

## LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

**Present:** Sue Gilbert (Chairman), Rob Boulton (Vice-Chairman), Steve Oakey, Roger Board, Janina Jones, John Willson, Jackie Deane (Clerk) and David Hunter (SRC), 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from S Walsh (ECC) and L Smith (UDC). There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Gravel Pit Presentation** by David Hunter, Director SRC and attended by Claire Tomalin ECC - The 15 year project is expected to be operational by August. 150 traffic movements a day (on average, one every 5 minutes) will be accessing the site from the A120, 7am-5pm Mon-Fri and 7am-12 midday on Saturdays. A maximum of 15 vehicle movements per hour are permitted at peak times. An employee (Sales Director) will live at B Lodge, above the site office. Environmental bund will be completed in 2-3 years and parts of the site will continue to be farmed throughout. On completion of the works, a new parkland and new footpath will be constructed, with the rest of the site returning to open farmland. Mr Hunter offered open lines of communication as a first contact throughout the life of the gravel pit and he said that he would be willing to support community events on request.
4. **Public Forum** – There were concerns over potholes that have been reported but not been filled, particularly in Laundry Lane.
5. **Substation** – The Clerk reported on correspondence with UK Power Lines and Tees Law. The solicitor was awaiting a response regarding our proposed location, on the Alms Houses land, which is due to be registered at the Land Registry. Funds were allocated for the relevant fees in our last budget review. It was agreed that S Gilbert should forward suggestions for screen planting to the Clerk.
6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Representatives met with Land Securities and were informed that Land Securities would be submitting an outline planning application. They offered the Parish Council access to their professional expertise in helping to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors discussed advice given by UDC at recent Parish Forums and at the Neighbourhood Planning Training Day, attended by the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was decided that no further detail would be necessary in addition to the forthcoming LDF. Further comments can be fed into the next round of the consultation but, at this stage, there were no local issues identified that would not be fully covered by the new Local Plan policies. The Clerk was asked to write a letter in response to correspondence received from Land Securities, thanking them for their offer of help.
7. **Annual Parish Meeting** – The Chairman asked for representatives to forward comments to her to be included in the Chairman's report. Items for agenda should include the gravel pit presentation, jubilee celebrations and the village Olympics. The Clerk was asked to invite one of the sports organizers to attend.

8. **Cricket Club** – The Clerk was asked to type an additional paragraph onto the agreement regarding fixtures detail, for it to be signed by the Cricket Club ahead of the next meeting. It was agreed that 3 extra fixtures would be acceptable without extra charge but that a fourth would incur a charge of £50, to cover loss of village hall revenue. Any additional fixture requests would be considered on application. The Clerk agreed to report to the next meeting on the renewal date of the grass cutting contract.
9. **Grit & Salt Bins** – A question was raised about the re-stocking the bins. Whilst the new arrangements are acceptable for storage and re-distributing single bags, the bins take ½ tonne each and are difficult to re-fill. The Clerk was asked to contact ECC to give feedback and ask them for an alternative for next year.
10. **Representatives' Reports** - Gravel pit – conditions are being discharged and the first liaison meeting has taken place. Councillors would like to attend a meeting on site. J Willson reported from the most recent SSE/Parish Meeting that a hub airport is to be consulted on and that Stansted would be considered again. Jubilee celebrations are being planned. The Clerk was asked to confirm the time of the lighting of the beacon. R Board reported on progress with getting the beacon constructed, and payment will be taken from the allocated budget.
11. **Clerk's Report** and Correspondence – An additional letter of strong objection was submitted to UDC Planning in response to the Woodlands Park application. The applicant has been asked to carry out environmental and ecological surveys before further consideration will be given to the application. J Jones and the Clerk attended the Parish Forum on the LDF Consultation and information was circulated. The Clerk responded online to both consultations ahead of the March deadline, commenting on wording of the draft local plan and SHLAA suggested sites. A donation has been given to the street party organisers and it will be paid into the Parish Council account for their use. A cheque has been prepared for a donation to Lt Easton Good Companions, as agreed in a previous meeting.
12. **Planning – Applications:**
  - UTT/0248/12/FUL & UTT/0249/12/LB** Single storey side extension Manor Road Cottage Manor Road Little Easton - no comment.
  - UTT/0260/12/FUL** Link extension between existing house and office White Rose Cottage Duck Street Little Easton – no objection.
  - UTT/0022/12/LB**, Erection of front porch, 7 Mill End Little Easton, 7 Mill End Little Easton – no comment.
  - Decisions:** Helena Romanes School windows and cladding – approved
  - UTT/2467/11/FUL** Installation of a spiral wine cellar within the entrance hall below ground, floor level, Tower House Easton Lodge Little Easton Conditional Approval.
  - UTT/2211/11/FUL** - Proposed extension to agricultural storage building Kings Barn Farm Little Easton - Conditional Approval
  - Appeal Ref: APP/C1570/E/11/2161641** Warwick End, Easton Lodge – Solar Panel installation – appeal dismissed
13. **Finance:** Balance on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 £7,359.41  
 Cheques to be agreed: J Deane (clerk) £557.26, Post Office (HMRC) £149.89, A&J Lighting (street lights) £41.04, E-ON (street lights) £44.24, Lt Easton Good Companions £50, SNH Garden Services £108, UDC (election) £105.06

14. **Items for next agenda** – Funding application from UDC New Homes Bonus – ideas to be discussed for a bid from the Parish Council to include a village hall sign and fence.
15. **Date of next meeting(s): Annual Parish Meeting** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, **AGM – Annual election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm, at the Memorial Hall.
16. Meeting closed at 9.55pm