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Minutes of the meeting of Easton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Wednesday 25th April 2018** at 7.00pm

Present

- Cllr M Simpson
 - Cllr J Moll
 - Cllr E Hanson
 - Cllr D Asher
 - Cllr M Baker
 - Cllr H Tomblin
 - Cllr S Geraghty
 - Cllr A O’Grady
 - Cllr P Bates
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- Mr A Howells (Clerk/RFO to the Council)

	ACTION
It was Resolved that the quotes sent by Cardinal Energy for street lighting wouldn't be added to the agenda as the clerk needed to obtain further information. The matter will be discussed at Mays meeting	
18/047 – Apologies for Absence – Cllr Goodwin and Cllr Wheatley. The Chairman announced that Cllr Goodwin has resigned and thanks was given for all his hard work with the Village Plan	
It was Resolved to accept the absence of Cllr Wheatley and Cllr Goodwin	
18/048 -To receive declaration of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. 18/059 – Cllr Asher declared an interest, Cllr O’Grady declined to declare an interest	
18/049 -To Receive and Approve for signature The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th March 2018. It was Resolved that there were too many errors in the minutes and these need to be addressed by the clerk. The minutes will be signed off with the corrections at Mays meeting	
18/050 - Matters arising from these minutes only. As these minutes were not a correct reflection of the meeting this will be added to Mays meeting	
18/051- Public Time The Chairman welcomed all the members of the public who had attended and invited questions. Mrs Ward asked to speak and was invited to do so. She asked that the minutes of the previous meeting are reflective of her question. She was advised that the minutes would be amended and brought back to the next meeting. In reference to her question at the previous meeting she was asked if she would like to make a formal complaint about the Chairman and she declined.	
18/052 – Public Correspondence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A letter had been received expressing concerns about the state of the potholes along Ketton drift. It was felt that the problem was not just as a result of the traffic by the Cricket club but because of the very harsh winter, other traffic including farm traffic. b) A letter was received expressing the problem of the excess ivy that is growing around the village, The advice to be given is that if the ivy is totally removed it can damage the building material it is attached to. The best advice is to just cut back. c) A notification was received with a crime update – secure containers had been broken into in other villages so the advice is to be vigilant. 	

18/053- To Receive Report from Planning Committee a) 18/00566/TCA – Group of 4 Holly Trees to be removed between 37 and 35 West Street. NO Objections to this application.	
18/054 – To receive a report from Cllr Moll on the Traffic Calming/Road safety and highway matters It was reported that the VAS on the A43 had been unplugged at least 5 times and this would be reported to the PCSO. It was discussed moving one of the VAS to either Western Ave or The Crescent, the licence the council would need to be looked at to see if these two roads could be added. The state of the pothole repairs was discussed and it was agreed it was extremely bad and would need reporting.	
18/055 – Finance a) It was Resolved to accept the Monthly payments of £561.81 for the clerk and £88.38 for ENC b) As the annual return has not yet been completed this item will be moved to Mays meeting c) This item will move to Mays meeting	
18/056- To receive a report from Trees and Green The issue of the Ivy at Spring Close was discussed and it was decided that a working group should be put together to help clear it.	
18/057 – Playing field Matters a) Scanning of playing field files It was suggested that these are scanned and filed at Northamptonshire Archive b) Grass Cutting Tender Cllr O’Grady presented a summary of the tenders received for the grass cutting. It was Resolved that the contract should go to Tom Cooper. It was Resolved that contract should be between the clerk(on behalf of the council) and Leicestershire Garden Services. The Clerk will contact Tom Cooper and advise of the result c) Padlock and key to playing field gate It was requested that the cricket club advise the council how many padlock keys they had and who had them	
18/058 – Report from Cllr Asher on Planning meeting at Thrapston and revamped News and Views – Cllr Asher and the Clerk attended a meeting at Thrapston where the possibility of the removal of the Call Collect service was discussed. A further meeting will take place on 9 th May 2018 to find a way of retaining the service. Cllr Simpson will attend this meeting. Cllr Asher mentioned that sponsorship had been achieved for the News and Views publication. She also asked that, should it be necessary in the future, would the Parish Council agree to donate funds as had been done in the past. It was Resolved that this would be ok.	
18/059 – The matter of the invoice paid for the building of the Parish Council Website. – This matter was discussed at length and the matter is now closed.	
18/060 – The mediation process being carried out by Hoey Ainscough All councillors were advised to complete the online survey and booked their interviews with Hoey Ainscough via the clerk	
18/061 – Checkers for May, Checkers for May will be Cllr Simpson	
18/062 – Meeting closed at	
18/063 – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC To approve the exclusion of Press and Public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the sensitive and or/confidential business to be transacted in accordance with s1(1) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to	

Meeting) Act 1960

It was Resolved to adopt the above policy to discuss the Clerks 3 month probation period.

After much discussion it was Resolved that the Clerks contract would not be extended to a full time position.
It was Resolved to ask the previous clerk to return for a temporary six month period.

Signed: _____

Date:
