

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Easton Parish Council was advertised and held on 22nd March 2018 in St Peter's Church, Easton.

The chairman opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed the members of the village and the representatives of the various village committees.

Apologies for absence: Parish Council - none, members present: chair Mike Baker MBE, Richard Burton, Steve Thomason, Phil Trussell and Clive Wood

Apologies on behalf of: Easton United Charities, chair Ms Kruger.

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2017

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23rd March 2017 were read by Mr Baker, approved by the Council and signed by Mr Baker.

Matters arising

Water running in The Lane – Mr Graham reported this to be an ongoing problem and whilst the drain does not allow the water to run away, will continue. He suggested the salt/grit bin be moved to the opposite verge for easier spreading when the water runs over the road and freezes.

Chairman's Annual Report

Mr Baker presented his annual report briefly listing the main topics of interest and which the Parish Council had dealt with during the past year. A copy to be circulated to each house.

Village Reports: Easton Social & Fund Raising

Mrs Yates presented the annual report for the past year. Three most enjoyable events had taken place, although it had been necessary to subsidise the murder mystery evening by £900 and help provided at one other. A profit of just under £1,500 was realised from the six breakfasts and the Christmas mulled wine events.

Easton United Charities

Mr Harlow presented the draft accounts to 31st December 2017 on behalf of Ms Kruger, who was unable to attend. He reported new trustees have been appointed and his term of office will be completed in April. The new Trustees are: Mr David (Chris) Charlton and Mr John Maith.

Neighbourhood Watch

Dr Brian Davis reported no crime in the village but damage had occurred to fencing and a parked vehicle by passing traffic. This has much increased due mainly to the higher volume of delivery vehicles. He also commented on dogs attacking village dogs being walked in the Stonely Road area. Mr Baker advised the District Council has prepared a case and this is with the Legal Team. It will, in due course, be established whether any offences have occurred.

Mr Graham reported he would apply for a grant from the A14 community funding to replace the defibrillator, stolen last year, its siting to be considered if and when this is received.

Mike Baker
21st March 2019

Goosey Close Playing Field

Mr Wood presented the report for the year. The work advised in the survey commissioned had been carried out by Global Tree Solutions Ltd. The additional play bark ordered had been delivered and spread around in the play equipment area. The climbing frame had been repaired.

Mrs Davis asked if there is any possibility of adult exercise equipment being placed in the playing field. Mr Wood said this can be researched but siting such pieces is not straightforward due to compliance with the various regulations.

Any other village matters:

Mrs Davis expressed concern at the number of HGVs travelling along Church Road; unfortunately, this is the only route in winter, the back road to Townsend Farm being unsuitable in wet weather.

Brian Davis asked about the entrance to the Three Shires Way track to Spaldwick which is very badly rutted and muddy due to vehicles accessing rented fields. Mr Thomason reported this had been the case but he had been in consultation with the Rights of Way officer and had, only yesterday, been resurfaced.

There being no other matters, Mr Baker thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Mike Baker
21st March 2019