

## **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Easton Parish Council was advertised and held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

The chairman opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all present especially the representatives of the various village committees.

Apologies for absence: none, members present; Mike Baker MBE, chair, Steve Thomason, Phil Trussell and Clive Wood; absent: Mr R Burton  
on behalf of:

Easton Social & Fund Raising, chair, Mrs Yates as she is unable to attend.

Easton United Charities, chair Ms Kruger unable to be present

### **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2016**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 were read, approved and signed by Mr Baker.

### **Matters arising**

Water running in The Lane – whilst this is somewhat improved, Mr Harlow reported there is still some leakage. Cones have been placed, in an attempt to stop traffic, by the ditch on the corner by The House and it is hoped that when the new building work starts on Blenheim Cottage the ditch can be cleared from under the gateway which may let the water get away freely and prevent this flooding.

### **Chairman's Annual Report**

Mr Baker presented his report detailing briefly the events of the past year. Planning matters had predominated during the year; Mr Baker explained that although the Huntingdonshire District Council does ask for comments from the Parish Council the final decision is taken by the HDC. Other significant matters included village roads and road safety, footpaths maintenance and flood prevention. He also mentioned that to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of HM The Queen a small commemorative medal had been given to each child in the village. He concluded by expressing his thanks to all the help received from residents, the Easton Fund & Social Committee, the Parochial Church Council and the Easton United Trustees. He will distribute a copy of his report to each house in the village.

### **Village Reports:**

Easton Social & Fund Raising

Mr Wood presented Mrs Yates' report which detailed the events held during the year and the distribution of the profits from the events. Three events and six breakfasts had been held.

Easton United Charities

Mr Harlow presented the annual report on behalf of Ms Kruger, who was unable to attend, briefly detailing the work of the United Charities. He advised that during the next year new trustees will be appointed to in place of retiring trustees. The annual accounts are to be forwarded.

Neighbourhood Watch

Dr Brian Davis was disappointed to have to report the theft of the defibrillator. Other than that, this had been a crime free year. From last year, when sales people calling around the village, particularly in the evenings had been discussed, he had been unsuccessful in his attempts to get further information from the Police.

*Mike Baker* 22nd March 2018

Playing Field

Mr Wood presented the report for the year. The Parish Council had commissioned a survey of the trees which had been carried out by Global Tree Solutions Ltd. After assessment of the report any work required will be carried out. Play bark has been ordered for the play area after repair of the wooden edging.

**Any other village matters:** Brian Davis said he considered the Internal Drainage Board should not have left the banks of the brook in such a mess after cleaning the brook. However, this had started overgrowing. He also mentioned the entrance to the track to Spaldwick which is very badly rutted and muddy due to vehicles accessing rented fields.

Mr Graham reported the numbers of persons who had attended the training meeting he had organised for the use of the defibrillator. Although this has now been stolen it was requested that these continue and he confirmed he is happy to do this. Further consideration will be given to a replacement defibrillator in due course.

There being no other matters, Mr Baker thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Mike Baker 22nd March 2018