

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 26th September 2019 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

The meeting was opened by Mr Mike Baker at 8.00pm and in attendance two members of the public

141/2019-20 Apologies for absence received from Steve Thomason

142/2019-20 Declaration of financial or personal interest: Richard Burton with regard to the presentation by the applicant of the proposed building on land east 1The Lane, Easton

143/2019-20 The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2019 were read, approved and signed as a correct record.

144/2019-20 Matters arising

Byways & Footpaths in his absence, Mr Thomason had forwarded a report He had cleared the bridge at the back of Ford Cottage which had become completely impassable

He would again report to CCC the gate at the Grafham end of Hartham Street has still not been reinstated.

He had cleared all the cycle ramps that had been put up on the footpath leading to Magpie Crossing.

209/13 public footpath to Spaldwick. Despite assurances from the Footpaths Officer that this had been scheduled, and further 14 day notice had been issued for reinstatement it remains impassable and has been passed to the enforcement officer to investigate

Goosey Close Playing Field Mr Wood reported the wooden frame edging surrounding the play bark requires repair. The hedge inside and out requires cutting. It was agreed Mr Burton should carry this out.

Village Roads Mr Baker had spoken to the Highways Officer who confirmed the missing 30mph sign will be replaced. Potholes around the village remain unrepaired and potential damage to cars causes concern.

Parking area by Church Mr Baker had assessed the requirements to carry out the improvements to this area. It was agreed he would be reimbursed if he purchased these at a cost of approximately £50

Planning enforcement 16/00211/ENECOM

Barn & Stable development, Village Barn Farm. Following the departure of Nigel Swaby, until very recently the Enforcement Team had no officer presence. The new officer is taking this case over and would report to the Parish Council.

145/2019-20 (126) nomination of Parish Council representatives
Easton United Charities item to follow other agenda items

Mr Baker took this matter as of interest to ta member of the public present.

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146/2019-20 registration of public land

The Parish Council had received a report that it is considered unethical and antisocial to the rest of the village to place posts and boulders to incorporate the verge into individual properties. This precludes the public from accessing a previously public area and items on the edge of the verge can be dangerous and result in the vehicle having to drive more on the other side to the detriment of that piece of road and verge. Mr Wood reported he had spoken to Mrs Yates, the owner of Belmont one of the properties concerned, who had advised him this has been approved by the Land Registry. It was agreed to look at all other areas of possibly unowned land in the village and if necessary to contact the Land Registry for further information. The areas to be checked include the area to the east of the Church wall and including the triangular area registered by the Parish Council as common land several years ago, area of land on corner of The Lane and Chapel Lane, land off Easton Road over which AWA has a right of way to its treatment works.

147/2019-20 Village maintenance: location of Salt bins
A request to move the bin in The Lane had been received, but having considered this two years ago it was considered it remained unfeasible to move.

Storm damage report willow tree Church Road

Two large branches had broken off in recent storms. One had been cut off and cleared away, the other, too heavy to move, remains on the ground. The tree has been inspected by Steve Thomason, Mike Baker and Brian Davis and all agree this needs professional work. The clerk was instructed to contact Global Tree Solutions Ltd in Alconbury for a report and recommendation as to work required and a quotation for the cost.

149/2019-20 presentation of proposed application building plot east 1 The Lane.
The owner of the plot had asked if his proposed purchaser could attend the Parish Council meeting to discuss the application to be submitted. Mrs Alison Mottram brought plans and an access statement showing fully the proposed design and answered any queries raised from these. There was no formal agreement to any point as no consultation application has been received from HDC

The chairman thanked the visitors for their attendance and they both left the meeting.

145/2019-20 (126) nomination of two Parish Council representatives
Easton United Charities

The notice advertising this had been placed on the notice board and published in the village newsletter. The clerk reported two applications from existing Trustees John Maith and David Christopher Charlton returned and received by the due date and a third on 24th September from Marie Dunne.

The Parish Council considered all three applications but felt it advantageous to the Easton United Charities to keep the continuity with the current Trustees who had served for the past term to remain. The vote taken as follows:

John Maith, proposed Clive Wood, seconded Richard Burton. No objections unanimously elected.

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David Christopher Charlton: proposed Philip Trussell, seconded Clive Wood. No objections unanimously elected.

The clerk to write to John Maith and DC Charlton confirming nominations and Mrs Dunne thanking her for her interest.

148/2019-20 Accounts draft accounts to 30/09/2019

The clerk presented the draft accounts for the half year. The balance at the bank is £11,924.63 as of yesterday, no queries were raised.

invoices presented for consideration and payment approved

Four Seasons	verge cutting inv 1147	£200.00
Wicksteed Leisure	annual inspection inv 807146	£54.00
clerk's expenses	bins/office expenses inv 2019/09	£61.31

150/2019-20 correspondence and matters for next meeting

Huntingdonshire District Council

Planning Enforcement Team Leader

Introductory letter from Alison Twyford new team leader = request for current status of application for Village Barn Farm

Cambridgeshire County Council

Footpaths officer Zaria Bettles, reported with regard to public footpaths

70/03 she had met with owner and field had been topped

209/13 further 14 day notice issued and passed to George Hay enforcement officer

Cllr Ian Gardiner copy of request to Footpaths Officer for information 209/13

Highways Services

Traffic Management Officer

Roadworks due to start and highways events

Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter

Highways England

Integrated Highways Management Centre

A14 roadworks and planned closures

Incident reports

NALC & CAPALC

Newsletters and training dates

Mr Baker proposed a letter of thanks be written to Royal Mail commending for exemplary service, the recently retired postman Sean Mathews who had been the regular village postman for a considerable number of years. This was agreed.

Letter from MarieElena Cuisack about hedge bordering her property passed to Easton United Charities

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matters for next meeting

Report regarding damaged Willow Tree opposite The Church
Proposed purchase of display boards

151/2019-20 Date and time of next meeting to be 6th November 2019

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