

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was advertised and held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

Apologies for absence: none, all members present, chair: Mr MG Baker MBE

**Declaration of financial or personal interest:** to receive from members' declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item – Richard Burton invoice submitted for work carried out.

**Minutes:** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were read, confirmed as a true record and signed as correct.

### Matters arising:

War Memorial renovation: repairs to the War Memorial have not been carried out due to winter weather; Mr Burton reported Easton & Cook have scheduled this work for May or June of this year. In the meantime, Mr Thomason had contacted three other companies to obtain quotations for the repair in the event of Easton & Cook failing to carry out the work.

A14 junction: notification had been received that Stephen Greenhill (Highways England) is on sick leave and emails forwarded as requested, have not as yet been acknowledged.

AWA pumping station entrance repair has been carried out. Mr Baker reported that rubble in the ditch needs clearing and he will do this.

Playing Field repair of climbing frame - Mr Burton reported that he had placed the order with Fenland Leisure Ltd to carry out the repair.

Public Space Protection Order Following the reports regarding dogs being out of control and attacking walkers with dogs in the Stonely Road area, Mark Jones, Community Protection & Enforcement Officer for the District Council had advised he had been contacted by the dog owners and a formal investigation is being carried out.

Transparency Funding the clerk reported that NALC had agreed and are processing the payment for the claim for the printer. The application for software had been submitted as recommended by NALC.

Three Shires Way entrance to Spaldwick Byway 11 update. Mr Thomason had made enquiries with regard to remedial work at the western end and understood this had been carried out by the Spaldwick Parish Council. Mr Picton had also been contacted but currently has no materials to spare for using at the entrance this end.

Tree Work - Playing Field & St Peter's Church Mr Baker had spoken to Global Tree Solutions Ltd of Alconbury who had carried out the surveys to the trees in the Playing Field and the Churchyard last year. He had received quotations for the remedial work of £660 including VAT for the Playing Field and £714 including VAT for the Churchyard. With regard to the work in the Playing Field Mr Baker advised that the Easton United

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Charities, as the Landlord, would contribute half towards the cost, the Parish Council paying the other half. This was considered and approved unanimously. With regard to the work in the Churchyard Mr Baker proposed the Parish Council pay half with the Parochial Church Council paying the other half. This was discussed and approved unanimously. Mr Baker to arrange with Global Tree Solutions Ltd to carry out both works.

**Litter bin emptying** The clerk had been requested to ascertain the cost the HDC would make to empty the village waste bins currently emptied on a voluntary ad hoc basis. HDC gave the cost as £252.64 inc VAT per annum per bin for a weekly service which is the only option. It was considered unnecessary to have the bin collected weekly. A rota to empty the bin was suggested and declined. Mr Baker and the clerk said they would do this for the time being. Mr Trussell suggested and offered to remove the dog litter bin which was agreed to.

**Internal Drainage Board** the IDB had carried out dredging along the length of the brook. A letter had been received from Dr Davis pointing out that much rubbish had been left along the banks and the gullies to drain water from the road had not been left clear. Mr Thomason reported he had cleared rubble and hardcore from the bank in front of Grange Croft and Mr Baker confirmed he would advise Dr Davis this had been completed.

**Planning Report**

16/00146/ENCARA Planning enforcement  
West Farm, Easton, Huntingdon

the clerk asked to check with the Enforcement Officer that the terms of the appeal decision had been complied with.

17/01227/FUL (16/00211/ENECOM)

Barn and Stable development, Stonely Road, Easton

Following the withdrawal of the planning application HDC had advised a revised application is to be submitted. Although no application has been received reports had been made that building works had re-commenced. HDC had been advised and had reported a site inspection is to be made.

**Repair Village Road Sign** the Church Road arm of the road sign at the 'T' junction Church Road and Stonely Road has been broken off. Mr Baker had obtained a quotation of £150.00 from London House Signs Ltd, Brampton. It was agreed that Mr Baker would order this.

**Village Web Site Domain Name** It has been considered for some time that the website is not being used as the village name is not recognised. Mr Thomason had investigated the reason and concluded that a more specific domain name is required. Generally, the cost is £0.99 per annum for the first year and £10.00 per annum thereafter. He offered to check into the availability of any applicable website name.

**Parish Council Code of Conduct** HDC had requested councillors check and verify their personal details on the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, or advise any amendment necessary. A no declaration of 'No Change' was signed by P Trussell, C Wood, R Burton and MG Baker. The clerk to submit this to the Corporate Office, Huntingdonshire District Council. Mr Thomason is to submit a notification of change.

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**Accounts payable** the following invoices presented, considered, approved for payment and cheques drawn.

Easton PCC	room hire invoices 67, 69 & 70 (hire of meeting rooms S135)	£150.00
Easton United Charities	rent Goosey Close Playing Field 2015-2016-2017	£90.00
Royal British Legion	donation to Poppy Wreath	£20.00
Richard Burton	hedge trimming Goosey Close Playing Field	£40.00
Cambridgeshire County Council	purchase 2 x salt/grit bin	£228.00
Mrs A Beer	re-imbursement cost HP Printer stationery & postage	£97.83

The clerk confirmed an acknowledgement of receipt from HDC of the precept overpayment of £9,000.00 which had been returned by the Parish Council.

An amount of £1,919.20 had been passed on by HDC being the CIL (reference planning application 15/01163/FUL.1 Easton Road), payment received in relation to developments between 01/04/2017 and 30/09/2017

### **Correspondence**

*Huntingdonshire District Council*

Elections and Democratic Services Manager & Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Electoral Roll for 03 May 2018 election.

Development Control 17/2125/OUT land east 1 The Lane – application withdrawn

Tree application 17/01440/TRCA – St Peter's Church – no comment required

CAPALC information forwarded from NALC concerning General Data Protection Regulations due to become law in May 2018

Notification of Extra Ordinary AGM 22/03/2018 due to the AGM held 07/12/17 being inquorate.

Request for nomination for Buckingham Palace garden party in May

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Davis co-ordinator email forwarded from online communities PCSO with advice to help prevent burglaries.

Rural Services Network request to complete survey Growing a Rural Community

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Police & Crime Commissioner notification proposing to increase policing part of Council Tax by £1.00 per month per household (based on a band D property)

PKF Littlejohn PPL external auditors, advised of training webinar for new smaller authority audit regulations.

**Matters for next meeting**

Website Domain Name

Grange Croft hedge trimming

Traffic within weight limit – clerk asked to check vehicles with Mick George Ltd

**Date and time of next meeting**  
and Annual Parish Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> February 2018

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

meeting closed at 10.10pm

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