

# EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was arranged and advertised, all members of the Parish Council summoned and members of the public notified and invited to join a Parish Council meeting via remote Zoom link at 8.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Mr Michael Baker opened the meeting with all members of the Parish Council present also welcoming those members of the public online.

242/2020-21 Apologies for absence – none all members present

243/2020-21 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 – Richard Burton and Clive Wood with regard to the planning consultation.

As the members of the public were in attendance with regard to the planning consultation it was agreed to take this matter first

246/2020-21 Planning Consultation  
20/00801/FUL Berrylands, Chapel Lane, Easton  
Proposed new single storey dwelling and creation of access

Messrs. Baker and Thomason had received representations from neighbouring properties and the members of the public were invited to make their comments. The plans had been considered and the general opinion was this is neither a suitable site nor building.

The application states a single storey dwelling but plans show two floors which would dominate, overlook and restrict light to neighbouring properties particularly as the level of the ground on the proposed site is higher. There is not enough space on the site to allow such development which would also destroy the streetscene. Access would create a safety issue as Chapel Lane is particularly narrow with no footpath or passing space. The owner of a nearby listed building was concerned that the building works would cause damage to this property.

244/2020-21 Minutes of meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 having been circulated, approval proposed and seconded by Clive Wood and Richard Burton and signed by Michael Baker

245/2020-21 Matters arising  
166/2019-20 storm damage willow tree opposite Church.  
The clerk had contacted MJC Treeservices and advised the £80.00 discount he had offered via Mr Burton was acceptable and requested an amended invoice which would be paid. The original quotation was £650 ex VAT.

213/2019-20 footpath south AWA treatment works – nothing further from Easton United Charities

236/2020-21 Hartham Street no update as yet from the Rights of Way Officer regarding the reclassification

195/2019-20 renovation of pump. Mr Wood reported Mr Messenger has been busy but has this in hand,

246/2020-21 Planning Consultation  
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Discussion as above – recommendation of refusal comment to Planning Development HDC to be submitted on the following grounds  
Single storey- discrepancy with plans received  
Safety – road too narrow with no pavement or passing places  
Access too narrow and on blind corner  
Hedgeline would have to be removed spoiling streetscene  
Overcrowding – site not enough space for additional property  
Domination of other properties as higher ground and restriction of privacy and right of light

247/2020-21 Goosey Close Playing Field – Annual Inspection  
maintenance, refurbishment, H&S and Risk Assessment

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd had carried out the annual inspection and had today submitted the report which had been circulated to all councillors for consideration. Works noted required included the additional playbark (Mr Burton), repair of the wooden edging and hand bars for the climbing frame (Mr Wood). It is recommended to remove one swing from each bay to comply with current social distancing.

Requirements for signage and hand sanitising gel should be in place and advice to continue to socially distance. The clerk authorised to purchase as necessary.

Mr Burton had removed the broken tractor and quotations requested from Kompan Ltd. It was agreed to accept and order a new part at £310 plus carriage and VAT to fit to the existing base.

248/2020-21 184/2019-20 Defibrillator – relocation. The removal of the defibrillator from its current location has been requested by the owner of the property in The Lane. It has been arranged for Steve Thomason to disconnect this on 08/08/2020 from the garage wall. Suggested new locations are The Church Porch and 6 The Lane. A report is to be put in the newsletter advising and requesting any other suitable site

*Mike Baker*

*31 Sept 2020*

- 249/2020-21 167/2019-20 Verge encroachment and obstacles  
 Easton Road – Mr Thomason had visited and spoken to the property owners offering to help with the removal of the stones considered to be causing a danger on the verge as the Highways Officer is unable to arrange this at present. The owners told Mr Thomason they would remove the rocks and no help was required.  
 Stonely Road – the Highways Officer had advised the premises owners in March before the country went into lockdown that these rocks should be removed within 14 days. The property owners are now claiming the rocks are on their own property. The Highways Officer is to again check and seek confirmation from the Cambridgeshire County Council Searches Department to clarify this.
- A letter had been received from a resident questioning the suitability of the high kerbstones now on the corner of Easton Road and the roadway to the AWA treatment works. These have been placed by AWA at the request of the house owner. The Parish Council decided this is not something with which it wishes to become involved.
- 250/2020-21 Anti-social behaviour - Mr Baker reported he had asked Mr Hindmarsh the best way to deal with this and understood that the appropriate department had contacted persons involved as necessary.
- 251/2020-21 **accounts** for consideration and payment if approved
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| an additional invoice had been received for verge cutting |         |
| Four Seasons 2 x verge cutting invoices                   |         |
| 1184 & 1190   | £400.00 |
| MJC Treecare pollard willow tree                          | £684.00 |
| as £500 has already been paid on account                  |         |
| cheque drawn for balance due                              | £184.00 |
- Year end 31/03/2020 Notice of Public Rights & Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return was posted on the website and the notice board to run 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.
- 252/2020-21 **Correspondence**
- concerning noise and working hours for plot east 1 The Lane. Site owner contacted who had agreed to ask contractors to adhere to permitted work hours.
- British Heart Foundation  
 recommended training procedures during Covid 19 pandemic

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3rd Sept 2020

**Huntingdonshire District Council**

Democratic Services - Member Support Assistant  
Request for any changes following AGM

Notification of updates and end of Discretionary Grant Scheme

Communications Executive – Covid 19

Document explaining involvement of community leaders and organisations in the prevention and response of a local outbreak

**Cambridgeshire County Council**

Highways Service – Streetworks

Road closure and diversion The Lane 08/09-18/09/2020

Highways Service – Network Management Officer

Updated surface dressing programmes for July and beginning of August

Integrated Highways Management Centre - Traffic Management Officer  
report for June

Event Liaison Officer

Upcoming highway events diary

Cambridgeshire Libraries

Hunts & Fenland area volunteer co-ordinator

Details of revised library at home service for support groups to help vulnerable residents. Notice on board and in newsletter.

**Cambridgeshire County & Peterborough City Councils**

Covid-19 Co-ordination Hub

Newsletters – highlights from the hubs

Covid-19 Communities Updates

**Highways England**

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

A14 road closures

**British Horse Society**

Eastern Region Access Field Officer

Requesting recruitment of Historical Volunteers to record legal rights and to preserve and reinstate routes which will be lost if not recorded before 01/01/2026. Notice on board

**Cambridgeshire Acre**

Cambridgeshire Local Councils Conference online 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

**CAPLC & NALC**

July bulletin, training schedules News updates

**Extinction Rebellion**

Open letter to all councils regarding utilising road verges to reverse biodiversity loss

- 253/2020-21    Matters for next meeting  
160/2019-20    Village Barn Farm  
167/2019-20    verge obstructions  
195/2019-20    pump renovation  
213/2019-20    footpath south AWA treatment works  
236/2020-21    Hartham Street – downgrading to bridleway  
248/2020-21    Defibrillator

- 254/2020-21    Date & time of next meeting – 8.00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

*Mike Baker 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020*