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Minutes of the meeting of Easton on the Hill Parish Council held on **Monday 10th September 2018** at 7.00pm

Present

- Cllr H Tomblin (Acting as Chair)
- Cllr P Bates
- Cllr M Baker
- Cllr A O'Grady

- Mrs D Barrett (Clerk/RFO to the Council)

	ACTION
<p>18/137 – Apologise for absence Apologise from Cllr Simpson, Cllr Moll, Cllr Wheatley, Cllr Hanson, Cllr Stokes</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the absence of all Cllrs named above (approved unanimously)</p>	
<p>18/138 – To Receive and Approve the resignation of Cllr Asher and to approve the process to recruit a new councillor. – It was Resolved to accept Cllr Asher's resignation and the clerk will inform the elections officer at East Northants Council.</p>	Clerk
<p>18/139 – To receive declaration of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None.</p>	
<p>18/140 – To Receive and Approve for signature The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2018. As only two of the four councillors present had been present at July's meeting the minutes could not be signed off as the council wasn't quorum. The minutes will be signed off at Octobers meeting</p>	
<p>18/141 – Matters arising from these minutes only. 18/115 – The Parish Councillor Vacancy has been advertised widely around the village and the closing date for a pen picture to be sent to the clerk is 21st September 18. All applicants will be invited to the October Parish Council meeting to introduce themselves. 18/126 – The name of the new road off Westfileds will be The Briars, as suggested by Cllr Bates. 18/127 - To add The Crescent and Western Avenue to the current licence for use of the VAS would require a specific location for the device with a serial number, if a lamp post, so that permission can be granted. It may also require a brand new licence be agreed. Cllr Moll will investigate further and report back. 18/128 – Waterline Solutions have been asked to provide a quote to carry out the necessary work on the pond at Spring close- A quote has been received and will be dealt with under finance.</p>	
<p>18/142 – Public Time - The Chairman thanked the public for attending and asked if anyone had a question.</p>	
<p>18/143- Clerks Report <u>Correspondence since the last Meeting</u></p> <p>1, Call Collect as of 1st September 2018. Easton on the Hill will have a service to Oundle (Mon-Fri), Peterborough (Mon-Sat), Stamford (Mon-Sat). If you are a subscriber to Call Collect, Lincolnshire County Council should have advised of the changes and costs. For general information the website is http://lincsbus.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/welland-changes-v.2.pdf</p> <p>2, Correspondence was received with a concern about the Little Lane Nursery using the Playing Field for</p>	

the summer event. It was explained that the nursery was given permission by the Parish Council to use the Playing field as the primary school, their preferred location, wasn't available and there wasn't time to find another location.

3, Correspondence was received about the potential development behind the Close/The Crescent. This matter is covered under Planning

4, The two broken swings have now been replaced.

5, Cllr Stokes found two small bags of drugs at the Playing Field and this has been reported to the police.

18/144 – To Receive a report from the Planning Committee for the application

- a) 18/01380/FUL – Removal of existing conservatory and erection of new orangery to rear of property at 27 Westfields Easton on the Hill. The Planning Committee reported No Objections but with comments and the clerk submitted this
- b) 18/01517/VAR – Variation of conditions 2 and 15 to allow amended roofing materials and amended drawings for the two barn conversions pursuant to planning application 17/01942/FUL 37 West Street Easton on the Hill. The Planning Committee reported No Objections but with comments and the clerk submitted this
- c) 18/01639/TCA – T1- Monterrey Cypress Crown Clean and Deadwood T2/T3-yew trees, trim back to tree owners boundary. At 40 West Street Easton on the Hill. The Planning Committee reported No Objections but with comments and the clerk submitted this
- d) 18/01704/TPO – AR Butus/Strawberry overhanging stem to be taken back to remainder of the tree- Leylandii twin stem overhanging stem to be taken back down to fork. Top 3 metres of second stem to be removed. Yew to be sided back to wall approx. 3 metres. Hazel Lightly sided into wall approx. 2.5 metres. Trees to be dismantled by way of climbing, waste to be chipped and removed at 17 High Street Easton on the Hill. The Planning Committee reported No Objections but with comments and the clerk submitted this
- e) To receive and discuss the Proposed Residential Development – Land off Stamford Road by Gladman Development Ltd and the response from ENC planning policy department. After receiving a proposed plan from Gladman Developments about building 92 houses in the field behind The Close and the Crescent the clerk contacted the planning department at ENC and received the following reply from the planning policy department.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

In short, the proposed scale of development is such that we could not support it. I would reiterate my earlier advice to Gladman; namely if they wish to promote this land then they should do so through a Neighbourhood Plan (as they are currently doing in the case of another site at Ringstead). Just over two years ago (June 2016) Easton PC did consider the merits of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, but decided at the time not to do so.

The proposed development would be assessed against Policy 11(2) of the Joint Core Strategy (Local Plan Part 1). This states that "*Development in the rural areas will be limited to that required to support a prosperous rural economy or to meet a locally arising need...*" (11(2)(a)) and: "*Other than small scale infilling or 'rural exceptions' schemes, development above these requirements will be resisted unless agreed through the Part 2 Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plans to meet a particular local need or opportunity*" (11(2)(c)). In this case, a development of approximately 90 dwellings on the edge of Easton on the Hill could not reasonably be described as "small scale".

A debate as to what constitutes an appropriate scale of development took place in 2016 at the Brigstock Inquiry (<https://publicaccess.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=NH1LYQGO0A000>), regarding a proposal by Gladman for the development of 110 dwellings at Land off Benefield Road and Old Dry Lane, Brigstock. This was supported by a local housing needs assessment for Brigstock, which indicated a need for around **60 dwellings**

during the Local Plan period (2011-2031). This formed the basis for the quantum of development proposed in the Brigstock Neighbourhood Plan (now at an advanced stage; currently under examination). With regards to the scale of development, Gladman's appeal was dismissed, the Inspector finding that: "*I conclude that Brigstock is not sufficiently well provided with local community services and facilities to support a large new housing development*" (Inspector's Report, APP/G2815/W/15/3134976, paragraph 47).

Overall, I advise that we could not support development at Easton of the scale proposed by Gladman. This would be contrary to the Local Plan spatial development strategy, as set out in JCS Policy 11(2).

I hope this information/ text is helpful to you in preparing your response to Easton Parish Council.

Best wishes.

Mike Burton

(Planning Policy)

18/145 –Finance.

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

Receipts and Payments to Date

D/C Money for Auction of 2 nd Village Sign	£	400.00
D/C Bank Interest	£	12.48
Total	£	412.48

Chq no.	Description	Amount
102383	Wicksteed Leisure – Replacement of Cradle Swing Seats	£ 325.50
102384	Mrs D Barrett – Monthly Wages/Expenses (August)	£ 479.10
102385	Leicestershire Gardens – Grass Cutting July 2018	£ 570.00
102386	E-On – Street Lighting – Maintenance	£ 272.09
102387	Easton Maintenance – Replacement of the new swings	£ 35.00
102388	Mrs D Barrett – Monthly Wages/Expenses/Website Domain renewal	£ 518.88
102389	HM Revenue and Customs - PAYE	£ 333.00
		£ 2,533.57

It was Resolved to accept the ICCs' approval and payments were made under the Local Government Act 1982 and subsequent financial legislation. It was also Resolved that a new ICC checker would be required and a volunteer would be sought at September's meeting.

a) To request a volunteer to be the ICC checker- This Matter will be moved to Octobers meeting

18/146 – To Discuss replacing the Church Yard Gates, review quotes received so far.

The Council discussed at length the issue of replacing the Church Yard Gate and putting in a pedestrian gate off Tank Road. It was felt that as there was already a pedestrian gate into the church yard a few metres down that it was an unnecessary expense especially in the current climate and it was Resolved that the Parish Council would not pay to replace the gate.

<p>18/147 – To review the report from NCC about the removal of 5 Grit Bins from the Village and the proposed suggestion that the Parish Council take Ownership of them.</p> <p>Following notification from Northamptonshire County Council Highways that they would no longer maintain the following grit bins: Church Street outside 33, The Close/off Western Ave, Westhaven off West Street, High Street outside Hill Croft House, Western Ave opp The Nook, the council has Resolved to take ownership and responsibility for filling the Grit Bins. The Clerk will inform NCC Highways</p>	Clerk
<p>18/148 – To receive a report from Cllr Moll on the Traffic Calming/Road Safety and Highway Matters.</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>18/149 – To receive a report from Trees and Greens</p> <p>The clerk had received a concern from a resident that the branches of a tree in Spring close were hanging into their garden and were potentially dangerous. Cllr Baker will go and have a look at the situation. It was also agreed that any overhanging branches could be cut down by the home owner and the clerk will inform them of this.</p>	Clerk
<p>18/150 – Playing field Matters</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the Playing Field Ownership –</p> <p>Stapleton & Son have prepared the draft Statutory Declarations for me and the three other villagers regarding the ownership and access to the Playing Field along the Bridleway. The drafts are being finalised by all of the individuals so as to ensure that they are the individuals own documents setting out what they want to say and what they believe. All 4 Declarations will then need to be signed and witnessed by a solicitor other than Stapleton & Son. To recap, the aim is to register the land in the name of the Parish Council as the owner and changing the Bridleway status to that of a Byway open to all traffic (BOAT) s far as the cricket pavilion whilst ensuring that the Council has no ongoing liability to the upkeep of the proposed BOAT. The cost of registering with the Land Registry will be approx. £60.00</p> <p>b) To receive a complaint from The Cricket Club and agree the procedure to deal with it as set out in the councils complaints procedure.</p> <p>The two parts of the complaint were discussed. Cllr O’Grady stated that she was not involved in obtaining the quotes for the grass cutting that was done by the clerk. Her involvement was to, as agreed by the council, find and produce a tendering process.</p> <p>Cllr Bates gave a brief history on how the electricity was initially installed into the cricket club. It had been agreed that the cricket club could run off the new building built at the playing field but had to be at no cost to the Parish Council or Playing Field association. Cllr Bates will provide documental evidence for the meeting in October</p> <p>This item will be brought back to October’s agenda where a representative of the cricket club will be invited to present the complaint.</p>	
<p>18/151 – To request a volunteer to be the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee. To implement the need to include reports from external meetings at Parish Council Meetings- This matter will be moved to Octobers Meeting</p>	
<p>18/152 – Checkers for October – Cllr Moll</p>	
<p>18/153 – The meeting closed at 8.38 pm . The next meeting will be on Monday 08th October 2018 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall.</p>	

Signed: _____

Date:
