

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 (Coronavirus Regulations 2020) at 8.00pm on 25th February 2021.

Mr Michael Baker, chair, opened the meeting, other members present Steve Thomason, Phil Trussell and Clive Wood also welcoming those members of the public present online.

303/2020-21 **Apologies for absence** – expected late arrival Richard Burton, no other apologies, all other Parish Councillors present with chair Mike Baker who welcomed all and several members of the public.

304/2020-21 **Declaration of financial** or personal interest: to receive members' declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests – none received

305/2020-21 **Consideration** and approval Minutes 14/01/2021 proposed and seconded for Mike Baker to sign after the meeting

306/2020-21 294/2021-21 **Matters arising**
167/2019-20 verge obstructions Easton Road
The Highways Officer is to write again to the first two houses to advise obstructions should be removed from the Highways verge
Mr Wood had not, but would send email to the householder requesting the bin be removed from the highway in accordance with HDC criteria.
Stonely Road - Mr Baker pointed out that the trees planted in front of The Timbers could potentially cause damage to the Stonely Road drain. The Highways Officer be requested to follow this up as a matter of urgency. The damage to verges in front of West View caused by traffic visiting nearby properties also be reported to the Highways Officer.

195/2019-20 renovation village pump – Mr Wood to discuss with Mr Messenger

236/2020-21 Hartham Street – downgrading to bridleway
No further information from the Footpaths Officer
Mr Thomason requested the Footpaths Officer be asked to extend the closure date to keep the byway closed to traffic after April.

Planning Reports

2000642/S73 The Meadow, The Lane
change to fenestration - approved

20/01617/FULTDC Land east of The Avens – in progress

300/2020-21 HDC Review of Register of Interests
Mr Thomason reported he had submitted a change of circumstance, Messrs. Baker, Burton, Trussell and Wood declared no change to be submitted on their behalf by the clerk.

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- 307/2020-21 **294/2020-21 Village Barn Farm**
 Planning enforcement case 16/00211/ENECOM
 Complaint made to Planning Manager for review but which was then given to the Enforcement Officer, Ms Alison Twyford to reply. This matter has been ongoing for a considerable number of years and the Parish Council considered the Planning Development's aberration of responsibilities. CAPALC had recommended this be reported to the District Councillor, Ian Gardener for escalation. Mike Baker and Steve Thomason to draft the letter to the constituency MP Shailesh Vara.
- 308/2020-21 **294/2020-21 Defibrillator** – report and maintenance
 Mr Thomason reported Mr Mayer had confirmed pads will be due for replacement. The clerk advised that a parts package had been purchased with the defibrillator and would contact the supplier of the equipment.
- 309/2020-21 **295/2020-21 Flooding December-January 2021**
 Mike Baker had invited IDB, Philip Lovesay, engineer to inspect areas which had experienced flooding and arranged a meeting for 2nd February
 Carrock and Crown Cottages had suffered flooding as had a property in Grange Croft and some properties in Church Road and Stonely Road. Mr Baker had carried out extensive inspections of many of the ditches and drains in the village and was concerned that the Stonely Road flooding was due to the volume of water on the corner of Stonely and Church Road.
 Mr Baker had suggested a new drain in the area from the AWA pumping station to east of Crown Cottage but had yet to speak with the Easton United Charities about this. Mr Lovesay similarly suggested from the new property to be built between the Pumping Station and Greenacres. Mr Baker reported the IDB would contribute to the cost of this. Mr Burton reported Mr Lumbers is giving consideration to a drain from his proposed property in Stonely Road to east of Crown Cottage. Mr Baker had drafted a letter for consideration and approval to be sent to Mr Lumbers thanking him for his offer and offering any help from the Parish Council.
- It was also reported the ditch is still blocked under the driveway into Blenheim Cottage which prevents water from The Lane running along The Lane and Easton Road to the corner of playing field into the brook along Church Road. Mr Perry had suggested this could be remedied when Blenheim Cottage building works are carried out and Mr Baker to speak with Martin Buckley, the previous inhabitant of Blenheim Cottage
- Mr Hyde (visitor) said he understood there was a spring in garden of Fiddlers which runs over road to The House and which should go under Blenheim Cottage driveway

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310/2020-21

Damage to Village roads

Many reports have been received about the condition of local village roads, in particular the corner of The Lane and Chapel Lane which has completely broken down. This has been reported to the CCC Highways Department. All reports have to be made via the CCC website. <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults>
It was agreed to remind villagers of this in the next newsletter and encourage villagers to make individual reports.

Mr Trussell reported he had had no response to his enquiries regarding interactive speed signs or 20mph limit.. The clerk to check with the Speedwatch Officer about these and also with the Highways Officer. A member of the public considered it was the through not local traffic which is the problem.

311/2020-21

296/2020-21 Parish Council Website Mr Thonason had not been able to acquire any useful information from Parish Councils at Spaldwick or Ellington. His concern is the free websites have unrelated advertisements. He will continue to investigate but decision has to be made by May.

312/2020-21

Village Wildlife and Tree planting

Brian Davis had written a proposal for discussion and which was considered very worthwhile but needs community support. Mr Thomason proposed the setting up of small committee for a year long project, newsletter for volunteers, wild flower areas, hedging and tree planting

313/2020-21

Accounts none

314/2020/21

Correspondence

Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator
Circular to dog owners to review security to prevent theft

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)

HDC conducting review of December flooding

Communications Officer

Information for business grants

Electoral Registration Assistant

Changes to Electoral Register for February

Development Control

19/019555/FULTDC condition 2 changes to fenestration - approved

Deputy Executive Leader & Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning

Request to forward update on work of Development Management Team and intended improvements to Parish Council Chair

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Council Tax Team Leader

Precept 2021/2022 - level of charge £51.95 for Band D,

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

County Councillor Ian Gardener

no date for A14/Highways England/CCC meeting - forwarded to all Parish Councillors

Place & Economy, Environment & Commercial

Consultation to 08/03/2021 on proposed 2021 Local Validation Minerals & Waste

Passenger Transport

Changes to bus services St Ives/March

Traffic Management Officer

Roadworks and events due to take place

CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Mayor James Palmer

Details of launch 21/01/2021 of public hire e-bikes

Proposal to set up website for proposals to improve A141

NALC & CAPALC

Updates and training schedules

Zoom regulations to end May 2021

Affiliation Pack 2021-2022

Cambridge Children's Hospital

Newsletter no. 3

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

A14 roadworks and planned closures

Archaeology Team report

Rural Energy Community Fund

Grant applications for feasibility studies

315/2020-21

Matters for next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting

reports for village committees

meeting A14 junctions with Highways England & District Councillor

Wildlife and Tree planting

Flood plan, clearing ditches

Mr Baker thanked Phil Trussell for all the contributions made by Phil to the Parish Council during his many years as a Parish Councillor.

Mr Trussell confirmed he is moving from the village and would be tendering his resignation after this meeting.

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Date & Time of next meeting to follow on after Annual Parish Meeting 25/03/21

Meeting closed 21.20 hours

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