

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

All members were summoned to a Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 7th September 2023 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

626 **Apologies** for absence – none, all members present. Chair M Baker and Councillors Mrs P Bell, R Burton, S Thomason and C Wood

627 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

628 **Minutes** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2023 were read, approved and signed as a correct record

629 **Matters** arising from meeting

2023-24/618 tree planting & wildlife It was reported the Easton United Charities will be replanting the hedging which has not survived. Mr Thomason said he would like to include some larger trees he has but may need to purchase additional stakes. This was agreed. Mr Baker said he would pass over all the stakes and mats he has been storing over previous years to Mr Thomason. Mr Thomason also reported owls have been nesting in the box at the bottom of Cherry Orchard Lane. A photograph he had taken had been printed in the newsletter. He is making enquiries from the RSPB about the type of bird using the new owl box at the end of Crown Cottage property.

2023-24/618 A14 junction - Alan Trille had requested via Ian Gardener, feedback on the Initial Overview Report A14 Felixstowe to Midlands. Information had been requested from Ian Gardener who advised contacting Alan Trille direct. It was considered there was insufficient detail on Thrapston to Ellington junctions to make any comment

2023-24/603 LHI application 20mph speed limit - no information to date

2023-24/605 Village Sign - Mr Baker had placed the order for the repair with Jacowe Joinery Ltd but had heard nothing further

Notice Board - it was agreed that when the quotation was received from London House Signs for the refurbishment that it would be circulated to the Parish Council and if reasonable the clerk place the order to avoid any further delay.

Goosey Close – Annual Inspection – on enquiry it was ascertained from Online Leisure Products that the three year option was no longer available but as the Parish Council had paid in advance the second year would be carried out if required. The clerk was instructed to arrange this. A price has been requested from London House Signs Ltd for new waterproof gate sign.

630 2023-24/618 footpaths, BOATS & verge obstructions – a report had been received that the entrance to the footpath (PFP 70/1) from Chapel Lane was blocked by a fallen tree. The owners of the property alongside which the path

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runs said they were unable to clear this. Mr Thomason has submitted a report to Cambridgeshire County Council requesting this be cleared.

A reply had been received from the CCC Enforcement Officer advising that rocks on highway verge Easton Road will be removed and replaced with small reflectors, planting on neighbouring highway property will be removed. Owner of field opposite to be requested to keep hedge tight. Property owner of corner Stonely Road querying Highway boundary and owners of The Timbers and Chestnut House to be contacted again.

- 631 2023-24/620 Chapel Lane – The Lane tree felling and area levelling – A letter had been sent to the resident who had requested this and was advised the corner should be left at its current level. A reply received stated his offer had been misunderstood, he merely wished to remove unsightly and overgrown trees, remove the building materials he is storing here, tidy the area and plant a wild flower meadow. It was agreed to answer and request the area be cleared of the surplus building materials and left seeded and levelled only. If any arboricultural work is required he should contact CCC as this area is considered highways responsibility. The Parish Council has written to the LHI requesting permission to plant a small number of trees here to safeguard and enhance the area

632 **Planning Consultation**

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (Plans) following approval of application 19/01955/FULTDC to include the erection of shed and greenhouse and garage not built in accordance with approved plans (Retrospective Application).
Site Address: The Meadow The Lane Easton - Reference: 23/01524/S73
Following a discussion and study of the plans a neutral comment of no objection should be submitted.

Easton Road, Easton a query had been raised regarding the erection of a porch and garage – next meeting

- 633 2023-24/618 Local Highways Initiative application MVAS The Project Manager had asked the type of unit the Parish Council required. A list of the options had been requested and some information on each circulated. It was agreed all councillors to study and create a list of requirements when it would be agreed which unit complied with the specification and a decision be made. The Project Manager to be asked for recommendation

- 634 Easton United Charities - Parish Council Nomination of Trustees – notices had been placed in two editions of the village newsletter and on the notice board. One application had been received from Mr Philip Bell, Mrs Katy Turner had spoken to Mrs Mayer (EUC trustee) and Mrs Bell said she would ask Mrs Turner if she wished to apply

- 635 2023-24-619 Woolley Hill Wind Farm - Parking area at Church – Mr Wood had submitted the application. The Cambs Community Foundation have requested a copy of the Safe Guarding and Equal Opportunities policies of the Parish Council
Mr Wood is to update the current policies which will be confirmed and forwarded to the CCF.

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- 636 Review & Update Parish Council Statutory Documents
Mr Wood is to update the current policies which will be confirmed and posted on the website
- 637 Defibrillator maintenance having checked, the dates of the components a new battery and pads are required. The order is to be placed within the ten year worry free pack purchased with the defibrillator. Mrs Bell suggested a refresher CPR course be held, enquiries as to cost be made
- 638 **Accounts** - Barclays Bank PLC require up to date information for the officials on the bank mandate. Messrs. Baker, Burton and Wood completed and signed the form for forwarding to the bank.
- 639 **Accounts** - invoices presented for payment
Easton PCC - room hire £50.00
Antony Abbs – verge cutting x 2 £460.00
- HMRC VAT Return – the clerk has completed and submitted the VAT Return online to HMRC

640 **Correspondence**

Huntingdonshire District Council

Communications Executive – Press Releases

St Neots Town Centre

Appointment of Chief Executive

Council Tax support scheme

Huntingdon parks awarded green flag status

Recycling poster competition

Dog Control Public Spaces Order

Possible industrial action by some staff

Industrial action contingencies

Industrial action suspended

industrial action staff Pathfinder House

Industrial action cancelled

Investment plans for Hinchingbrooke Country Park

Garden waste charge approved

Keep Britain Tidy

Parks Week

Democratic Services Member Development & Support Officer

Executive Assistant to the Managing Director

Health Inequalities survey by CCC

Interim Corporate Director (People)

Anti-Poverty Strategic Lead, Cambridgeshire County Council.

Survey vulnerable people

Interactive Climate Change conversation 17/11/23

Project Officer

Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy -express interest by 18/09/23

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Revenue & Benefits Officer
Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25 consultation

Executive Councillor for Climate & Environment
Interactive conference Burgess Hall, St Ives 17/11/2023

Waste Minimisation Support Officer
Next meeting 21/09/2023
Food waste & contamination

Electoral Services Manager
Electoral Roll changes September

Cambridgeshire County Council

Traffic management officer
Traffic Management course at Cottenham
Incident report July & 01/09 August
Highways events

Highways Management - Business support manager
Volunteers for winter gritting 2023-2024
June/July newsletter

Senior Flood Risk Officer - Community Flood Action Programme
Flood Group Conference 21/09/23

Local Projects - Assistant Project Manager
MVAS Notification of successful funding application
Date amendment and request for location of posts
Full report 2023/24 LHI application meeting

Street Works
Notification of closure Stonely Road Easton comment by 03/08/23
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Cambridgeshire Matters
newsletters July & August

3C shared Services - Technical Consultancy Officer
Address new build next to Berrylands – The Annex

Ian Gardener – County Councillor
A14 consultation comment required by 11/08
Notification of MVAS application success

Climate Crisis Strategy Manager
Action on Energy Cambridgeshire 11/10/23

Business Officer Libraries & Culture
Library autumn presentations

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Steve Count, Councillor for March

Request for support for petition against Council weed killer policy for roads, pathways and cycleways and suggested template

*Cambridgeshire Constabulary - Senior Communications Officer (South)
Corporate Communications*

Huntingdon Community Teams meeting 12/09/2023

Detective Chief Inspector Ben, CJ & Custody

all details of Remembrance weekend events required

CAPALC & NALC

Training, newsletters and events

Cambridgeshire Acre – newsletters

641 **Matters for next meeting**

Selection of MVAS
Statutory Policies
EUC nomination Trustees,

642 **Date & time of next meeting** 20/09/2023 and 26th October 2023
7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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