

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was held following the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd March 2017 commencing at 9.15pm.

Apologies: none members present: chair - Mike Baker, Steve Thomason, Phil Trussell and Clive Wood

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.

Minutes: the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 2nd March, 2017 were read and approved

Matters arising: War Memorial – the clerk has been contacting Easton & Cook but has received no further information as to the start date for the work

Reports

Tree Survey – Playing field Mike Baker and Steve Thomason are to assess the work to be carried out. The part of the survey relevant to the trees in the Churchyard has been passed to the PCC.

Planning 16/02137/FUL - West Farm, siting of caravans
The clerk reported HDC had advised a detailed "Request for Delegated Decision Regarding Enforcement Action" had been prepared and sent to the Planning Services Manager for authorisation which had been given to issue an Enforcement Notice shortly.. Mr Trussell reported he had spoken to Nigel Swaby who had confirmed this will be before the end of March.

16/00211/ENECOM - Village Barn Farm
In response to the enquiry regarding these premises a reply received from the Planning Enforcement Team advising the this site is already being investigated and further information would be sent within the next six weeks. The officer dealing with this is Barry Thompson (telephone 388413 or email barry.thompson@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Freedom of Information request Mr Wood had offered a resolution to Mr Goodwill which Mr Goodwill had agreed to, however it was considered that the Parish Council could not make such a commitment on behalf of the Easton United Charities and the wording should be amended to reflect this. This had been offered to Mr Goodwill but had been rejected. In order to conclude this matter it was agreed that the Parish Council would agree to the request for copies of the minutes for the past fifteen years. The clerk was instructed to advise Mr Goodwill accordingly. It was suggested that Mr Goodwill be asked to pay towards the cost of providing these in addition to the copying cost although it is not expected Mr Goodwill will agree to the extra charge. The ICO to be copied in on the email.

Parking area outside the Church comments have been made that this area becomes water logged and very muddy in wet weather. Mr Thomason reported he had already filled some of ruts but due to the use these soon reappear. It was agreed to hold a site meeting to try to agree a more permanent solution.

Mike Baker 27th April 17

Speedwatch

At a previous open meeting the speed of the traffic in Easton Road had been reported as a problem. Information on the way the scheme is set up and run was given to Mr Trussell who is to ascertain whether there is enough interest from villagers to support running this.

Accounts year end 31/3/2017

no accounts payable

The clerk reported Martin Buckley has agreed to carry out the internal audit prior to the submission of the accounts to PKF Littlejohn LLP the external auditors.

Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council

Elections & Democratic Services Manager

Notification of combined elections of County Council and Mayor for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Executive Councillor for Community Resilience

Date of first Huntingdonshire Town & Parish Council's conference 30th March, Burgess Hall, St Ives.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils

Notification of S137 Allowance 2017-2018 The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has informed NALC that the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for local (parish and town) councils in England is £7.57

Matters for next meeting: Speedwatch, Tree Survey, Playing Field Inspection of equipment

Date and time of next meeting: already arranged for 27th April date of Annual General Meeting 25th May 2017

Mike Bahr 22nd April 17