

## GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 7.30pm

#### ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM

**Present:** Tristan Martens (Vice Chairman) – Mark Claxton – Fiona Down – Julia England – Nicole Thake - Peter Neale.

**Clerk:** Wendy Hall

**Residents/Guests:** Charles Brabin, David Hahn, Sandra McCabe, Patricia Brennan, John Lewis, Mick Allen, Cllr Martin Foley, Cllr Michael Taylor.

**1. Welcome**

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

**2. Apologies for absence**

Paul Kelly.

**3. Declaration of Members Interests**

Tristan Martens Essex Wildlife, SSE, Mark Claxton GECA, Peter Neale GECA, Fiona Down SSE, Tilty Church, Tilty Church Warden, Conservative Party, Stop Easton Park, CAMRE, Nicole Thake DHCA.

**4. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021, having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed. Sandra McCabe stated that the date was wrong for the last set of minutes, Wendy Hall apologises for the error, this will be corrected.

**5. Public Forum**

Nothing to Report.

**6. IT**

Cllr Martens advises that the PC have been experiencing IT problems since late last year as we have been allocated new email addresses, he invites David Hahn to explain, the current server that we have been using has now been changed to a different one as it had been blocking Outlook/Hotmail addresses due to lots of spam mail being sent, this has now been rectified by Martin at his own expense, there should be no further issues. Martin will also be re-designing the website to make it much easier to add documents in a drag & drop style ensuring the website runs more efficiently.

**7. Azure Wood Fired Pizza**

Cllr Claxton advises that he has been approached by Chris from Azure, they were using the Village Hall car park and then re-located to the Swan, however pending sale of the Swan he has asked if they could re-locate back to the Village Hall, they will be there every two weeks on a Tuesday between 2pm – 9pm. All agreed however Mark will contact them for exact times and dates to ensure this doesn't affect any normal bookings.

**8. Village Hall**

Cllr Martens advises that he has spoken to Audrey (Booking Clerk) regarding returning to possibly returning to normal bookings from 12/4/21, with risk assessments in place. He will speak to Audrey about contacting Upholstery Class, Dog Training about returning.

**9. Reports from Representatives**

**Planning**

UTT/21/0719/HHF 1 Blamsters Rise, Duton Hill	No Objections
UTT/21/0805/HHF The Folly, Broxted	Re-send to Cllrs
UTT/21/0843/LB Andrews Farm, Andrews Farm Lane	Re-send to Cllrs
UTT/21/0987/HHF Abbey Cottage, Duton Hill	Cllr Thake to speak to Neighbours.

**Planning Application Determined**

UTT/21/0062/HHF Bridgefoot Cottage Endway	Approved Conditions
	10/03/21
UTT/21/0120/HHF Chantilly, Duton Hill	Approved Conditions
	10/03/21

**Playing Field**

Cllr Claxton advised that following the last meeting he has been exploring various options regarding planting blossoms, he has spoken to an expert who has advised this is not a good idea as it is on a flood site. Other options are to plant willows along the river between GE & Duton Hill, it was agreed that monies will be allocated for trees and wild flower sections, Cllr England will put Cllr Claxton in touch with a local expert to discuss further.

Cllr Martens advises that the pigeon proofing needs to be done in both Great Easton & Duton Hill, he will source prices, he believes that G/E residents did the last lot and PC paid for the equipment.

G/E Playing field slide still needs to be repaired, Cllr Neale will speak to Paul at Priors as the two sections just need welding together.

**Footpaths**

Cllr Martens advises there is a large puddle on footpath 24, possibly a leaking manhole with raw sewerage, he will attend tomorrow morning to investigate as he was only made aware just before tonight's meeting.

**River Interest:**

Nothing to report.

**Road Safety/Highways**

There is a great concern for the number of large vehicles coming through the village since the weight restriction has been removed, Cllr Foley advises that he will bring the subject up with Rissa Long, he has asked if the clerk could also send an email to her in relation to this.

Cllr Thake advised there seemed to be a blocked drain at the bottom of Duton Hill, Cllr Foley advised that this is possibly due to Highways not clearing the drains, he will speak to Rissa Long.

**Airport**

Cllr Foley stated commissioner completed the hearing and DC had nothing to add, Cllr Foley stated that SSE are satisfied with their approach but less satisfied with some officer's approach, Cllr Foley & Cllr Taylor will be joining the admin team, it seems unlikely that airlines will resume fully due to current holiday restrictions.

**10. Clerks Correspondence**

Expenses were as follows Clerk Salary x 1 £322.14. Steve Smith Hedge Brocksmead £750.00  
Current Bank Balance 17/03/21 £41240.20

**11. Any Other Business**

Cllr Martens advised that Steve Smith had completed the first cut of the year.

Cllr Thake asked if there had been any update from DUFC as they were due to return 3/4 April, Cllr Martens advised that he will speak to them. He also advises that we should think about long term plans and approaching Land Securities with DUFC about obtaining additional land at Laundry Lane, this to be discussed at the next meeting.

Sandra McCabe asked that following the Parish Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020, when it was agreed to apply for an ACV for the Swan Inn Public House, Great Easton, why had the application only been submitted on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, after the pub had been put up for sale by auction? she was advised that this was not an agenda item and could not be discussed, it can be added as an agenda item next month.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

**Date of Next Meeting Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm location to be advised.**

**Chairman.....Date.....**