

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting advertised and held on 13th July 2017 was opened at 8.00pm by the chairman, Michael Baker

Apologies for absence: from Clive Wood, all other members, i.e. Mike Baker, Richard Burton, Philip Trussell and Steve Thomason present, chair - Michael Baker.

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. – Mr Burton, planning consultation land east 1, The Lane, Mr Baker, freedom of information item.

Minutes: the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th May and 8th June 2017 were read, approved and signed as correct.

Land east 1 The Lane - information and report. Mr Baker suggested taking this agenda item first. Mr Andrew Burton presented his proposed plans for the application incorporating various amendments following the withdrawal of his previous planning application. Mr Baker thanked him for the all the time and trouble he had taken to keep the Parish Council advised.

Matters arising: Playing Field: notification from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd of date change to 15th August for the inspection of the equipment.

War Memorial: Mr Baker had been to visit Easton & Cook but had not been able to confirm a date for the repair work to be completed.

Planning Reports

APP/H0520/W/17/3170265 - Appeal West Farm - as requested and agreed the Parish Council had again submitted its comments with regard to this application to the Planning Inspectorate dealing with the appeal.

16/00211/ENECOM Village Barn Farm - advice from Planning Enforcement Office that an application has been received, but cannot be processed as it incomplete.

Village road repairs - the clerk reported, after reminders to the Highways Department, the repair of the broken road edge along Easton Road had been completed.

Freedom of Information Request - the clerk reported following the receipt of the payment of £100 from Mr Goodwill, the photocopying of the minutes for the last fifteen years, as requested, had been carried out over the bank holiday weekend. Mr Goodwill had been contacted and the collection of the photocopies arranged. As the number of copies was less than estimated a refund of £11.47 had been given. Having consumed a considerable amount of time with correspondence to CAPALC, the Freedom of Information Office and Mr Goodwill, checking and reading the previous years' minutes an enquiry was made for an estimate of the cost of this project. The clerk reported that to date, any and all the work had been carried out by everyone at no charge. The time for the photocopying was four and half hours. A payment of £40.00 had been negotiated and made for the provision of the paper and use of the photocopier. It was proposed and approved that the clerk be paid for actual time of carrying out the photocopying.

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Parking area at The Church - this had again been looked at but no further complaints had been received and it was agreed to hold this over for further thoughts on a resolution.

A14 – upgrade and use

Mr Baker had a draft of a letter he suggested sending to the manager of this section of the A14, again particularly pointing out the difficulties with the A14 and in particular the dangers of entering the village from the westbound carriageway of the A14. A request was made for Mr Greenhill to attend a meeting to see the problems for himself. It was agreed this should be sent to Mr Greenhill immediately. It was reported that the mobile exhibition for the Huntingdon to Cambridge A14 upgrade would be in the village on Wednesday 26th July.

Transparency Funding

notification had been received that this is the last year that any funding will be available. The suggestion by the clerk that an application be made towards the cost of a printer scanner was agreed with the clerk to check models and pricing.

Accounts year end 31st March 2017

- the internal auditor had completed the internal audit of the accounts which had now been sent to PFK Littlejohn LLP, the external auditors for certification.

Draft receipts and expenditure:

and bank reconciliation to 30/06/17 presented.

Accounts payable

Easton PCC

invoices presented and approved for payment

room hire x 4

invoices 60 -63

£200.00

(hire of meeting rooms S.135)

Four Seasons Landscaping

verge cutting x 2

Invoices 1036-1037

£400.00

(Highways Act 1980 s.11)

Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council

Parking Services Manager – notification of Parking Survey

Operations Manager (People), Community Services – replacement of dog control orders with a public space protection notice. Consultation to 28/8/17

Head of Development

- Planning Application 17/01093HHFUL

Blenheim Cottage, Easton. Copy letter sent to the applicant asking if the proposed garage can be increased in length by one metre to meet minimum size requirement and asking if the Parish Council has any comment. The plans were checked and it was agreed no comment was necessary.

Planning Enforcement Officer

- following receipt of a complaint regarding noise

from land east of Chestnut House, Stonely Road the name of the land owner had been requested. The clerk had advised Mr Baker and the chair of the Easton United Charities.

Planning Services

- notification of Local Plan consultation on line to 25/8/17 and

seminar at the beginning of August.

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Community Protection Manager - information regarding Scams Awareness Month campaign being led by Citizens Advice Bureau. Passed to Mrs Hyde to print in the village news letter

Chairman HDC Tree Strategy Working Group - request for support for the retention of Tree Warden Co-ordinator whose post is due to be terminated in September 2017, together with questionnaire regarding trees in the Parish. It was agreed this should be supported. Mr Baker pointed out when he had asked for advice regarding carrying out the tree survey in the playing field and Church Yard he was told this was not something the Tree and Landscape Section could help with.

Office of Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner - advice of fire governance consultation and survey

Chairman of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority - copy of response to the Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation.

Matters for next meeting - Mr Burton advised the Goosey Close playing field hedge requires cutting. It was agreed this work should be carried out.

Date and time of next meeting - arranged for 24th August 2017 and the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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