

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: All members were summoned to attend the Easton Parish Council meeting advertised to be held in St Peter's Church, Easton at 8.00pm on 24th June 2021. Public and Press were invited to attend.

This is the first face to face meeting to be held following the ending of the Local Authorities & Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 on 7th May 2021, Mr Wood recorded details of persons present to comply with the NHS Test and Trace requirement as representative of the venue, St Peter's Church

Mr Baker opened the meeting welcoming the visitors present.

359 **Apologies** for Absence – none, all members i.e. Michael Baker, chair, Richard Burton, Stephen Thomason and Clive Wood present. Also, Mrs Pamela Bell who was welcomed as the co-opted councillor to fill the casual vacancy by Mr Baker

360 2021-22/348 **Declaration of Acceptance** of Office – Pamela Bell signed and countersigned by Michael Baker

361 **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.

362 **Consideration & Approval** of Minutes of meetings
The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 06/05/2021 were approved and signed as a true record by Michael Baker
and the minutes of the meeting following the AGM were approved and signed as a correct record by Michael Baker

363 **Matters arising** meetings: 06/05/21
AGM – none
Parish Council Meeting
2021-22/347 verge obstructions Easton Road are still on the verge despite the offer of help from Parish Councillors to move these being made and rejected. The occupants agreeing they would move them themselves.

2021-22/350 A14 junctions meeting with Highways England, County/District Councillor & MP
Mr Baker reported he had attended an on-site meeting. Highways England advised no funding is available until 2025. Mr Baker suggested improved road marking in the junction. The Highways England representative is to report to Highways England and a further meeting will be arranged. Williams Transport wished for the Woolley Road junction to be closed.

2021-22/354 new Parish Council website Mr Thomason reported this is now almost complete, is searchable more easily and more 'user friendly'. He was thanked for the amount of work this entailed and the professional finish the site portrays.

Quotations for road sweeping had been obtained but in the meantime the village roads had been swept by HDC as a result of Ian Gardener CCC being advised.

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364 **Planning Consultations**

20/01617/FULTDC Technical Details Consent for Construction of 1 no. Dwelling and Means of Access (Pursuant to Grant of 18/02706/PIP for Permission in Principle for up to 2 no. dwellings). The Development Management Committee notified application to be determined at the DMC meeting 21/06/2021. No councillors wished to attend the meeting, no objections had been made to this application in October 2020. Mr Baker reported Mr Lumbers had advised his intended drain to join the Alconbury & Ellington IDB brook will now be an open ditch.

21/01044/P3JPA West Farm, The Lane Easton

Proposal: Prior approval for change of use from office (Use Class B1(a)) to dwelling house (Use Class C3) under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class O of the GPDO 2015 (as amended) and addition of fenestration. Development Control had agreed an application for an extension of time to allow this to be considered at the Parish Council meeting. On reflection the Parish Council agreed to submit an objection to the application; the grounds being concern this will set a precedent for back land development, there is no direct street access from the highway, it is adjacent to a listed property and ambiguity as to whether the change is for permanent or holiday accommodation.

21/01276/HHFUL: Belmont Easton Road Easton

Proposal: New dormer window to the side

The submission of comments neither objecting to nor supporting the Planning Application was agreed.

365 2021-22/349 Stonely Road & village flooding 2020/2021

The Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and the Senior Flood Risk Officers had met on 11th June. Mr Baker reported he understood the drain will be cleared within 12 weeks. The Highways Officer has requested the Enforcement Officer deal with the removal of obstructions in Stonely Road. The drain from the corner of Goosey Close play area to the Alconbury & Ellington IDB by Crown Cottage is under review due to the concern of the owners of Crown Cottage.

366 2021-22/352 Footpaths & BOATs traffic and maintenance

A reply from the Asset Information Definitive Map Officer was received as the Footpaths Officer had passed on the letter from the Parish Council. He stated the County Council had decided to apply a more standardised approach in 2012 to include all seasonal TROs made since 2009.

Seasonal TRO 1st October - 30th April prohibiting motor vehicles with more than 2-wheels using the route between those dates or at any other time when the lockable barrier is locked closed unless there are site specific details that need to be accounted for. Therefore, the restrictions to Eaton Byway No. 11 are not unique to that site.

It was agreed to again write to press for the prohibition of motor vehicles permanently to protect the surface, as with Hartham Street.

367 2021-22/351 Village roads & Community Speedwatch

The clerk had met with the new Forcewide Watch Co-ordinator, arranged and passed details of all the volunteers to enable the implementation of the training

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required. The ForcewideCo-ordinator had forwarded details of a training video for everyone to watch and requested signature and return of completed indemnity forms. Three forms were handed to the clerk to forward on. The community speedwatch kit had been found and collected but had since been temporarily reclaimed by Spaldwick.

Mr Baker reported he had appointed Pam Bell as village co-ordinator.

368 2021-2022/357 **Woolley Windfarm funding Parking area at Church**

A reply from the Conservation Officer to the request for guidance was received stating the scheme must be submitted before any advice will be given.

Mr Baker is to obtain written quotations including from the contractor who had previously verbally quoted. Three are required for a funding application.

369 **Goosey Close** play area – repair to climbing frame

A quotation for the supply and installation of the horizontal bar of the climbing frame had been received from Online Playgrounds Ltd in the sum of £392 for the parts and £275.66 both excluding VAT. It was agreed to accept and place the order at these prices.

The Annual inspection is due, the cost for an unaccompanied visit to carry this out is £60.00 ex VAT (no increase on last year). It was agreed to place the order for this work.

370 2021-22/353 **Tree planting Goosey Close & village wildlife schemes**

Steve Thomason had circulated a list of options for tree/hedge planting sites he and Mike Baker had looked at in advance of the meeting and to incorporate a suggestion from Jenny Hyde for a tribute to the late Duke of Edinburgh.

1. Mike Baker had spoken to the chair of the Easton United Charities who had no objections in principle and would raise the matter at the next EUC meeting.

2. planting smaller shrubs/bushes at back of Goosey Close to reduce overgrowing nettles and weeds and create a more nature friendly barrier – agreed

3. area east of Churchyard wall – a 6' strip beside the wall has been left uncut but the remainder is considered too wet to sustain good health and growth of trees

4. bottom of Cherry Orchard Lane - Mr Purser had been asked to consider the planting of fruit trees – no reply yet received.

5. large triangular verge area on the corner of The Lane and Chapel Lane – planting here was considered to create an additional hazard on the blind corner.

6. south bank of brook from Ford Cottage to Church – could create difficulty for IDB to keep brook clear. Additional trees in the corner area by the bridge would be better

7. short line hedging corner opposite Goosey Close

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8. along north/south length of PFP 70/04 (footpath runs from Stonely Road south past Townsend Farm to join Three Shires Way to Spaldwick) – agreed this would be most attractive/lovely/add interest. Mike Baker to speak with Mr Picton and also ask if there are any other areas he would suggest.

9. Two further ideas proposed by Brian Davis which have not been fully reviewed yet.

Mr Burton suggested that each household in the village should plant a tree. Steve Thomason to write details for the village newsletter.

371 Review of Statutory Regulations

Standing Orders

Code of Conduct for members

Financial Regulations

These were approved for posting to the new website having been updated and circulated prior to the meeting for consideration.

372 Anti social behaviour in village

Occurrences of quadbikes and four wheel drive vehicles being driven at speed through the village were reported. Anyone concerned should report this to the authority. Mr Baker asked about an abandoned burnt out, without number plates, vehicle in the ditch along Stonely Road which has been there for several weeks. He understood it had been reported to the police as a stolen vehicle. The clerk to request its removal.

373 Accounts year end 31st March 2021 – approval and signature

(i) Certificate of Exemption 2020/2021 – approved and signed by chair and clerk

(ii) Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 – approved and signed by chair and

(iii) Accounting Statement 2020/2021 already signed by the RFO, approved and signed by the chair.

The bank reconciliation and Explanation of Variances for the year were also presented

The Notice of Public Rights for the examination of the accounts between 28th June and 6th August 2021 is advertised on the notice board.

Mr Thomason confirmed all documents will be on the website by 30th June 2021 in compliance with the regulations.

374 Accounts – year 2021-2022

The draft receipts and expenditure account for the quarter to date was presented.

2020-2021 VAT refund £384.11 claimed from HMRC

2021-2022 CCC notification verge cutting contribution £130.71 agreed the purchase order and invoice to be submitted

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Accounts payable

The following invoices were presented and approved for payment

Martin Buckley Internal Audit fee	£30.00	
Four Seasons – verge cutting	£200.00	
Renewal Insurance premium 2021/2022	£154.28	
Clerk – re-imburement of expenses paid		
Zoom Inc remote meeting	£14.39	
GoDaddy website costs	£215.57	
Waste bin emptying	£60.00	
Postage	£1.32	£316.28

375 Correspondence received

Huntingdonshire District Council

Electoral Service Team

Register changes for June 2021

Conservation Team

Initial reply to Parish Council enquiry for advice, no one available due to Corona Virus circumstances. Visit Historic England <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/guide-for-owners-of-listed-buildings/>

Further enquiries made received reply from Planning Control that Conservation Team no longer offer advice, proposals should be sent and will be forwarded on. copy email to Mike Baker

Corporate Office

Communications Executive

press release regarding free CambWifi available across all four market towns in Huntingdonshire

One Leisure Active Lifestyles Team

Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator

Timetables detailing classes and sessions available.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Forcewide Co-ordinator

Link for video training for Community Speedwatch

Circulars for speed reductions

Police & Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Invitation to MSTeams round table forum to meet newly elected P&CC Darryl Preston, and to discuss policing and crime. Huntingdon 19/07/2021 meeting.

Melissa Davis offered to participate with regard to the antisocial behaviour in the village.

Cambridgeshire County Council

Highways Service, Surface Treatment Manager

Road repair schedules

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Highways Service, - Asset Information Definitive Map Officer

email detailing amendments made after 2009 to standardise wording for vehicles of more than two wheels using byways, confirmed in 2014 & 2017 and therefore information given earlier by himself and Footpaths Officer was incorrect.

Flood Risk & Biodiversity Team, Senior Flood Risk Officer

Advised Kathryn Reading had met with Joe Hudson, Highways Officer who confirmed that the issue with installation of trees and rocks on the verge along Stonely Road has been passed onto the Highways Enforcement Officer, George Hay for further action.

Integrated Highways Management Centre

Incident report for April and May

Works and events for May

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

Scheduled A14 Cambridge-Huntingdon closures

CAPALC & NALC

Newsletters, online events, updates, bulletins and training schedules

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE

Community Development Officer

Cambridgeshire Home Energy Support Services for vulnerable and low income families

Poster and request for local volunteers

LONDON-LUTON AIRSPACE CHANGES

Report of consultation expected to go to CAA June 2021 and implementation no earlier than February 2022

National Association of Memorial Masons

Register of Qualified Memorial Fixers to assist all Burial Authorities

- 376 Matters for next meeting: Mrs Bell reported overgrown trees from the A14 require cutting back

- 377 Date & time of next meeting 12th August 2021, St Peter's Church at 8.00pm

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