

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 in St Peter's Church, Easton. The meeting was opened by the chairman Mr M Baker MBE

**(1)121 Apologies for absence:** none; all members present. Michael Baker MBE., Richard Burton, Stephen Thomason, Philip Trussell and Clive Wood

**(2)122 Declaration of any 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. None made.

**(3)123 Minutes:** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May were read, approval proposed and seconded by Richard Burton and Phil Trussell and signed as a correct record by Mr Baker.

**(4)124 Matters arising:**

**Byways and footpaths:** Hartham Sreet - Mr Thomason reported he had received confirmation from the Rights of Way Officer that the byway will again remain closed to traffic for the summer to protect the surface. He also reported a gatepost at the Grafham end of Hartham Street had been pulled out and the gate thrown aside allowing the byway to be open to traffic. He had reported this requires repair and re-instatement to the County Council.

Prohibition signs for motorcycles for the byway to Spaldwick are still awaited and report received the public footpath 209/13 to Spaldwick still impassable and to be reported again

**Goosey Close Playing Field:** the order has been placed with Wicksteed Leisure Ltd for the annual inspection of the playing field equipment.

**Village roads** the repair required on the Stonely Road by Grange Croft has not yet been carried out. CCC had advised the cost has been requested prior to work being completed. The corner at the 'T' junction with Church Road is also badly damaged and should be reported.

Reports from two villagers of overweight vehicles in the village had been received and the vehicle operators advised.

A small directional sign immediately before the entrance into Williams Transport has been placed on the verge of A14.

**Application ref.** 19/00854/PIP  
Permission in principle application for single dwelling. Land south of Belmont, Easton Road. The Parish Council had submitted the recommendation to refuse the application to the Huntingdonshire District Council. HDC permission refused.

**Planning Consultation reports**

**Application ref.** 19/00353/S73  
**Removal of agricultural occupancy restriction**  
Easton PE28 0TT. HDC approval given.

- Hartham House, Stonely Road,

*Mike Baker 7th August 2019*

Planning enforcement case 16/00211/ENECOM - Barn & Stable development, Village Barn Farm. The clerk had written to Nigel Swaby, Enforcement team leader with copies to Jacob Jaarmsa, Planning Services Manager and Andy Moffat Head of Development asking why the promised information had not been received. It transpired that Nigel Swaby had left HDC and after resending the enquiry Mr Jaarmsa, apologised for the lack response and advised that no further information had been received from the applicant. A new enforcement team leader would be starting in September. In the meantime, as there is a planning element, he would speak to the planning officer, Sheila Lindsay regarding this.

**(5)125 Parking area by Church** - Mr Baker and Mr Burton had viewed the area and decided that digging french drains and laying some perforated pipe with the tiles over the area could solve the problem.

**(6)126 Accounts** year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

The Certificate of Exemption and notification of dates for the exercise of public rights had been sent to PKF Littlejohn LLP and an acknowledgement of receipt received. Unless any queries are raised by any member of the public PKF Littlejohn will not contact the Parish Council any further with regard to the audit for this year.

draft accounts to 30/06/2019

A draft copy of the accounts to date had been circulated. The Precept, VAT refund and CCC contribution towards verge maintenance amounting in total to £6198.99 has been received. Expenditure to date is £428.53 no queries were raised.

Insurance renewal - policy documents had now been received from CAS Business Services and circulated prior to the meeting. Acceptance of the renewal of the policy underwritten by Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group was recommended with similar cover to previous policies, (public liability indemnity £10,000.000). A five per cent discount was offered if the Parish Council agreed to a three or five year undertaking. The three year option was agreed.

Invoices received and approved for payment

Four Seasons inv 1133 verge cutting	£200.00
Easton PCC inv x 5 room hire	£275.00
Expenses clerk inv post, bins,bags	£75.03
CAS Business Services Ltd	
insurance premium 1 <sup>st</sup> of 3 years	£154.28

**(7)127 Correspondence**

*Huntingdonshire District Council*

Electoral Registration Assistant - alteration to Electoral Roll

Rights of Way Officer - reminder and request to circulate to all parishoners, that anyone intending to carry out any metal detecting both off or on a public right of way will require permission from either the landowner or the local rights of way officer.

Head of Planning - Notification the Huntingdonshire Local Plan was adopted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and LHP2036 is available to view until 31/12/2019  
[http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/hlp2036/adoption/adoption\\_of\\_hlp2036](http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/hlp2036/adoption/adoption_of_hlp2036)

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Highways Reporting notification that following a site visit the report of the broken bridge rail has been closed as it was felt no action is necessary. As the railing is still broken the clerk to report a third time.

Highways Service applications for Local Highway Improvement (LHI) 2020/21 now being accepted until 4<sup>th</sup> August

Traffic Management June's highway events

IHMC and Events Team Route and road closures for Tour of Cambridgeshire annual cycling event taking place 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June

*Highways England*

A1 and A14 updates and planned road closures

Highways Asset Development Manager (Cambridgeshire) Stephen Greenhill advised he had ascertained Highways England's ownership of land in the vicinity of Williams Transport entrance, part of which is a large area of woodland and currently obscures access visibility. He intends to add this to the maintained area works and also request a meeting with Mr Williams.

*CAPALC & NALC*

Newsletters and training dates

**(8)128 Matters for next meeting**

Repairs to pump in Chapel Lane

Nomination of Parish Council representatives as Trustees for Easton United Charities

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

**(9)129 Date and time of next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> August 2019

*Mike Bales 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019*