

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting advertised to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in St Peter's Church, Easton was opened at 8.00pm by the chairman, Michael Baker, MBE

**Apologies for absence:** none, Chair - Michael Baker, other members present: Richard Burton, Philip Trussell. Stephen Thomason.

**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 – Richard Burton playing field maintenance.

**Minutes:** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were read, approved and signed as correct.

**Matters arising:** War Memorial repair - no further information, Mr Baker to contact Easton & Cook again. The clerk suggested contacting the War Memorials Trust for any further information available to complete the repair

Transparency Fund - awaiting decision

Planning Inspectorate Report & Decision

APP/H0520/W/17/3170265 – Appeal West Farm

The enforcement officer had been contacted and had advised confirmation of the withdrawal of the fourth and final appeal against the enforcement notice from the Planning Inspectorate had been received and the notice came into effect on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The period for compliance is 3 months; the case will remain open and will be monitored for compliance shortly after 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Planning Application 17/01227/FUL

Change of use buildings south of Hartham House, Stonely Road

Notification received that the application had been withdrawn. Upon enquiry the Huntingdonshire District Council advised the enforcement officer dealing with this case had left the authority. In the meantime, the Planning Department has requested that the revised scheme to be submitted should be a more sympathetic application.

A14 upgrade and use - A14 junction

Mr Greenhill of Highways England had been contacted with regard to the study he had commissioned but no acknowledgement or reply received.

Road repairs Stonely Road had been carried out. Mr Baker requested thanks be sent to Highways for carrying out the repair which was considerable, as the road was particularly bad with much subsidence in many stretches.

Mr Baker reported he had attended a meeting of the Woolley Wind Farm Fund meeting in September

Mr Thomason had reported the bad condition of a stretch of path which remains wet/boggy all year on Bridleway 4 to Ellington to Highways Reporting, Cambridgeshire County Council

Michael Baker 30<sup>th</sup> November 17

**Playing Field:** Following the Inspection Report received from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd., Mr Burton reported the main item of repair required is the second side of the climbing bars and having inspected this it was agreed this should be replaced. Mr Burton to request the cost of this from Fenland Leisure Ltd. Mr Burton reported weeds growing through the playpark around the play equipment. He was asked to spray off these and around the perimeter of the field and include along the fence on the Easton Road side.

**Salt Bins:** these had again been inspected and Mr Thomason reported that the one in The Lane has a broken lid and the one on the corner of Church Road is in poor repair.

It was agreed that these two should be replaced. The clerk reported the price obtained from the District Council for replacements (160 litre), installed and filled is £95.00 each excluding VAT and was instructed to order 2 off dark green bins subject to the existing ones being removed at the same time.

**Accounts:**

Year end accounts 31/03/2017 PKF Littlejohn LLP had concluded the audit for the year end with no qualifications and returned the Annual Return duly signed. The completion of audit notice and copy Annual Return have been posted on the notice board and the Easton Parish Council website.

The clerk reported that Huntingdonshire District Council had overpaid the Precept 2017-2018 by £9,000.00. This has been reported to HDC who are investigating and will advise if this is correct. The clerk is concerned that this should not increase the annual turnover of the Parish Council and take the Parish Council over the threshold for an audit fee.

Accounts year ending 31.03.2018 the clerk presented the receipts and expenditure accounts to date and the anticipated expenditure for the remainder of the year. Mr Trussell enquired about payment for the 30mph signs and village entrance 'gates' all installed last year under the Local Highways Initiative. No payment has yet been made as to date, no invoice has been received.

Precept 2018-2019 submission of the request for the Precept for 2018/2019 will be due in December and this was brought to the attention of the councillors in advance.

**Accounts payable:** the following invoices have been received and approved for payment

Easton PCC	room hire	£50.00
	hire of meeting rooms s.135	
Four Seasons Landscaping	verge cutting x 2	£400.00
	Highways Act 1980 s.11	

**Correspondence:**

**Huntingdonshire District Council**

Council Tax Team Leader Precept 2018-2019 form for completion and notification of £760 charge for forthcoming 2018 election 2018.

**Cambridgeshire County Council**

Mike Baker 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 17



NHS Cambridge & Peterborough  
for newsletter

poster keep well this winter – forwarded to Mrs Hyde

Highways England

road closures for A14 work

**Matters for next meeting:**

Mr Baker reported the side wall of the bridge to the pumping station on Stonely Road has fallen into the brook. Mr Trussell offered to report this to Anglian Water Authority for urgent repair. Mr Baker suggested a letter be sent to Royal Mail commending the Postman for the way he carries out his work and general helpfulness.

**Date and time of next meeting;**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and meeting closed 9.20pm

Mike Baker 30th Nov 2017