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Minutes of the meeting of Easton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018** at 7.00pm

Present:

- Cllr Emma Hanson ( Chairman )
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  - Cllr S Goodwin
  - Cllr S Geraghty
  - Cllr P Bates
  - Cllr H Tomblin
  - Cllr Asher
  - Cllr A O'Grady
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- Mr A Howells (Clerk/RFO to the Council)

	ACTION
<b>18/001 – Apologies for absence</b>  <b>Apologies from Cllr Mike Simpson, Cllr Jeremy Moll, Cllr Simon Goodwin and Cllr Simon Gerarty</b>  <b>RESOLVED: To approve the absence of Cllrs Simpson, Moll , Goodwin and Gerarty. To approve the Chairman-ship of Councillor Emma Hanson (approved unanimously)</b>	
<b>18/002 – To receive declaration of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b>  <b>Cllr David Wheatley under item 18/011 b cricket club proposals</b>	

<p><b>18/003 – To receive and approve for signature The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> November 2017.</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting at the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>18/004 – Matters arising from these minutes only.</b></p> <p>Cllr O’Grady asked that the letter from Mrs Ward be made available to the February meeting.</p> <p>Cllr O’Grady asked that matters arising from the November meeting be on the February agenda.</p> <p>Cllr O’Grady asked that Clerk find the receipt for the £427.44 mentioned under 17/158.</p>	
<p><b>18/005 – Public Time.</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the three members of the Public that had attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Mr Russell Bradbury mentioned that there is an issue regarding the nets when cutting the grass on the football pitch, and that they should be put away if possible. Mr Bradbury mentioned this at the meeting in November. The council will discuss this at a future meeting</li> <li>b) Mr Tim Nichol. Garden Appeal. Litter Picking. It was resolved in principal that the litter picking should take place in the spring time. It was proposed by Cllr Wheatley and seconded by Cllr Asher)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>18/006 – Public Correspondence</b></p> <p>There was no public correspondence, although Cllr Baker mentioned a sofa/Settee abandoned in racecourse Road. The clerk should speak to his predecessor about this.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>18/008 – Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) It was resolved to move this to the February meeting. It was further resolved that the following payments me made (Prop. Cllr O’Grady Second Cllr Asher) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. EON £870.35</li> <li>b. Grass cutting East Northants CC £845.74</li> <li>c. Dawn Barrett £394.21</li> <li>d. A Howells £561.81</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>To receive and approve the budget and precept for 2017 – 2018. To allocate and approve the Section 137 Payments</b></p>	Clerk Clerk

<p>(b) <b>It was NOT resolved</b> that a precept demand under S41 of the local Government Act 1992 be issued to East Northamptonshire council for £24,059 for the year 2018/19 as Easton on the Hill Parish Council. (Proposed by Cllr Wheatley Seconded by Cllr Hanson).</p> <p>(c) It was proposed the approval of quarterly accounts move to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>(Pauline Bradbury passed Comments and Advice at this stage)</b></p> <p>Cllr Asher Queried the £1000 village sign cost. Clerk to follow up. Cllr O’Grady queried the £1287.47 Land Registry cost. Clerk to follow up</p>	
<p><b>18/008 – To Receive a report from Cllr Moll on the Traffic Calming/Road Safety and Highway matters.</b></p> <p>It was resolved that (proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr O’Grady) that this be moved to the February meeting.</p>	
<p><b>18/010 – To receive a report from Trees and Greens</b></p> <p>Cllr Baker stated that the Lime Tree in Spring Close was full of Ivy and causing a problem. Blocking the light in three houses. We should carry this forward to the Feb meeting, using the Rutland Tree guy, plus there’s a problem with the footpath, put up an orange fence? Set up a working party. Prop Cllr Hanson seconded by Cllr Baker.</p> <p>Cllr O’Grady stated that we should “keep in touch with comers” and mentioned the subsidence at Rock Cottage. Clerk to write to Andrea McClaren on behalf of the council.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>18/011 (a) discuss and resolve the grass cutting.contract</b></p> <p>Cllr O’Grady to report at next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>18/011 (b) – EOH Cricket Club proposals (Cllr Wheatley left the room)</b></p> <p>a) Proposal 1 - permission to rent out the pitch. Cllr O’Grady to seek further clarification and to report at the February meeting.</p> <p>b) Proposal 2 – permission to run a summer camp. This is agreed unanimously in principal, Proposed by Cllr Hanson and seconded by Cllr Baker. Clerk to write to the Chairman of EOHCC to clarify the position, on CRB checks, insurance and how much notice they can give us.</p> <p>c) Proposal 3 – permission to organise a bonfire. Cllr Bates voted against. All others agreed unanimously in principal, proposed by Cllr Asher and seconded by Cllr Tomblin. More details needed, Clerk to ask EOHCC for more details and check with Nalگو about rules and report back.</p>	
<p><b>18/011 (c)– Cost of Scanning Files</b></p> <p>Cllr O’Grady queried the expense verses the need, Cllr Simpson to report at next meeting</p>	
<p><b>18/011 (d) Playing fields ownership</b></p> <p>Carry Forward to next meeting</p>	

<p><b>18/012 Freedom of information requests</b></p> <p>Carry forward to next meeting</p> <p><b>18/013 Future of Play School.</b></p> <p>Opening by the village hall and having a open day. All agreed this is great news, Cllr Asher to issue report at next meeting, and to issue progress reports and updates at future meetings.</p> <p><b>18/014 Peace garden Proposal.</b></p> <p>Member of public Tim Nichol. We intend to ask for £5000 to develop the new churchyard extension into a social amenity for villagers, to create a beautiful peace garden, with a quiet seating area.</p> <p>Cllr O’Grady asked if it was a Debt or if we should keep on the council’s assets. Should this issue be the remit of the Finance Committee?</p> <p>Clerk to ask Dawn Barrett about this issue, for the next meeting. Cllr Bates asked that the clerk get details from Dawn Barrett about the status of the loan.</p> <p><b>18/015 School Closure Consultation</b></p> <p>Cllr Asher presented the report which was circulated prior to the meeting, and she will get firm proposals by the next meeting.</p> <p><b>18/016(a) Discuss implementing the Area’s For Improvement Form</b></p> <p>This will be discussed at the next meeting</p> <p><b>18/016 (b) Discuss implementing new wording for PUBLIC TIME</b></p> <p>Good idea all councillors agreed. Clerk to review and soften wording by next meeting. Cllr Wheatley suggested that people who submit questions in the right manner get allocated the first question slot.</p> <p><b>18/017 Checkers for February</b></p> <p>Cllr O’Grady suggested that this is an item for the next meeting. All agreed. Clerk to create a database for the next meeting, and to discuss format with Dawn Barrett.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Asher</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>18/018– Close</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:37.</p> <p>(Note: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 15th February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall)</p>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_