

## EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council meeting was advertised and held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in St Peter's Church, Easton commencing at 8.00pm

**Apologies received:** none, all Council members present with chair taken by Mike Baker, MBE

**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 received

**Minutes:** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were read, approval proposed by Richard Burton, seconded by Steve Thomason and signed as correct by Mr Baker.

**Matters arising:** 17/01227/FUK (16/00211/ENCOM) Barn & Stable development, Mr Thomason confirmed that he had forwarded a summary of the problems and issues experienced over the past years to Mr Swaby, as agreed at the last meeting but had received no response. The clerk was instructed to follow this up with Mr Swaby.

HDC investigation – anti social behaviour – dogs. Mr Thomason reported a paragraph had been printed in the village newsletter giving a brief outline of events to date. An email had been received following this from someone who purported to have experienced similar problems with dogs previously. Mr Thomason is to verify this. Also received an email from Ms Lisa Wilde - Regency Horse and Carriage Masters Ltd refuting the information printed in the newsletter. Clerk instructed to acknowledge receipt.

**Byways & Footpaths** the motorcycle prohibition signs are still awaited. Steve Thomason to again contact and remind Footpaths Officer. He also reported that Hartham Street is now impassable due to ruts and mud.

**Parking area by Church** Mr Baker said he had not been able to obtain a specification of work which would have been carried out, but the trial drain appeared to be working well and he proposed to dig more.

**Planning Consultation:** 1802706/PIP proposal for permission in principle for up to 2 dwellings, land east of Avens, Stonely Road. Huntingdonshire District Council had invited a councillor to speak at the meeting of the Development Management Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February when this item is to be on the agenda. Mr Baker had attended the meeting and reported the application had been approved. He suggested he compose a report to be printed in the next village newsletter.

**Playing Field** the clerk reported the new bin had been delivered and placed in the field. This is grey, as on offer at £50 less, instead of green. The old bin framework requires removal. Two 'litter picker' ordered, received and given to Mr Burton for use and safekeeping.

**Traffic – village roads** apart from a general increase in delivery vehicles in the village which adds additional damage to the verges, reports have been received that overweight vehicles are using Stonely Road as a shortcut or are still mistakenly turning into the village from A14. These then have great difficulty as there is no adequate place to

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turn to go back. The clerk had previously spoken to Williams Transport Ltd who said that all visiting drivers are given full directions and there is nothing further they can do. Mr Baker suggested he speak to the County Councillor for this district and the clerk to contact the County Council Highways Officer to report the problem and request better signage or some other remedy for this problem.

In order to be able to progress a solution it was thought an article in the newsletter asking residents to note and report vehicle details and date when enquiries as to whether the vehicle was legally within the weight limit could be made.

**Goosey Close Playing Field** Quotations for grass cutting for three seasons 2019-2021 had been received from two of the three contractors contacted. HDC advised no external maintenance contracts are currently being undertaken and did not quote. The prices received from Four Seasons and Mr DP Jolly were £80 and £60 per cut respectively. Following consideration Mr Baker proposed, Mr Burton seconded the contract be awarded to Mr Jolly. This was unanimously agreed. The clerk to write to Mr Jolly accepting the quotation.

**Verge Cutting** One quotation for verge cutting 2019-2021 had been received from the three contractors contacted. HDC advised no external maintenance contracts are currently being undertaken and no price quoted; Mr Jolly that he did not have suitable equipment and did not quote for the work. Four Seasons quoted £210 per cut (previously £200 per cut). Following consideration Mr Baker proposed, Mr Wood seconded the contract be awarded to Four Seasons. This was unanimously agreed; the clerk to write to Four Seasons accepting the quotation.

**Weir Lane Tree Maintenance** Mr Baker had advised that three trees are becoming dangerous and needed felling before falling and possible damage to the neighbouring property. He had obtained a quotation from Global Tree Solutions Ltd in the sum of £100 excluding VAT. It was proposed by Philip Trussell, seconded by Clive Wood and agreed unanimously that this be accepted. The clerk to write to Global Tree Solutions Ltd accepting the price.

**Accounts payable:** invoices received, approved and cheques drawn for:

Mrs J Hyde	printing village newsletter	£52.40
Ideal 365	2 x litter picker	£23.00
Glasdon UK Ltd	waste bin	£143.84

### Correspondence

*Huntingdonshire District Council* Council Tax Team Leader  
acknowledgement of receipt of request of £4,500 for precept. Charge for Band D £54.88 - 82 properties. (2017-2018 £57.69 - 78 properties)

*Cambridgeshire County Council* Flood Risk & Biodiversity Team  
newsletter

Integrated Highway Management Centre

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*Huntingdonshire & Cambridgeshire Football Association*      Wheelchair FA  
poster for power chair football event 13/04/2019

*Mrs Beth Davis*                      suggesting fencing village green to alleviate damage to the surrounding verge. Acknowledgement to be sent advising the Parish Council is already considering how best to deal with problem around the village.

*CAPALC & NALC*  
training dates and notices

**Matters for next meeting**

**Date and time of next meeting**                      21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Wood agreed to present the report for the playing field and the chairs of the Easton United Charities, Easton Social & Fund Raising and Neighbourhood Watch be asked to present their annual reports

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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