

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** All members were summoned to attend the advertised Parish Council meeting following the Annual General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in accordance with the Local Authorities & Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020. Public and Press were invited to attend.

2021-2022

- 345     **Apologies** for absence – none all members present
- 346     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 – Mike Baker – Stonely Road flooding.
- 347     **Consideration & approval** of Minutes of meetings 25/03/2021  
Minutes approved as a true record, proposed and seconded by Clive Wood and Richard Burton and to be signed by Mike Baker after the Zoom meeting.

327/2020-21     **Matters arising:**

verge obstructions Easton Road – the bin continually obstructing the road has now moved it back onto the verge, the rocks on the verge of the other two properties have not been moved.

Village pump – this renovation work has been completed and thanks extended to Geoff Messenger for carrying out the work. It was agreed to give a £25 voucher in addition to payment of parts used as a token of thanks for the work carried out.

20/01617/FULTDC land east The Avens – in progress

160/2020-21     Village Barn Farm - Planning enforcement

16/00211/ENECOM     Village Barn Farm

The follow up complaint is yet to be completed.

- 348     **Casual vacancy**     co-option of Parish Councillor  
The vacancy had been advertised and the District Council advised as no election had been requested by 26/04/2021 the Parish Council should co-opt a councillor. Further local advertisements had been placed and four persons had expressed an interest. It was agreed to determine this at the end of the meeting.
- 349     329/2020-21     **Stonely Road & village flooding 2020/2021**  
The clerk had spoken to the residents of The Timbers who maintain the area in front of the house belongs to them. The Highways Officer confirmed he had advised that the verge is CCC Highways. It was agreed to write to the owners requesting that the trees be removed before the roots damage the underground drain.

*Mike Baker 24 June 2021*

Mr Baker had spoken with Mr Lumbers who intends to dig a drain from his proposed new property to join the A&E IDB drain east of Crown Cottage and suggested a minimum 24 inch diameter pipe be used.

Part of the open ditch on the corner of the playing field has been cleaned out but running north and around the corner in The Lane remains blocked and south the piped drain under Church Road into Alconbury & Ellington IDB main drain is blocked. Mr Baker is to advise CCC of this and request it be cleared.

Mr Picton has carried out clearing works to part of the ditch running to his farm which should help to take the overflowing flood water from the ditches alongside his farm track from Stonely Road.

Mr Baker said he has purchased and intends to place two bollards to try to stop vehicles visiting The Timbers causing further damage to the verge in front of his property.

- 350     330/2020-21   **A14 junctions**   M Baker reported he had attended a remote link meeting with Highways England, District/County Councillor & Shaliesh Vara MP when it was agreed that the Easton junction on the A14 is one of two most dangerous. A meeting on site is to be arranged by Mr Vara.

351     **Village roads**

Mr Baker expressed great concern over the condition of the roads and suggested the Parish Council paying for the roads to be swept. Mr Wood said he thought if individual properties each kept their frontage in order this would not be necessary. Quotations to be obtained.

Community Speedwatch

Cambridgeshire Constabulary notified a new Speedwatch Officer has been appointed and the scheme would re-commence after 1<sup>st</sup> May. As no road survey had been carried out the request for the set up of the group has again been made.

Mr Baker reported he had received notification of '20 is plenty' road campaign and would circulate this for information.

- 352     327/2020-21   **Footpaths & BOATs** traffic and maintenance  
The Footpaths Officer had agreed to the Parish Council adding small prohibition of motor cycles signs on the CCC sign. Mr Thomason had printed and done this. This was then followed by an email from the Footpaths Officer stating the information she had given was incorrect and the Traffic Regulation Order does not prohibit motorcycles. The wording of the TRO is "any motor vehicle with more than two wheels" which therefore does not include 2 wheeled motorcycles. The clerk was instructed to write to query this.

*Mike Baker 24 June 2021*

353 332/2020-21 **Tree planting** Goosey Close & village wildlife schemes  
Brian Davis had been asked by Steve Thomason for suggestions of native  
species and he and Mike Baker are to identify suitable sites to plant trees  
at the end of this year. It was suggested placing bird boxes in the  
Churchyard and possibly a competition if boxes were placed in gardens of  
private houses.

355	<b>Accounts</b>	Affiliation & GDPR fee - CAPALC	£148.59 & £50.00
		Verge cutting - Four Seasons	£200.00
		Renovation pump – G Messenger	£246.21

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Cambridgeshire Constabulary

*Forcewide Watch Co-ordination Officer*

New person appointed for the Community Speedwatch as previous co-ordinator had left. Speedwatch to resume after 1<sup>st</sup> May

Cambridgeshire County Council

*Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council*

*and Peterborough City Council*

notification of protocol activated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 of Operation Forth Bridge due to the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

*Local Highways Officer*

Confirmation and photograph and road plan of Stonely Road previously sent to residents of The Timbers advising verge is CCC highways.

*Local Highways*

Intended road repairs schedules

*Public Rights of Way Officer*

Emailed letter apologising that information given previously regarding prohibition of motor cycles in Hartham Street and BOAT byway 11 to Spaldwick was incorrect. As the prohibition applies to vehicles with more than two wheels motorcycles cannot be prohibited

*Highways England*

Notifications of A14 Huntingdon to Cambridge road closures

*CAPALC & NALC*

Newsletters and training schedules

Zoom Inc

CAPALC advised Zoom GB registered for VAT from 01/01/2021

**357 Matters for next meeting**

Mr Baker had recently attended a Woolley Windfarm meeting and thought funding could be obtained towards the hardstanding parking area on the verge opposite The Church. He suggested kerbing to define the area and as a less obtrusive option, cobblestones. The clerk to contact the Conservation Officer for views on this. Windfarm application due by end August.

Mr Wood advised the top bar of the climbing frame in Goosey Close play area in need of repair/replacement. The clerk to obtain quotation.

**358 Date & time of next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The meeting closed to public to discuss

Agenda item 348 Co-option of casual vacancy

*Mike Baker 24 June 2021*

**348 Co-option of casual vacancy**

The post had been advertised and four applications received from Malcolm Baker, withdrawn for health reasons, Pamela Bell, Melissa Davis and Charles Nixon willing to stand if no other person

The vote taken was indecisive and the clerk instructed to enquire from the Elections Officer whether two applicants could be co-opted until the

election next year. In order not to delay the co-option any longer it was agreed that if this is not permitted the chair would make his casting vote in favour of Mrs Pamela Bell which would enable her to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

*Mrle Baker 24 June 2021*

Meeting closed 21.17