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Minutes of the meeting of Easton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 12th March 2018** at 7.00pm

Present

- Cllr J Moll (Vice Chairman)
- Cllr S Geraghty
- Cllr P Bates
- Cllr D Asher
- Cllr A O'Grady

- Mr A Howells (Clerk/RFO to the Council)

	ACTION
<p>18/32 – Apologise for absence Apologise from Cllr Simpson, Cllr Goodwin, Cllr Tomblin, Cllr Baker, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Hanson</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the absence of all Cllrs named above (approved unanimously)</p>	
<p>18/33 – To receive declaration of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Bates on Planning Issue number 0042 at 29 Westfields</p>	
<p>18/34 – To Receive and Approve for signature The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday February 21st 2018. There were no amendments to the minutes RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>18/35 – Matters arising from these minutes only. 18/004 – It was agreed that this would be discussed under public time</p> <p>Amount of £427.44 – It was agreed that after an email was received from the previous clerk this matter should be closed.</p> <p>10/011c – Scanning of files – It was agreed that Cllr Simpson would give an update on this issue at the April meeting.</p> <p>18/026(vi) Ownership of Playing Fields. – Cllr O’Grady provided copies of historic correspondence about this issue.</p> <p>Cllr Moll explained that the delay was due to an FOI request to the Charity Commission by Cllr Simpson, Cllr O’Grady questioned the necessity of this.</p> <p>18/028 Playing Filed Tendering Process – It was suggested that the clerk emails East Northants Council and ask them to quote.</p> <p>18/031 EOHPC Emails – It was agreed that the clerk would investigate this issue, speak with Graham Lilley. Agreed that we should look at all options and come up with a solution.</p> <p>18/003 – Hoey Aiscough Proposal and Parking on the Pavements- It was agreed that these items would be discussed at the next meeting, in the absence of Cllr Simpson.</p>	Clerk

<p>18/36 – Public Time The Head Groundsman from the cricket club advised the meeting on the asbestos. Then the issue was closed. He said he'd advise the council on the location of the generator. It was agreed unanimously that the groundsman would send the quote to the clerk, and that we need clarification about how safe the location is, and where it EXACTLY is located. It was further suggested that we would establish who will be operating the generator and what training they have had..</p>	
<p>18/37- Public Correspondence Mrs Ward showed the council a letter dated 6th April 2017, from the Chairman of the EoHPC indicating that he supported the Cricket Club's application to sell alcohol. Mrs Ward asked why the Chairman stated in this letter that the cricket club cut all of the playing field grass and that, if the cricket club were to close down, the cost of grass cutting would be an additional financial burden on the Parish, when the cricket club does not cut the grass in the playing field and the parish council is already paying contractors to do so. Cllr Moll responded that he could not comment.</p> <p>Mrs Sharpe mentioned the East Northants Resource Management Facility. Liaison Committee meets twice a year since 2003, no councillor or representative has been invited since Mrs Sharpe attended in 2014. Mrs Sharpe also mentioned a referendum some years ago paid for by the EoHPC, regarding planning. Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the boundary Wall at the back of 4 Stamford Road had collapsed. Clerk to ask Northants Council whether it is their footpath, located at the junction of Stamford Road and Spring Close.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>18/38 – Mobile Library Service The mobile library service has ended. All villagers who had books were called and asked to return these books on a given day/date.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>18/39 – To Receive Report from Planning Committee – 18/00042/FUL Cllr Bates declared an interest. It was agreed that access was a problem.</p> <p>18/00268/FUL and 18/00269/LBC</p> <p>It was agreed that neither of these proposals were sympathetic to a Grade 2 listed building.</p> <p>18/00155/AMD</p> <p>Clerk to Liaise with Cllr Goodwin, as the council should have voted on it.</p>	
<p>18/40 –Finance.</p> <p>To receive and approve the monthly receipts and payments</p> <p>a) It was resolved to pay £561.81 to the clerk, Easton Maintenance Services £238, GJ Plastics £35.28, Colemans £40.27, D Barrett £174.21</p> <p>b) Increase in EoN Prices Clerk to shop around and get quotes from alternative suppliers.</p> <p>c) Grass cutting invoice Concerns were expressed as to the reason why a second invoice had suddenly been sent, several months after the end of the contract. Clerk to follow up on payments made and invoices issued to David Lattimore, by writing to Mr Lattimore to ask him to give dates of cuts for 2017</p> <p>d) News and Views Amount of £300 covers the cost £35 cost per issue, Cllr Asher to provide further details about accounts and shortfall at next meeting before this can be fully discussed at meeting.</p>	

<p>18/43 – Cricket Club/Grass Cutting/Playing Field Items</p> <p>We have now proceeded with the tendering process. Clerk has advertised in Stamford Mercury. Deadline for tender still 29th March 2018 at which time Cllr O’Grady and clerk will write a report.</p> <p>(b) Update on playing field ownership by Cllr Simpson</p> <p>Land Registry Map provided my Cllr Bates to the meeting, confirming ownership.</p> <p>Position of Wicket</p> <p>Cllr O’Grady queried the positioning of the wicket and the boundary of the cricket pitch. the Head Groundsman confirmed that the wicket had not moved. Cllr O’Grady expressed her concern that the cricket pitch area had been increased without the approval of nor consultation with the Parish Council and was now encroaching heavily on the football play area.</p> <p>(c) Proposal from Northampton Council re Community Pay Back</p> <p>Clerk to investigate next steps and to progress if possible. We would have to provide equipment which would need to have a permanent store, which may be a problem. It could be too late for this summer?</p>	<p>Cllr O’Grady Clerk</p>
<p>18/44 – To allocate the Checkers for April – Cllr O’Grady</p> <p>Clerk to redesign the sheet.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>18/45 - Loneliness in Community</p> <p>Cllr Hanson sent around before the meeting a report on loneliness, it was agreed that Cllr Asher should mention this in the “news and Views”.</p>	<p>Cllr Asher</p>
<p>18/46 - District Wide Local Plan</p> <p>It was agreed unanimously that Cllr Asher and the Clerk would attend this, in Thrapston, and report back at next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr Asher</p>
<p>18/47</p> <p>The meeting closed at 20.18</p> <p>(Note: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall) second Monday of month.</p>	

Signed: _____

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