

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 7th August 2019 in St Peter's Church, Easton. The meeting being opened by the chairman Mr M Baker MBE

130 **Apologies** for absence: R Burton (work commitment), councillors present M Baker MBE (chair), S Thomason and P Trussell. Late arrival C Wood

131 **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. None declared

132 **Approval** of Minutes of Parish Council meeting 9th June 2019 proposed and seconded by S Thomason and P Trussell, signed by Mike Baker

133 **Matters arising**

Byways & Footpaths

Hartham Street – Steve Thomason had not yet been able to check if the gate at the Grafham end of Hartham Street had been re-instated.

Public footpath to Spaldwick – 209/13 the Footpaths officer had served a fourteen day reinstatement notice unfortunately to wrong landowner.

Village roads - still awaiting repair. Jo Hudson, Local Highways Officer reported lack of funding.

Parking area by Church – Mike Baker reported he and Richard Burton had agreed and intended to complete the French drain and lay the tiles in the area.

Planning enforcement 16/00211/ENECOM - Barn & Stable development, Village Barn Farm. A reply received from Jacob Jaarsma, Planning Service Manager giving a brief resume of the planning background and advised lack of staff was cause of no further action being taken over the past months.

Goosey Close Playing Field - item held until arrival of Mr Wood. Wicksteed Leisure had carried out the annual inspection. Mr Wood said nothing highlighted in the report received required any particular immediate action but he would attend to any minor works.

134 **nomination of Parish Council representatives** - Easton United Charities

The current four year term for the Parish Council nominees is due to end. It was suggested and agreed to place a notice in the village newsletter inviting anyone interested to register and to appoint the Trustees at the next Parish Council meeting in September

135 **renovation and repair pump**, Chapel Lane – to obtain prices for repair and renovation.

136 **Alconbury & Ellington IDB** – The IDB had carried out maintenance work depositing the silt removed on the banks. This coincided with one of the hottest days of the year and resulted in extremely unpleasant smells. Mr Burton had contacted the IDB and the statement received from the Senior Engineer, Philip Lovesey, confirmed that to remove the silt requires a waste transfer certificate and the removal costs would be prohibitive. The

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contractor for the IDB would be returning on 22nd July to clear the debris from the silt on the banks and clear the road grips. This will be followed with harrow and reseeded to
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return the verge to its original state. Although it is only normally the rate payer who is advised of intended works he would recommend that in future the Parish Council receives notification when de-silting is due. The Parish Council will be provided with information towards a three year works programme and it is envisaged de-silting will not be required for a number of years. Annual maintenance will comprise of flailing and strimming. Mr Baker confirmed he will attend the next IDB meeting with HDC in February 2020.

137 **Accounts:** invoices for approval and payment
 Four Seasons verge cutting £200.00

138 **Correspondence**
Huntingdonshire District Council

Grafham and Ellington Neighbourhood Area Designation for view and comment

Electoral Registration Officer update to Electoral Roll

Highways England A1 and A14 updates and planned road closures

Asset Development Manager letter from Stephen Greenhill confirming his meeting with Williams Transport and possible improved signage. Meeting with Landscape Manager to explore possibilities to reduce existing copse of trees on approach to access.

Cambridgeshire County Council

Communications Manager A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme
A14C2H newsletter

Traffic Management Highways events for August

Integrated Highways Management Service Roadworks due to be carried out August

Place & Economy Bridge repair not necessary

Passenger Transport HACT & FACT to cancel services

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority

Draft Local Transport plan published 17th June consultation to 27th September

Neighbourhood Watch email from Brian Davis of possible distraction
burglary attempt

Mrs Beth Davis

Concerned at the damage to the banks following the maintenance carried out by the IDB and requesting the Parish to take back responsibility for the maintenance. Mr Burton had advised the course of action the IDB intended to take in future.

CAPALC & NALC

Bulletins, newsletters and training dates

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Matters for next meeting.

Mr Baker offered to clear the overgrown bushes from the village gates and noted a suggestion to ask Charles Nixon if he would paint.

Mr Trussell reported he had contacted HDC with regard to fly tipping in the village and was very pleased to say the service to clear this had been exemplary.

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Date and time of next meeting

26th September 2019

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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