

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was advertised and held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 in St Peter's Church, Easton at 8.00pm

**Apologies:** none

**Members Present:** Michael Baker – chair, Richard Burton, Stephen Thomason, Philip Trussell and Clive Wood

**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 regarding the renewal of the lease for the Playing Field and the Freedom of Information request.

**Minutes:** the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were read, approved and signed as correct.

**Matters arising:** Highway Initiative - Mr Trussell reported the County Council had advised him the on-road signage would be in place within the next two weeks with the gates on order and completion by the end of September.

Commemorative Medal - Mr Baker reported he had conferred with the United Charities to ensure he has a complete list of the under 21 years of age who will be receiving one each.

War Memorial – Mr Wood reported that confirmation is still awaited from the Diocese for the renovation work to be carried out.

Playing Field Mr Burton reported that part of the wooden frame enclosing the wood chips is damaged and requires replacement. Mr Burton was authorised to purchase new wood for frame.

**Freedom of Information** - Mr Wood reported that the request for information is still required. The clerk had again contacted the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) for further advice. CAPALC advised that the request should be rejected on the grounds that the public interest would not be served in making this information available. It was agreed to write to Mr Goodwill stating this but offering him the opportunity to explain more fully why he requires the information.

**Village Drainage:** Mr Thomason and Mr Burton had excavated a trial area on the corner of the verge of Grange Croft estate but could see no pipe for water to flow into the brook. The cover of the drain in the road had been removed and the drain cleaned out. The drain on the east side of Stonely Road appeared to be clear.

Mr Baker said at the next Internal Drainage Board meeting he would raise the queries in the letter received from Brian Davis some time ago. With regard to the problem in The Lane Mr Baker asked if Martin Buckley who lived in Blenheim Cottage some years ago is contactable to ask if he can help with any information on this. The clerk said she would contact Martin Buckley to ask if this is possible.

**Tree Survey:** Mr Baker reported he has yet to receive a reply from the company he had approached with regard to a survey of the trees in the playing field. If he hears nothing he will speak again with Bridget Holford at the District Council.

**Easton United Charities** a copy of a new lease for Goosey Close to run for ten years from October 2014 had been received from the secretary, Mr Charlton. A copy had been circulated previously. The new lease appears to be a continuation of the previous lease but it was noted that

