**GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 29th MARCH 2018**

**AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present** Cllrs John Lewis (Chairman) – David Rowland (Vice Chairman)

 Terry Francis – Tristan Martens – Cecile Down – Julia England

 District Cllrs Martin Foley – John Freeman

**Clerk** Audrey Miller

**Residents/guests**  Wendy Hall, Nicola Longman, Stan & Joan Sutherland, Terry Pickup, David Allinson,

 David Chalkley, Richard Painter, Claire Hirst.

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone attending.

**2. Apologies for absence**

 Clair Southon, Paul Kelly

**3. Declaration of Members Interests**

John Lewis S.S.E. - David Rowland S.S.E., C.A.B., Friends of Five Parishes – Tristan Martens S.S.E., Essex Wildlife Trust

**4. Minutes of last meeting**

 Minutes of the meeting held 22nd February 2018 , having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

**5. Matters arising NOT on the agenda**

 Funding for Burns playing field equipment. See item 13 Playing Fields

**6. Public Forum**

 Terry Pickup and David Allinson attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the numerous deep and dangerous pot holes in Duton Hill Road. Action: the PC will again complain to Highways

 John Freeman gave an update on the flooding on the B184 near Lindsell junction. Work has commenced to find the problem and then a solution may be found.

 The road closure on the main road to Saffron Walden should be completed by April 1st.

 Martin Foley told the meeting that the main reason for the 5% increase of council tax this year is for more policemen in the area.

**7. Village Hall**

 Receipts for the village hall this month were £728.63 whilst the expenditure amounted to £299.50.

 Upholstery class payment for the period Jan – March had not been received and needed chasing up.

 Action A.M.

**8. Website Update**

 The new website was now up and running www.Great Easton Parish Council. Thanks were given to David Rowland for all his work he had put into it and also the help from David Hahn

**9. Stop Easton Park**

 Concerns were made from the District Councillor that many more residents needed to make a response. Great Easton and Tilty Parish Council were supporting Stop Easton Park and Kemi Badenoch our M.P. will meet with residents and support them.

**10. Broxted caravan Site**

 The parish council will be supporting Broxted PC regarding the planning application of UTT/18/0112/FUL and will be sending a letter with their comments to UDC requesting a refusal.

**11. Green Skip Dates**

 The clerk informed the council that the schedule for the ‘Green Skip’ visits had been finalised. It will be for fortnightly visits, outside the village hall, Saturdays 9am – 10am commencing April 7th. The dates have been posted on the notice board.

**12. Use of Village Hall by Great Easton Church**

A request had been made by Great Easton Church for use of the village hall for fund raising for no hiring fee.

 After discussion it was felt this would make a precedent for other people to ask when they are fund raising so the hiring fee must stay the same, but access to the hall for setting and clearing up would not be charged for.

**13. Reports from Representatives**

 **Planning**

 UTT/18/0460/FUL Airfield works comprising of two new taxi links,six additional

 aircraft stands (remote) a further three aircraft stands.

 and throughput of 43 mppa.

 Stansted Airport letter sent against approval

 UTT/18/00019/NEWNUM Annexe at Grange Barn

 Great Easton No objections

 UTT/18/0561/HHF Front entrance, dormer windows and glazed walkway to outbuilding.

 Demolish garage /stables and renew

 Great Easton Manor, Dunmow Road. No objections

 **Planning Applications Determined**

 UTT/18/0027/HHF Dow Wood Cottage, Mill End Green Conditional Approval

 UTT/17/3721/FUL Nevilles Farm, Mill End Green Road. Conditional Approval

 UTT/17/3568/HHF Essex House, The Endway. Conditional Approval

 UTT/18/0221/HHF Yew Tree House, The Endway. Conditional Approval

 **Playing Fields**

 Claire Hurst attended the meeting to update on the grants for new playground equipment for Burns Playing Field. The Community Initiative Fund has awarded the Duton Hill Community Association £5674 and together with £3000 donation from the PC (part of the sum set aside by the PC) will cover the cost of the new Activity trail and see saw.

 Claire asked if the PC would earmark the rest of the money promised (£1000) as this would be needed when she applies for a further grant in April. (DHCA need to show they have some funds towards further equipment) The PC agreed and Claire said she would go ahead and get the equipment and installation.

 Terry informed the council that he had removed the tree cuttings etc from the playing field and also mentioned that UDC had dismantled and removed the old garage on the corner of the car park.

 **Footpaths:** nothing to report

 **River Interests:** Nothing to report

 **Road Safety/Highways:**

 Resident concerns over drivers speeding through the village, especially by the footbridge over the ford where there is a blind corner. The traffic police would be contacted for help and advice.

 **Airport**:

 John Lewis attended several meeting regarding the airport planning application. A letter on behalf of the PC has been sent with our concerns. UDC have extended the consultation date but are due to give a decision by 18th July. S.S.E. want the application called in to the Sec. of State and if this doesn’t happen S.S.E. will request a judicial review. It was unanimously agreed to send S.S.E. a donation of £1000 towards their funds to Stop Expansion.

**14. Clerks correspondence**

 No further correspondence had been received.

 **Expenses**

 Cheques ratified since the last meeting B. Miller £60 (purchase of plastic/glass to repair notice boards in Gt.Easton & Duton Hill) – A Miller £675 (3 months salary Jan.Feb.March) - £32.12 (3 months admin )

 Year end being 31st March 2018 the Annual Returns would be completed by A. Miller, before the new Clerk,Wendy Hall, takes over.

**15. Any other business**

 John Lewis reported that the complaints from a resident regarding Laundry Lane Football Site were replied to but the resident said he is not interested in discussing it with Great Easton Parish Council so would go back to Little Easton Parish Council. No more had been heard.

Before the Chairman closed the meeting he made a presentation on behalf of the Parish Council to Audrey Miller the Retiring Clerk and thanked her for the 16 years service she had given to the parish and also gave a gift to Caretaker Brian Miller for looking after the village hall so well for the past few years.

There being no other business to discuss he closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday April 26th 2018 Great Easton Village Hall 7.30pm

**Chairman………………………………………………………..Date……………………………………………………**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**