**GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27th FEBRUARY 2020**

**AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Paul Kelly – Mark Claxton – Tristan Martens – Fiona Down

**Clerk:** Wendy Hall

**Residents/Guests:** David Bloxham, Leena Bloxham, Liz Parker,

Vincent Potter, Patricia Potter, Brian Miller, Cllr Martin Foley

1. **Welcome**

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Peter Neale, Julia England, Jackie Marling, Michael Taylor.

1. **Declaration of Members Interests**

Paul Kelly GECA, SSE, Tristan Martens Essex Wildlife, SSE, GECA, Mark Claxton GECA, Fiona Down SSE, Tilty Church, Tilty Church Warden, Conservative Party, Stop Easton Park.

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held 30th January 2020, having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising NOT on the Agenda**

Nothing to Report

1. **Public Forum**

David Bloxham advised the Councillors that following the last meeting there has been no improvement with the issues that were raised at the last meeting regarding the DUFC, he feels that there is not enough of an overlap between matches which is causing issues with parking in Duton Hill. Paul Kelly advised that as it is still early days we need to give them a chance to resolve the issues that were raised at the last meeting, he will pay close attention to the situation and visit the games on a Sunday to see if there has been any improvement.

Vincent Potter attended the meeting to advise that there had still been no progress with lowering the speed limit in Gallows Green. He was advised that here had been meetings with Rissa Long and that speed testing etc had been carried, unfortunately everything takes time. Vincent advised that he was told that the application was submitted too late for the 19/20 budget, he is unsure how this can be as it was submitted early enough. He was advised by Paul Kelly that he would write to the appropriate Councillors at UDC to get an update and advise at the next meeting.

1. **Village Hall**

Brian Miller advised on attending the Village Hall he had noticed that 7 Chairs and 2 Tables had been removed without his knowledge, he would like to know who gave permission without checking to see if there were any bookings. Tristan advised that he was aware of the request and had emailed Paul Kelly, unfortunately due to a breakdown in communication nobody had liaised with Brian, Paul and Tristan apologised for this. It was agreed that any use of items belonging to the hall

requested by Parish residents would be communicated between Councillors and Caretaker, no matter who receives the request.

Wendy advised that the she had received a letter from Affinity Water saying the water meter had been replaced. She also advised that the gas bill has been especially high due to estimated readings, Brian will be sending over monthly readings to be submitted online.

The costs around the Village Hall boiler repairs were discussed, it was decided that if another problem arises we will discuss getting a replacement.

Expenses – Gas £679.45, PAT Testing (replacement chq) £60.00, Caretaker January £127.50, Five Parishes Mag £60.00. – Total £926.95. Income Hall Hire £457.50.

1. **Reports from Representatives**

**Planning**

UTT/19/3167/FUL Blamsters Hall No Objections

UTT/20/0314/ HHF South Hill, Broxted Rd No Objections

**Planning Application Determined**

UTT/19/2306/HHF The Sparrows Refused appeal lodged

**Playing Fields**

Wendy advised that forms had been submitted to ROSPA for the annual inspection. Peter Neal has arrangements in hand to fix Miss Piggy and the slide before ROSPA visit in May/June.

Tristan advised that there had been discussions with Steve Smith re; grass cutting, ground is still too wet, inspection will be in two weeks’ time to discuss when first cut is done.

**Footpaths**

Footpath 10 was discussed at the previous meeting for re-surfacing, Tristan advised that is down to land owner, as it goes through two properties permission is required from both sides, if permission granted who would do this and how much. Tristan to meet Chris Trembarth to discuss.

**River Interest**:

Tristan advised that due to the storm a tree had blown over the river into

Brocks Mead, Peter and Tristan had started to clear this he has also been reviewing the area and feel we need to get a quote from Nigel to clear. River is low at the moment.

**Road Safety/Highways**

Please ensure that all pot holes are reported on ECC website

**Airport**

Planning has been turned down and SSE are awaiting the High Court decision.

Passenger numbers are down and the decision seemed to be mostly based on

Effect on the climate and emissions not being neutralised.

Fiona advised that she has been in discussion with Martin Peachy to invite him to attend a PC meeting, this could possibly happen in April.

**Clerks Correspondence**

Wendy advised that she has started entering all data from April 2019 onto new accounts package. Green Skip dates have now been confirmed the start date is 7th March between 9 & 10, the service will be every two weeks.

Expenses were as follows Clerk Salary £303.33, Green Skip £1156.00, Scribe Annual Licence £339.60, Ink Cartridge £21.00 – Total £1819.93

1. **Any Other Business**

Martin Foley apologised for his absence from previous meetings for personal reasons, he advised that UDC local plan had been found unsound on inspectors report, independent advisors found it was not environmentally sound and this was a big part of the rejection. Further meeting at the end of March and he will report back to Councillors.

Julia had sent an email with various points to be read in her absence, they are as follows Marshes – Cherry St Duton Hill there has been a complaint from Neighbours regarding if they pay business rates as it has become a lot busier with fast driving due to units being rented to car repair shops etc - Paul to ask Julia to look into this.

She also spoke to Derek re; the field opposite Padebec being used for extra parking he advised that they just use it and do not ask permission.

Hedge towards B184 needs cutting back – request to be put into Highway Rangers.

Paul Kelly advised that GECA would now be holding a Street Party on 8th May for VE day.

A Councillor meeting (non-public) to discuss co-opting a new member either prior or post next monthly meeting will take place. Tristan also suggested that salaries for the caretaker and clerk should also be discussed.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

**Date of Next Meeting Thursday 26th March 2020 7.30pm at Great Easton Village Hall**

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