

## Easton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Easton Parish Council held on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in Easton Village Hall

1. Chairs welcome to the meeting
2. Present: Peter Milliken (Chairman) PM  
Mark Caton MCo  
Mark Cordy MCo  
Jan Hudson JH  
Francis Woodcock, Parish Clerk FW  
Margaret Dewsbury MD

No other members of the public were in attendance

Apologies Claire Chisholm, Mike Jobling

### **ACTIONS**

3. Updates on Broadland Food Hub planning applications relating to Food Enterprise Zone (Broadland Food Hub), Honningham LDO 2017/0052 : and joint letters from Chairs of Easton, Marlingford & Colton Parish Councils in response to applications:
  - 3.1 2018/1090 – Proposed development for the processing of agricultural produce (construction of 20m high screening towers) Screening Opinion
  - 3.2 2018/1177 - Details of Vehicular Access to the site and proposed improvements to Church Lane:
  - 3.3 2018/1294 Milling Plant within LDO 2017/0052The Council made it known that they were happy for the Chair to continue representing them on this matter. Due to the lack of response from Broadland DC, on questions raised by Easton Parish Council re these applications, a request for a meeting with them was made in order to seek assurances that answers would be given. This was agreed to and provisional dates set of 11<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> September. A letter would be sent by the Council raising concerns that only when answers had been given could a response to the planning applications be given, together with a further letter to the Information Commissioner that Broadland DC does not produce a list of documents received relating to planning applications. **PM**
4. Planning Application 2018/1336 – Attenuation Lagoon, Land west of Blind Lane, Honningham: and joint letter from Chairs of Easton, Marlingford & Colton Parish Councils with regard to the affected Country wildlife sites.

A further joint letter signed by the Chairs of Easton and Marlingford and Colton Councils had been sent to the Planning Dept at Broadland DC requesting why no reference had been made within the application to Environmental Impact Assessments, Habitat Regulation Assessments or Archaeological Investigations. On

this last point the issue of potential Stone age settlements had been identified in a previous planning application for this site.

5. Discussion of the Chair's open letter to councillors and the proposal to use free reserves and a forecast budget surplus to engage legal support in challenging the Food Hub planning applications. The open letter was put on record for the meeting which called on the Parish Council,  
"To support a motion to release reserves to protect our heritage".

It was noted that the Chair was much rather spent on areas such as the Jubilee Park refurbishment. A figure of £4,000 was identified within Reserves for the purpose, and would be utilised to employ the services of a barrister with land law expertise. Marlingford and Colton Parish Council would be voting on 11<sup>th</sup> September to provide additional financial support. It was understood that this amount would be substantially less due to the lack of unallocated financial reserves available to them but the amount should be gratefully received and reported back to the Council. **FW**

The motion was proposed by MCa, seconded JH, with unanimous approval.

6. Update on Jubilee Playground refurbishment.  
It was noted that more children were now using the playground. The issue of more soil needed around the spots where the outdoor sports equipment were removed, was raised. This would be discussed with Easton College to complete the work they had undertaken on dismantling the equipment. **PM**

7. Update on the grounds maintenance contract with CGM.  
Complaint received on quality of cut. Contract spec for 2019/20 to require contractors to use mulching blades. No grass cut took place in July or first two weeks of August, or at the Jubilee Playground in third August week. Letter to be written to request a November cut and delayed invoice plus lock replacement where the company has lost those provided by the Parish. **MCa**

8. Update on the application for funding relating to the set up of a Community Benefit Society for acquiring assets on behalf of the Parish.  
It was reported that the funding application was awaiting approval by the organisation National CLT and a decision was imminent.

9. *Adjournment for Public Participation was not required.*

10. There were no declarations of interest and any requests for dispensation.

11. Minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were approved. Proposed MCa, seconded MCo

12. There were no matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
13. County and District Councillor Margaret Dewsbury reported feedback from the Sundown Festival. There was one complaint received. It was reported that the music seemed louder than in previous years. Sound engineers monitoring levels in the village reported that bass was within legal limits. All music stopped at the designated times.

A discussion was held into the report issued by the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner (NPCC) "All blue lights together" which detailed proposed savings from a transfer of the governance for the Norfolk Fire Service from Norfolk County Council to the NPCC. There was unanimous agreement that the Parish Council would not support this transfer and a letter would be raised detailing concerns on the impact of fire services available to Easton residents as a result.

**FW**

14. Finance Sub Committee
- a. i). Payments for August 2018 listed at the meeting were approved.
  - b. ii). Agreement was made to purchase 2 x noticeboards from College Heights monies for the College Park playground. These would cost £330 including fixings ex VAT, proposed JH, seconded MCo.
  - c. iii) Minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 would be made available for approval at the following meeting.
15. No correspondence was received requiring response or action.
16. Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting.
- a. Further update on the applications for the Food Enterprise Zone
  - b. Community Benefit Trust update
  - c. Management of Parish Council contracts
17. Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the council.
- It was noted that an occupier of the allotment had reported vandalism due to the placing of a greenhouse on the wrong plot.

18. Dates to note:

Next Parish meeting: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm Easton Village Hall

Food Enterprise Planning Meeting with Broadland DC 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Signed : Peter Milliken, Chair

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