

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council was advertised and held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 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. Mr Baker in the Freedom of Information request, Steve Thomason in the agenda item regarding the field and the public footpath to Spaldwick and Mr Burton in the item regarding the building plot east of 1 The Lane

It was agreed this item would be taken first – building plot east 1 The Lane

Mr Andrew Burton had requested to attend the meeting to update the council on his planning application in The Lane. He explained that in the light of the objections of the residents living in surrounding properties and the comments made by the Parish Council, application 16/02188/OUT had been withdrawn. Asking for the views of the Parish Council, Mr Baker, as chair of the Parish Council explained that until an application is received the council could neither agree or disagree with any aspect. There were good and bad points for either one or two properties for the site and the application could only be considered at the time on its merit

**Minutes:** the Minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were read and signed as correct.

**Matters arising:** *War Memorial* - the clerk to send reminder to Easton & Cook to - ensure no delay.

*Planning Application - 16/02137/FUL* - siting of caravans, West Farm. Another email had been circulated at the request of the Enforcement Officer asking for evidence to support any example of any problem caused by the use of the site. The Enforcement Officer had replied to an enquiry from the Parish Council that the Parish Council would be advised when the Enforcement Notice was served which he expected to be in a matter of days.

*Tree Survey – St Peter's Churchyard and Playing Field* - the order for the survey had been placed with Global Tree Solutions Ltd, the survey completed and the report received. As Mr Thomason had been instrumental in getting the survey completed, by producing the tree plan for GTS Ltd, Mr Baker asked Mr Thomason if he would help further by assessing the report, following which he and Mr Thomason would check the trees against the report and agree to carry out any work possible to do themselves in the first instance. It was agreed that the part relevant to St Peter's Church would be sent to the PCC for their use.

**Village/public Footpaths** public footpath to Spaldwick

Spaldwick Parish Council had emailed a complaint regarding the difficulty walking this route due to the intimidating horses. As the horses had not been moved as indicated would be happening at the end of January a letter (email) had been sent to the owners. The owners replied that it was not possible to move the horses as there was nowhere else to stable them at that time. Currently the electric fence which has been erected is keeping the horses enclosed and off the footpath which does enable free passage.

*Mile Baker 23rd March 2017*



Mr Thomason had written an article regarding village footpaths an rights of way which is to be printed in the newsletter

public footpath Stonely Road past Village Barn Farm following the reports regarding the aggressive dogs, a letter (email) had been sent to the owners requesting the dogs be kennelled safely away from the footpath. The owners had replied this had been done and had requested that the public do not trespass on their property when passing by. Walkers had reported that the dogs now appear to be in a secure enclosure at the back of the building. Mr Burton reported he had received an enquiry from the Animal Welfare & Pest Control Team Leader as the owners of the property had advised her that he would be erecting fencing for the dogs. Ms Harlock wished to ascertain when this work would be carried out as a Community Protection Warning had been issued to the dog owners on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 part of which required the erection of a fenced off area to secure the dogs within two months.

An enquiry was also made regarding the development of the site, to which the owners had replied that originally the District Council had been advised no application was required but having decided to enlarge the building an application would be submitted shortly. As the District Council had not advised the Parish Council of any application and building works appeared to be continuing it was agreed to ask the Planning Department for information.

#### **Freedom of Information Act**

The Information Commissioner's Office had written advising that a complaint had been received and accepted by the ICO. In the interim of the reply being required by 24<sup>th</sup> February an extension of time had been requested to enable a compromise solution to be agreed and offered to Mr Goodwill following the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Following lengthy discussions it was agreed to suggest to Mr Goodwill that the Parish Council would write to the Easton United Charities conceding that for some years prior to October 2015 it was possible that the correct procedures may not have been followed regarding the appointment of Trustees. It was therefore of concern to the Parish Council that the Easton United Charities may not have completed their Trustee appointment procedures in the correct manner. The Parish Council would strongly urge the Easton United Charity consider and review this and if necessary immediately hold an election, open to the public and with no part being taken by any in trustee not validly co-opted. It was further agreed that should Mr Goodwill not agree to this the Parish Council would concede to his request and issue photocopies of the minutes for the fifteen years.

#### **Speedwatch**

Mr Trussell endeavoured to obtain information as to how this scheme would be operated but had received no response, from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary. He hopes to have this for the next meeting.

#### **Accounts:**

year end 31/3/2017

The clerk presented receipts and expenditure account to date for consideration. In advance of the year end the clerk suggested contacting Martin Buckley to check whether he will again carry out the internal audit.

Mike Butler 23<sup>rd</sup> March 17

Items outstanding - no invoice yet received for payment

Repairs to War Memorial	work to be completed	£360.00
CCC Highways Initiative	road markings/entrance gates	£1,000.00

Mr Burton reminded he has bark for around the playing field equipment on order from Madingley Mulch Ltd., to be delivered when the weather is suitable. approximate cost £1,000.00

Mr Wood presented an invoice from the PCC for the costs incurred by Mrs Hyde printing the village newsletter each month. Mr Wood proposed that the full amount be paid. Last year it was agreed to contribute and pay 50% of the cost. It was agreed to pay the total invoice.

invoices presented and approved for payment

Global Tree Solutions Ltd	Tree survey	£360.00
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Easton Parochial Church Council		
3 x hire of room		
(hire of meeting rooms s.135)		
(to include Annual Parish Meeting to be held 23/03/2017)		£175.00

Mrs J Hyde	Newsletter printing	£53.24
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### **Correspondence**

#### ***Huntingdonshire District Council***

**Application 17/00354TRCA** 4 Grange Croft

Tree work, height reduction and felling. The clerk had contacted the District Council and had been advised this is for information only and no comment is required from the Parish Council.

#### ***Spaldwick Parish Council***

for information only, reported to CCC of the bridge on the footpath through the field by Ford Cottage being difficult to cross having overhanging brambles. Having already seen this Mr Thomason and Mike Baker had cleared this.

### **Matters for next meeting**

Footpaths  
Enforcement Notices/Planning Reports  
Freedom of Information request  
Tree Survey  
Speedwatch

### **Date & time of next meeting**

23/03/2017 preceded by Annual Parish Meeting  
and 27/04/2017

*Mike Baker 23rd March 2017*