

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was advertised and held on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

**Apologies:** all Councillors present, chair Mike Baker. Apologies received from the clerk for non-attendance.

**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 – Phil Trussell – Dog Control Orders.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

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### **Matters arising:**

**War Memorial:** concern again expressed at the time being taken to carry out this work. It was agreed Mr Burton would contact Easton & Cook to find out if they do intend to complete the work.

**A14:** Mr Greenhill of Highways England had advised that he would be in a position to indicate at the end of November when the presentation meeting could take place. Despite a reminder he had not confirmed anything.

**AWA Pumping Station entrance:** Mr Trussell had reported the side wall required repair immediately after the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October. This has been inspected and the repair should be made soon.

**Verge Cutting:** the clerk had asked Four Seasons to make an additional cut (meeting 8/11/17) but Mr Abbs had intended to do this but had not been able due to the wet weather.

**Playing Field:** repair of climbing frame – Mr Burton had obtained Quotation 32961 from Fenland Leisure Products Ltd. For site preparation and removal of the existing end £76.00; the cost of the replacement end is £300.00 and £375.00 to install in concrete. It was agreed to have this work completed.

**Three Shires Way:** entrance to track to Spaldwick - Mr Thomason reported this is now in an extremely bad condition. The Spaldwick end now has a stone surface and it was agreed to contact Spaldwick Parish Council to ask how this had been achieved. Mr Baker will speak to Mr Picton about the possibility of using some of his hardcore which Mr Burton offered to spread.

**Dog Control Orders:** A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) entered into force on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 replacing previous Dog Control Orders, to help manage irresponsible dog ownership. A report of dogs from Village Barn Farm attacking a dog from the village being walked on Stonely Road had been recently received. It is understood the correct procedure had been followed by the dog owner and this attack had been reported to the Community Protection & Enforcement Officer at Huntingdonshire District Council who had escalated the incident and informed the Community Resilience

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Manager who had been involved with previous incidents in January 2017. It was agreed to put a short note in the village newsletter advising villagers to be aware and exercise particular caution in this area.

**Precept 2018-2019** The request for the Precept 2018-2019 had been received from Huntingdonshire District Council together with notification that an election is scheduled for 2018 and an allowance for an additional estimated cost of £760 be made. The Receipts & Expenditure accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting; expenditure to date is approximately £2,500 and committed expenditure for the remainder of the year is £2,500.00 with the current bank balance being almost £9,000.00 disregarding the HDC overpayment for the 2017-2018 Precept. After discussion and consideration it was proposed by Mr M Baker, seconded by Mr S Thomason and voted unanimously to request the Precept in the sum of £4,000 as previous years with an additional £500 as the contribution towards any election cost.

**Accounts:** invoices received, approved and cheques drawn

Cambridgeshire County Council	
Contribution towards Highway Initiative	£1,000.00
Derek Jolly	
Playing field cutting	£720.00
Huntingdonshire District Council	
Refund of overpayment 2017-2018	£9,000.00

**Transparency Funding:** Notification received from CAPALC/NALC that the application for funding for the printer/scanner had been finalised and a payment would be forthcoming. NALC had suggested that a claim is made for the Microsoft Office software which the fund has covered since 2016-17. Mr Thomason to discuss with the clerk.

**Correspondence:**

*Cambridgeshire County Council:* Event Liaison Officer, IHMC & Events Team  
Key Highway Events Diary for November and 2018.

*CAPALC:*

Notification training will be provided regarding the General Data Protection Regulation due to come into force May 2018.

Copies of the Good Councillor Guide available for £4.00 per copy plus delivery or free download from NALC website.

*Online Communities PCSO Lee Hurley*

New appointment to develop online engagement within the communities via following social media, "Policing Huntingdonshire" on Facebook. Forward to Mrs Hyde for the news letter.

*Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd*

The appointed auditor for years from 2017/2018 to 2021/2022 is PKF Littlejohn LLP.

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**Matters for the next meeting:**

Three Shires Way – update on entrance to Spaldwick track  
Tree work in playing field and Churchyard  
Emptying village litter bin – costs HDC  
Drainage Board – work on brook  
Planning - West Farm  
- Village Barn Farm  
Signpost repair junction Church Road/Stonely Road

**Date and time of next meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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