

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 22nd January 2015 in St Peter's Church, Easton at 8.00pm

Apologies for absence: received from Richard Burton. All other members present. Mike Baker (chair) Charles Nixon, Steve Thomason and Clive Wood

Declaration of members' interests – to receive from members declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. - none received.

Minutes: the minutes of the last meeting held on 11th December 2014 were read, approved and signed as correct. The minutes of the July meeting are still awaited, Mr Wood confirmed these would be completed and presented at the next meeting.

Matters arising: War Memorial restoration - Mr Wood reported the cost of attaching a replacement piece of stone engraved as the existing memorial to be £2,100.00. Previously it had been agreed, in principle, that the Parish Council would make a contribution towards this.

Woolley Hill Wind Farm - Mr Wood is to obtain more precise details from the Easton Social & Fund Raising committee and the stonemason to enable the submission of a request for a grant from the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Community Fund at their meeting in April.

- Mr Burton is to request a grant from the Community Fund for a new small swing for the playing field.

Hartham Street remains almost impassable due to wet weather and use by vehicles.

Hedgerow maintenance, Stoneley Road – the meeting with Mr Picton has yet to take place.

Tree Planting Mr Baker reported the District Council had advised him the trees ordered are ready for collection subject to suitable weather conditions.

Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport – Mr Baker confirmed he had contacted the organisation and will circulate details.

Footpaths Mr Nixon is concerned that he has received reports that the use of village footpaths is being abused. It was agreed he should draft a notice to be circulated in the village newsletter.

Proposed gate – footpath no. 5, Stoneley Road With regard to the locked wire across the entrance to this footpath, to date, no copy of the application for a gate has been received from Mr Picton and Mike Baker and Steve Thomason are to ask him about this when they see him.

Cherry Orchard Lane Mike Baker had inspected the entrance which he confirmed is indeed badly rutted. Although Simeon Carroll, the Rights of Way Officer, had implied he had no objection to the resurfacing, it was felt that if this is permitted it must be with the proviso that the whole lane is reseeded to ensure it remains a 'green lane'.

Accounts no invoices received for payment
The precept for 2015/2016 had been submitted as requested by the District Council

Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council

Planning Services Manager

Notification that a consultation will run from 23/01/15 to 20/03/2015 to give the opportunity to comment on the changes to the Local Plan that are proposed following the stage 3 Local Plan consultation held in 2013.

Environmental Management Division

Flood Forum information

Cambridgeshire County Council

Asset Information Definitive Map Manager

Restricted byway no. 17 and footpath no. 17 Definitive Map Modification order 2014
A copy of the unopposed Order has been received.

Community Engagement Officer – Cambridgeshire Future Transport

Report received that due to the route the new 400 service is scheduled to take, it is no longer possible to include Easton on the return journey.

UK Power Networks Information to help vulnerable persons in the community
in case of power cuts

Environment Agency notification the risk of flooding from rivers or sea dataset
has been released under an open government licence and is available on line.

Other matters and matters for next meeting Mr Baker reported he had thanked Mr Lumbers of Ellington for cutting back the hedgerow in Easton Road; and large puddles of water are standing in front of no. 1 The Lane. The clerk reported she had reported the problem of the exit/entrance central reservation of the A14 flooding to Amey plc the contractors for the A14 and to the Highways Agency.

Date and time of next meeting: 5th March 2015

Mr Baker thanked those who had attended and closed the meeting at 9.30pm