

Easton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Easton Parish Council held at
Easton Village Hall, Marlingford Road, Easton on
Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm

1. Chairs welcome

Action

Present Peter Milliken (chair) PM
Jan Hudson (vice chair) JH
Mark Caton MCo
Mark Cordy MCo
Mike Jobling MJ
There were 2 members of the public present

2. Apologies for absence: Jonathan Bailey

3. Minutes of the meeting of 1 October 2018 and 2 November 2018 were received and approved (proposed JH, seconded MJ).

4. Food Hub Update

No further negotiations with Broadland DC and parties representing the Food Enterprise Zone had taken place since the previous report at the parish meeting of 2nd November. Preparations being made by Fenners Chambers regarding an application to the High Court requesting the judicial review into the conduct of Broadland DC were now complete, and ready to be lodged at the Court.

5. Councillors questions on the above.

A question was asked of the costs to be incurred up to the point of lodging the application for the Judicial Review and it was reported that of the £6,000 that had held in contingency only £1,000+VAT had been charged for legal costs with £155 due for the High Court administration costs. Fees for an engagement letter had Should the case be lost then Broadland's legal fees would be awarded and need to be paid. As yet it would not be possible to estimate this amount.

A further question asked as to whether any possible liability for future legal fees in a lost case would be shared with other Parishes. It was confirmed that the action was being brought solely by Easton Parish Council with a contribution being made by Marlingford & Colton Parish Council to support the legal fees incurred so far.

6. Adjournment for Public Participation

7. Approval to lodge the application.

A motion of approval to lodge the application for the judicial review with the High Court was proposed by PM, seconded JH, and passed 4 in favour, one against. The application would be made in person on 13th November, and served on Broadland DC the following day

PM/FW

8. Planning application 2018/2155

The Council supported the revised application, proposed PM, seconded MJ, all in favour.

FW

9. Update on the application for funding to the set up of a Community Benefit Society

External start up funding of £4,000 that been made available to the Parish Council would facilitate legal and promotional costs. A meeting would be convened by the CLT East team to agree a firm of solicitors to carry out the necessary legal work. The intention would be to produced an action plan and timetable with the prospective trustees before the end of December, brought to the January 2019 council meeting for approval

FW

10. Grass cutting contract update

It was agreed that the specification for setting the 2019/2020 contract for grass cutting would be produced for the January 2019 council meeting. Photographs and a map of the required areas would be produced to assist this process by the end of November.

MJ/FW

It was agreed CGM should be awarded the additional contract of £350 to lay bark. Proposed MJ, seconded MCa. All in favour

MJ

11. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

12. Approval of the minutes of the council meeting of 12 October 2018 would be approved at the next full council meeting.

13. There were no matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.

14. A report from County and District Councillor Margaret Dewsbury

15. A donation request of £50 towards speaker expenses by the Easton Good Companions Club was approved. Proposed MJ, seconded JH, all in favour.

16. Finance Sub Committee

- i. Payments for October 2018 were approved (see separate listing).
- ii. Minutes of the meetings of 26th September 2018 and 2nd November were approved.

17. Correspondence received and response or action required

Parish Partnership Funding for traffic restriction works would be available and it was agreed an application should be prepared before the 6th December deadline.

PM/FW

Public consultation for the 4 proposed routes A47 Western Link would commence on 26th November with local presentations being made.

A contract query by CGM had been received and would be responded to

MCa

18. Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting.

Update on the Dereham Road housing project with ESCO developers

Update re an application for Parish Partnership funding for traffic calming measures.

Offer by Easton students to carry on community works next spring if required.

An agreed Parish response on the Western Link proposals.

Update on plans for the major Easton 890 property housing development.

19. Urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the council

It was noted that a major bid for a housing development at Silfield Road, Wymondham was being proposed.

20. Dates to note:

Next Parish meeting: Monday 3rd December at 7.30pm Easton Village Hall

A47 Western Link Public Consultations:

Monday 10th December 2pm – 8pm Easton Village Hall

Monday 14th December 2pm – 8pm Costessey Centre

Signed : Peter Milliken, Chair