenditure to date is £2,100.00 and this was considered together with

anticipated expenditure to the end of the year. Anticipated outstanding expenditure is approximately £3,000.00 to include the contribution towards the Highways Initiative, playing field cutting, hire of room in the Church and the repair of the War Memorial. Unknown is the cost of the tree survey work and replacement bark for the playing field will be required in the new year. In view of the current surplus funds it was proposed by the chairman, Mr Baker that the Precept be requested to remain as in 2016 in the sum of £4,000.00 for 2017/2018; this was considered, seconded by Mr Phil Trussell and the vote taken unanimous.

Accounts payable: invoices presented for payment, approved and cheques drawn.

Easton PCC hire of room £400.00
Invoices 051-057
(hire of meeting rooms s.135)

DP Jolly playing field cutting £720.00
(open spaces Acts ss 9 and 10)

Royal British Legion Poppy wreath £18.50

Parish Tree Planting- Mr Baker considered there are few areas requiring tree planting at present and unfortunately there is no hedging available this year. Where hedging is required it will, if necessary have to be purchased.

Removal of BT telephone box - a notification had been received from the District Council regarding the removal. BT advise there have been no calls made in the past twelve months. An option to adopt the box was considered as was a suggestion to use the box to house the defibrillator, currently situated in the grounds of The House in The Lane. It was considered to be safer to leave this where it is rather than risk vandalism or theft by moving this to the main road.

Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council

Waste Minimisation Officer - household and recycling arrangement for Christmas and the new year – forwarded to Mrs Hyde to include in the village newsletter

Elections & Democratic Services Manager – interim review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations. Any comment to be made before 6th January 2017.

Charles Nixon - Mr Nixon had contacted the Parish Council as he had been chased by the horses whilst walking the public footpath across the field to Spaldwick and the access gates were tied. Mr Thomason had coincidentally left a message for Mr Picton, the landowner, about this and understood this would be resolved.

Cambridgeshire County Council – Highways Service

HGV Covenant for Parishes and local communities to use to agree certain conditions with local haulage firms.

Mile Baker 19/1/2017

Highways Maintenance Manager - following the previous notification that gritting routes had been removed these will now form part of the secondary routes in periods of prolonged cold weather where the road surface temperatures fall and stay below freezing or when snow is forecast. The county has 26 gritters on 24 hour standby

Simon Bywater, District Councillor
Monthly briefing

Highways England – Senior Communications & Engagement Officer
Notification that no employee working on the A14 scheme is authorised to cold call or offer services to local residents.

Matters for next meeting

Planning 16/02137/FUL - siting of up to 6 caravans West Farm –
planning/enforcement officer's report.

Public footpath to Spaldwick

Tree Survey

Mr Wood asked for neighbourhood watch signs to be on relocated to the new gates at the entrance to the village.

The clerk reported a newsletter had been emailed to all those who had confirmed an email address in accordance with current data protection legislation.

Date and time of next meeting 19th January 2017

Mike Bale 19/1/2017