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Minutes of the meeting of Easton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 10th April 2017** at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr M Simpson
Cllr M Baker
Cllr A O'Grady
Cllr H Tomblin
Cllr D Asher
Cllr S Goodwin
Cllr P Bates

Mrs D Barrett (Clerk/RFO to the Council)

	ACTION
<p>17/65 – Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies from Cllr J Moll (Holiday), Cllr D Wheatley (Holiday) Cllr S Geraghty (Holiday), Cllr E Hanson (Holiday)</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the absence of Cllr Moll, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Geraghty and Cllr Hanson</p>	
<p>17/66 – To receive declaration of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</p> <p>Once Public Time started Cllr Baker declared a personal interest as one member of the public wanted to speak about the cricket club.</p>	
<p>17/67 – To receive and approve for signature The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th March 2017.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>17/68 – Matters arising from these minutes only.</p> <p>17/46 (a) Letter to Mrs Ward has been sent and is Annex A</p> <p>17/47 (b) Letter to Mr Ward has been sent and is Annex B</p> <p>17/51 – The Speed camera at the junction of A43 and Porters Lane has been reported and will be fixed</p> <p>17/55 – A letter of thanks was sent to Ken Rawson for his work at Spring Close</p> <p>17/55 – A quote has been requested for the work to fix the fence posts at The Green in Church Street and for a quote to repairs that need doing at the playing field and the Play Park behind the close.</p> <p>17/56 - A quote has been requested to fix the bench that is on the A 43 near Porters Lane</p> <p>17/57 – Due to dealing with other issues and end of year finances the application for funding for a 4th Defibrillator has not yet been completed.</p> <p>17/58 - A quote has been request to fix the Defibrillator cabinet at the Post Office.</p>	
<p>17/69 – Public Time.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all the members of the public who had attended with a variety of questions.</p> <p>a) Mrs Debbie Greaves asked to speak and the Chairman invited her to do so. Following the meeting in March and the presentation of the Petition to Save Our Playing Field Mrs Greaves was very concerned about the upset it caused Cllr Baker and wanted it minuted that the work Cllr Baker does with Kwik Cricket is appreciated by all the parents and that her dedication to the</p>	

<p>children of the village was not in doubt. The Chairman thanked Mrs Greave for her comments.</p> <p>b) Mr and Mrs Mountain asked to speak and the Chairman invited them to do so. Mr and Mrs Mountain asked to speak about their planning application at The Coach House, Church Street. They had submitted revised plans to the previous application addressing the councils concerns. It was agreed that instead of going through every point Cllr Goodwin and Cllr O'Grady would meet with Mr and Mrs Mountain at the property to go through the points and make a recommendation. The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Mountain for their questions and for attending the meeting.</p> <p>c) Mr Julian Carr asked to speak and the Chairman invited him to do so. – Mr Carr wanted to express to the Council that some residents that signed the Save our Playing Field felt that they did so under false pretences as the full purpose was not fully explained. Mr Carr wanted, along with three other family members', his and their names removed from the petition. The Chairman thanked Mr Carr for his comments.</p> <p>d) Mr Joshua Ford asked to speak and the Chairman invited him to do so. – Mr Ford, on behalf of the cricket club, asked if the football goal posts that are located close to the cricket pavilion, could be moved. It was suggested that they are moved to the top end of the playing field. Cllr Simpson will go to the playing field to assess the situation and report back. Mr Ford asked if a Dog Bin could be located by the cricket pavilion or by the exit at the top end of the field. The reason for this is because people are leaving full poo bags on the ground or hanging in the tree's. The council explained that unless volunteers are prepared to empty it a new bin can't be provided as the council bin lorry only go as far as the car park. Cllr Simpson will look at this matter as part of the playing field committee and the clerk will contact the Dog Warden about the issue. The Chairman thanked Mr Ford for his questions and concerns.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all the members of the public for attending the meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Goodwin Cllr O'Grady</p> <p>Cllr Goodwin</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>17/70 – Public Correspondence</p> <p>Notification from the Cricket Club - The cricket club will be laying the concrete base for the practice nets at the playing field next Saturday; April 8th. I trust that this is acceptable to the PC? The laying of this base has taken weeks of planning and organising; it will help provide vital practice and coaching facilities for the club and its juniors. It will also "tidy up" the top end of the playing field where the old nets were removed two years ago. Funding support for this project has been provided by East Northants County Council, Coloplast, SRP solutions and Julian Carr builders (sponsors). The farmer (Mr Beever), will be informed that the concrete delivery vehicles will be present near the pavilion for a few hours on the morning of the 8th.</p> <p>I had a request from Debbie Greave (resident of the crescent) She has asked if the council would consider putting the names of the councillors who proposed and seconded a proposal to be included in the minutes. She feels this will allow people to see what individual councillors are proposing and doing so when the next election takes place, who to vote for. The Clerk explained that this was not a requirement but would let full council decide.</p> <p>The council discussed the request and have asked the clerk to check with NCALC as to what the official policy on this is and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Tim Nicol has sent the following request: Would the Parish Council be able to send a letter of greeting to the Mayor of Elviria to accompany the E2E riders. Something on a scroll or rolled paper perhaps so it can be rolled up and put inside the seat post of a bike?</p> <p>It may be too late to organise anything else but could a memento of some sort also be an idea. A small piece of local stone with an inscription perhaps?</p> <p>The council Resolved to send a letter and a gift of local stone to the Mayor of Elviria with the E2E riders</p> <p>From Emily Hutchison</p>	

My query is whether there is anything in the pipeline to improve the parks in the village. My two young children and I use the park in The Close and the one at the playing field most days but to be honest they could both do with modernisation. Maybe a seesaw or a roundabout, just something to make them a little more exciting. Also, the park in The Close does not have any of the spikes on top to stop the birds and so my two little ones often can't go on the swings because of the bird poo.
If anything could be done about any of the above that would be greatly appreciated

The clerk has replied to Emily as detailed below

Hi Emily,

Thank you for your email and raising your concerns. I have included the email as part of correspondence at tonight's Parish Council meeting.

Hopefully by now you have received your copy of the New Village Plan, if you haven't, you will do this week. In it the issue of the state of the play equipment etc. has been highlighted and is one of the council's main priorities over the next couple of years.

If you would like to discuss this issue further and maybe provide some ideas please come along to the annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 2nd May 17. The meeting is a chance for all residence of Easton to speak with councillors on an informal basis, hear reports from County and District Council and most importantly give us your idea's

17/71 – To Receive Report from Planning Committee

- (a) 17/00570/FUL- Proposed porch to rear elevation, realignment of existing garden wall, new timber entrance gates at 5 The Lane Easton on the Hill. The Planning Committee reported No Objection and the Clerk submitted this.
- (b) 17/00405/FUL The Coach House Easton on the Hill -revised application with amendments – It was agreed that Cllr Goodwin and Cllr O'Grady would visit the coach house and review the new submitted plans and would then send a report to the clerk.

Cllr Goodwin
Cllr O'Grady

17/72 –Finance.

a) ICC's report – monthly bank reconciliation and invoices are approved:

Receipts and Payments to Date

102283 Cancelled Lost Cheque	178.00
Allotment Payment	10.00
DC – Refund from Curry's for overpayment of computer	9.67
Total	£ 197.67

<u>Chq no.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
102286	Coleman's of Stamford- Stationery	£ 84.76
102287	East Northants Council – Bin Emptying	£ 86.88
102288	Think Digital – printing of Village Plan	£ 595.00
102289	The Cumbria Clock Company-Annual Service	£ 150.00
102290	Mrs D Barrett – Staff Wages and Expenses	£ 470.49
102291	Mr S Goodwin – Payment to Alamy for Aerial Photo	£ 47.99
102292	Mr S Goodwin – Mileage for picking up Village Plan	£ 13.50
102293	Mr K Rawson – Re-issue of cheque for Trees and Shrubs	£ 178.00
102294	HM Revenue and Customs – PAYE	£ 108.80
102295	E.On – Electricity Charges	£ 797.42
	Total of invoices	£2,532.84p

It was Resolved to accept the ICCs' approval and payments were made under the Local Government Act 1982 and subsequent financial legislation.

(b) - To Receive the Annual Return- i. Section 1 – Accounting Statement 2015/2016. ii. Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017 - It was Resolved to accept the Annual Return

(c)To Review the Annual Risk Assessment - It was Resolved to adopt the new Risk Assessment and the Chairman sign it

(d)To approve and Resolve the quote for the repair of the damaged street light opposite Rock

<p>Cottage on Stamford Rd - £807.00 plus vat – already approved by the finance committee- It was Resolved to accept the quote and the clerk has arranged for the work to be done</p> <p>(e) To approve and Resolve the quote for the repair of the damaged street light 64/66 Stamford Rd - £707 plus vat- already approved by the finance committee. - It was Resolved to accept the quote and the clerk has arranged for the work to be done</p>	
<p>17/73 -To Receive the monthly update from the PCSO's. No PCSO was in attendance.</p>	
<p>17/74 – To Receive Report from Cllr Moll on the Traffic Calming/Road Safety and The Village Shop Parking and Verge Issue. – Cllr Moll sent the report below</p> <p>During the course of the month, the VAS on the A43 was moved closer to Collyweston. It created some confusion for one resident who thought it was too close to the static devise close by. However, the Highways Safety Officer has confirmed that he is happy with the location. I have not downloaded any data yet but will during the next two weeks.</p> <p>I reiterate the desire the placed the order for the 3rd device which will be solar powered and located on the east entry to the village picking up traffic entering from Stamford before it passes the A43, Racecourse, High Street junction. I propose that we purchase this from reserves and respectfully request that this matter is voted upon with my full support.</p> <p>Cllr Bates stated that it had been resolved in a previous council meeting that the Council would only buy another sign of grant funding was made available. Cllr. Bates asked if it was possible to move the existing VAS that is on the A43 at the junction of Porters Lane to the entrance of the Village close to racecourse road before committing to spending money on another VAS devise. It was Resolved for the Clerk to ask Highways about the possibility and what the costs would be.</p> <p>Cllr Simpson will compare the data from the traffic survey done 3 years ago with the data form the mobile VAS and will report back at Junes meeting</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Simpson</p>
<p>17/75 – To Receive Report from Cllr Goodwin on the progress of the Village Plan</p> <p>The Village Plan has been printed and distributed to all residence of Easton. Members of the council will be available at the Village meeting on Tuesday 2nd May to discuss the Plan. It was Resolved to now remove the item from further agendas.</p>	
<p>17/76 – To Receive a report from the Trees and Green Working Party</p> <p>A report had been sent to Cllr Baker about the state of the large tree at Spring close and the state of the overgrown track. The tree was looked at and is fine and it was Resolved to pay Paul Lewis £30.00 to clear the track.</p> <p>The problem of the Ivy growing on the trees and wall adjacent to the first house on the High street was discussed and Cllr Baker will ask Danny Dawson to have a look at it and report back.</p>	
<p>17/77 – To receive a Report from The Playing Field Working Party</p> <p>(a) Update on the CCTV at the playing fields- This matter had been discussed previously and as it had been reported that the CCTV cameras were dummies and therefore would not provide the deterrent needed it was Resolved to not install the CCTV cameras at the playing field.</p> <p>(b) To discuss the Village Petition “Save our Children’s Playing Field” – The Council wanted to thank those who took the time to do the petition and this will be included in the next News and View. It was felt that the Village Plan should answer the concerns of the petition.</p> <p>(c) 2008 Licence granted to the Cricket Club by the Parish Council – This item was discussed and the Clerk will look back through the archives to find the agreement, it was, however, felt that things now need to move forward and a new constitution and agreements will be drafted for use of the playing field by all organisations including the cricket club.</p> <p>(d) Cutting of the Grass at the Playing Field – The area where the football posts has not been cut, the cricket club will be asked if they would do this.</p> <p>Addition added at Parish meeting 8 May 17 17/77 (c) – Mrs D Greaves was invited to speak on this issue and Cllr Simpson stated that the 2008 Licence was defunct</p>	

<p>17/78 To Discuss the Installation of New Street Lighting Cllr Simpson is looking at getting several quotes from new providers to install the new street lighting and move over LED lights. As part of this it will be checked if the lights are bright or white. Cllr Simpson will report back at Junes meeting.</p> <p>It was asked if the light at the corner of Porters lane near the Old Oak Pub had been removed, or was it part of the original pub. The Clerk will check this</p>	<p>Cllr Simpson</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>17/79 To receive a report from Cllr Asher on the Easton Garford Trust regarding the Pre-School Cllr Asher presented the report below Since the closure of the Pre-school, The Easton Garford Educational Trust, as landlord, has been in talks with the former Pre-school committee and more recently the Head of Easton Garford School (Hazel Johnson) and the Chair of the Board of Governors (Monica Juan).</p> <p>The object of these talks has been to identify a way to secure a future Pre-school in the village.</p> <p>Mrs Johnson initially hoped that the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET - the academy chain that runs the school) would provide the funding for Easton Garford to take over and run the Pre-school. This would maximise the chances of Pre-school children feeding into EG and therefore securing EG's future in the village. However, PDET have decided that it is unable to support this plan and Mrs Johnson is now looking for support from the village to find an alternative Pre-school solution.</p> <p>Currently, the closed Pre-school still has responsibility of the building and any new organisation will take that responsibility over. The Trust has a responsibility as landlords to ensure that the building is used in a way that would fit with the educational objectives of the Trust but its first preference is for a replacement Pre-school provider to be found.</p> <p>A meeting is being held on May 4th where representatives of the Trust, the (closed) Pre-School, Easton Garford School, and the Easton Garford Board of Governors, the Parish Council and the Church to see if a way forward can be found that will support Easton Garford School.</p> <p>Cllr Simpson will contact Chloe Brill to see if there is a constitution for the old playgroup.</p>	<p>Cllr Simpson</p>
<p>17/80 To Discuss Parish Councillor Survey. This item will be deferred until Junes meeting</p>	
<p>17/81 – To allocate the Checkers for May 17 – Checkers will be done on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month</p> <p>Checkers for May 2017 is: Cllr Simon Goodwin</p>	
<p>17/82– Close The meeting closed at (Note: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 08th May 2017 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall)</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: _____