**PARISH COUNCIL OF GREAT EASTON AND TILTY**

**MINUTES OF A.G.M. HELD 31ST MAY 2018**

**AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

**Terry Francis – Clair Southon – Paul Kelly – Julia England**

**Cecile Down**

**Clerk Wendy Hall**

**Residents/Guests Julie Neale, Peter Neale**

**1.Welcome to Guests**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Tristan Martens – Cllr Foley – Cllr Simon Walsh – Cllr John Freeman

3. Minutes of A.G.M 27th April 2017

The minutes of the 2017 A.G.M having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and

signed as a true record.

4. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman began his report by stating that the Parish Council had a good year working in

the interests of all the residents and adopted code of conduct and all audits have been agreed. A new 5 year agreement had been agreed with Zurich Insurance. The precept had been increased from 19,000 – 25,000 this was to include Clerks salary and other financial commitments. The new website is now compliant and fit for purpose and we thank David Rowland for this and obtaining a grant for the Transparency code funding.

During the year a number of planning applications had been viewed including Muscombes Lane and the proposed traveller’s site in Broxted.

On footpaths the funding has now been allocated for Rebecca Mead and we now await further instructions.

Dunmow Rhodes regularly use the facilities at Burns Playing Field and Dunmow United regularly use the facilities at Laundry Lane. There was an issue at the Laundry Lane site which is now being dealt with by Little Easton Parish Council.

An annual inspection the playground equipment has been carried out and it has been agreed that the Parish Council will assist the Duton Hill Community Association with a donation for new equipment. There will also be bollards erected at the Great Easton playing field.

A new 3 year agreement has been agreed for the grass cutting. There have also been flowers planted and an agreement has been made for bulbs to be planted in Great Easton, Tilty and Duton Hill.

The P.C have also paid for the fortnightly visits of the ‘green skip’ for resident’s garden rubbish.

A watchful eye has been kept on the health of the river, trees and debris have been removed and the river kept clear.

Highway rangers have been contacted to cut back any necessary areas and the railings on the bridge have been repaired.

Highways – There have been some issues regarding speeding that have been dealt with and a letter was sent to all residents in Duton Hill regarding the parking. Pot holes are being repaired and we are still waiting for an outcome regarding the extension of the 40mph limit outside Maynard House.

The soap box race was a success in September. The Parish Council paid for a wreath to be laid on the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. There was also Christmas carols around the Christmas tree in December

The Village hall continues to be regularly used and the annual fire extinguisher and PAT checks have been carried out

Airport matters, regular STACC meetings and Parish Council Liaison meetings have been attended.

The Parish Council supports Stop Easton Park and a donation has been sent along with donations to Air Ambulance, S.S.E and East Anglian Children’s Hospice.

On Personnel matters we said goodbye to Audrey on her retirement and welcomed Wendy in her role as Parish Clerk. Nicola Longman resigned as Village Hall Treasurer and Wendy Hall has agreed to take on this role. Brian Miller has agreed to take on the role of Village Hall Caretaker and Audrey Miller the Bookings Clerk.

Finally the Chairman thanked all the Councillors and David Rowland in his role as Vice Chairman. Also the Chairman stated that he would not be seeking re-election in 2019.

5. Village Hall Report

The Village Hall was well used throughout the year with regular bookings and a good number

of private functions Hall was well maintained. PAT testing and Fire Extinguisher Testing was

carried out.

Income for the year amounted to £6,634. Expenditure was £3,002.00. Bank Balance to be

carried forward to 2018/2019 £36,563.00

6. Clerks Report

The Clerk presented the accounts to the meeting Income for the year was £23,280.00 this

Included a precept of £19,431, grants £948.00, Football clubs rent £620 and a VAT refund of £486.00 this was less than last year as no major works were carried out.

Expenditure for 2017/2018 £18,636.00 the main items were grass cutting £7200.00 and Insurance £1765.00.

Under a new ruling that if income and expenditure is under £25,000 the accounts do not need to be sent to external auditors, an exemption certificate was sent. External auditors same as last year Littlejohn.

We thank Frank Warboys for completing the internal audit.

We carry forward a balance in the bank of £23,944.00. Other assets National Savings £3,259.00

Simon Walsh sent his County Council Annual Report to the meeting which was circulated to all the councillors.

7. Dunmow United Football Club (Laundry Lane)

Unfortunately no report was received from Rob Irvine even after various emails were sent

prior to the meeting.

8. Councillors for 2018/19

Great Easton (4) David Rowland, Clair Southon, Tristan Martens, Paul Kelly

Duton Hill (3) John Lewis, Terry Francis, Julia England

Tilty (1) Cecile Down

Chairman John Lewis

Vice Chairman David Rowland

9. Representatives

Planning All Councillors

Playing Fields Terry Francis (Burns Playing Field)

Paul Kelly (Great Easton Playing Field)

Footpaths Tristan Martens

River Interests Tristan Martens

Road Safety/ Highways John Lewis & David Rowland

Airport John Lewis

V.H. Treasurer Wendy Hall

V.H. Booking Clerk Audrey Miller

The Chairman thanked all who attended the meeting and closed the 2018 A.G.M at 7.45pm

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