

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 5th March, 2015 in St Peter's Church, Easton at 8.00pm

Apologies for absence: received from Charles Nixon. 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 22nd January 2015 were read, approved and signed as correct. The minutes of the July meeting, prepared by Clive Wood, were presented and signed.

Matters arising Woolley Hill Community Fund

Mr Wood reported the Community Fund require three quotations to be submitted for each application. He had details the Easton Social & Fund Raising Committee had acquired for the cost of the restoration work for the war memorial and is to try to obtain further quotations in order that the application may be prepared at the next Parish Council meeting and submitted by the required date of 31st March.

Similarly, Mr Burton to complete the application for the additional swing in the playing field two further quotations are required which he will endeavor to secure.

Hedgerow maintenance, Stonely Road - concern expressed that further clearance works of the hedgerow had been carried out. Mike Baker and Steve Thomason are to discuss this with Michael Picton.

Tree Planting - Mr Baker reported the trees had been collected and planted. Hedging had been planted around the playing field. Thanks also to Steve Thomason for his help.

Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport- it was agreed the clerk should arrange for the manager to attend the Parish Meeting.

Footpaths – no circular about the irregular use of footpaths by cyclists has been seen. The clerk was asked to remind Mr Nixon about this.

Proposed gate – footpath no.5 Stonely Road. The clerk reported the Rights of Way Officer, Simeon Carroll had contacted the Parish Council with regard to the status of this as he had sent all the application forms to Michael Picton. It was agreed that information regarding this would be requested when Mike Baker and Steve Thomason see Michael Picton.

Cherry Orchard Lane – The Rights of Way Officer, Simeon Carroll had contacted the clerk for confirmation of the decision on the resurfacing of the entrance to Cherry Orchard Lane. Although the Parish Council would not disagree with limited resurfacing of the entrance to Cherry Orchard Lane, Mr Wood felt there is a section of the village community who would not agree. It was therefore agreed that Mr Wood would speak with these people to ascertain their view.

Puddles of water in The Lane. The AWA had been contacted and declined to accept responsibility for this.

Draft A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

Mr Baker had received draft documents. He reported he had written to the Highways Authority regarding acceleration and deceleration lanes out of and into the village from the A14. A reply received from the Highways Authority covered various schemes under possible consideration. Notice of meeting to update information.

Accounts: the clerk presented the bank account and the income and expenditure report for the current year.

invoice presented, approved and paid
Easton PCC hire of room £50.00
(hire of meeting rooms s.135)

Correspondence

Huntingdonshire District Council

Local Taxation Manager – acknowledgement of receipt of precept requirement for 2015/2016 and confirmation of the tax base of £51.95 for band D property.

Elections & Democratic Services Manger – notification of Town/Parish Council elections scheduled to be combined with UK Parliamentary and District Council elections on 7th May 2015. Notice of Election to be published 23/03/2015 and completed nomination forms to be returned by 9/04/2015. The clerk had written pointing out the limited timescale and suggested a notice in advance of the formal Notice of Election be put on the notice board to give villages more time to give consideration to this.

Elections & Democratic Services Manager – seven sets of nomination forms. The parish councillors present each took one.

Corporate Director – correspondence from other Parish Councils in response to the Local Plan

Office of Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner – notification of newly appointed outreach worker whose role is to establish the concerns and view to report back to Sir Graham Bright. Contact: email Rebecca.Avery@cambs.pnn.police.uk; mobile: 07894 601242; web: <http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk>

Mr Baker said he had been trying to contact without success, Anna Holder the local PCSO.

Cambridgeshire County Council

Asset Systems Manager on behalf of Infrastructure Management & Operations

Notification that any highway issue should be reported online via the fault reporting tool as other methods are not cost effective

Supporting Businesses and Communities (ET4000) – information for anyone holding events to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the end of World War II

Cambridgeshire Acre – February newsletter

Highways Agency - in January the clerk had reported the flooding in the central reservation of the junction on the A14 and had now been advised the gullies have been cleared.

Local joint Committee – draft minutes of meeting 24/11/14 and date of next meeting 13/04/2015 at Pathfinder House

Cambridgeshire Bobby scheme – report of work carried out in 2014 and request for people to donate to the scheme when buying on line through certain suppliers
Request to advertise a free and informal peer support and education service called Type 2 Together which will connect people with diabetes. Details to go to Jenny Hyde to ask if this can be included in the newsletter.

Contact: http://www.diabetes.org.uk/How_we_help/Talk-to-someone/Type-2-Together

National Plant Monitoring – notice for volunteers to go on notice board

Date and time of next meeting: the next meeting is to be the Annual Parish Meeting and requests for the village reports are to be made by Clive Wood for the playing field, and to contact Easton Social & Fund Raising Committee. The clerk to arrange for the Neighbourhood Watch and Easton United Charities. A business meeting will follow the Parish Meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm