

**EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

At 1930

In the Village Hall

PRESENT: M de Pass, R Choules, G Cooper, M Holden, P Martin, G Webb, J Kunkler,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: C Elliott

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 having been circulated, were approved and signed

CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING TOGETHER WITH CORRESPONDENCE:

- Pothole repairs on B3087 have been completed.
- Diamond Jubilee in 2012. An open meeting was held, chaired by Cedric Hollinsworth. The Area Board have made £250 available for any Parish to help with funding celebrations. The Heritage Group has applied for this sum to help run a children's party, BBQ and Beacon. Parish Council needs to endorse this application. The Village Hall will screen the procession of Boats on the Sunday. The Heritage Group are organising a Heritage Trail and will provide some food during the day. More information will also be in the village hall. The bar will be open and the church is making plans for a Flower Festival.
- An email received from the Heritage Group:- " Heritage Group has commissioned Adrian Bull to construct a wooden sign to be located on the bank of Lower Farm (with the householder's permission) beneath the existing footpath sign. The lettering will be carved into the wood to read 'Chapel Drang'. We were requested by villagers to mark this historic pathway. We hope that the sign will be erected in time for the Heritage Group Village Trail on 3rd June".
- Received a copy of an email from Michael Ford to The School concerning parking problems with dates and car numbers.
- Note that dates for future Parish Council meetings for the remainder of the year are listed on the Agenda.

REPORT FROM J KUNKLER

- The next Area Board meeting will be 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- B3087 potholes have been done and there will be resurfacing during the summer months
- A question was raised by the Parish Council on timings for the new 30mph speed limits to be enforced
- Query about weight restrictions on minor roads
- The Community Beat Officer for our area will be in place soon

REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL SCHOOL

- Our numbers are at 51 on role
- The LA has informed us that we have at least 8 children down as first choice to join in Reception 2012.

- The school Early Years Outdoor covered area will be built over Easter Holiday and the week afterwards. During these works contractors have been asked to restrict their use of the entrance.
- Our work to improve access to the school site so that the health and safety of the pedestrians coming onto and leaving the school site is still underway
- Complaints regarding driving in the village and parking near the school are still an issue  
Village Links – Community Cohesion
- Our thanks go to the villagers who have offered to come into school to talk to the children about their memories of life in 1900s. We are delighted to be working with the local church groups who will be enacting aspects of the Easter story with the children on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Holy Trinity Church.
- The children have designed an altar cloth for Pentecost which will be made in conjunction with church members in time for June 2012 all being well.  
Local, National and International Links
- St John's – Our formal Partnership with St John's continues to strengthen. Our applications to convert to academies under a Multi Academy Trust are still with the Department of Education.
- Local – Partnerships with local small schools continue to thrive. For example we are working with 4 other schools (St Katharine's, Shalbourne, Ogbourne St George and Kennet Valley) all with Y6 cohorts of less than 10, so that the children get to know each other before moving on to secondary school. Easton Royal will be hosting a 'Technology problem solving challenge' on 16<sup>th</sup> March for 30 Y6s.
- In addition, 6 schools (Baydon, Easton Royal, Ogbourne St George, St John's, St Mary's and St Peter's) are forming 'The Marlborough Area Education Partnership', where we will work together to share good practice and teaching strategies. One of our key areas of focus is to develop a creative curriculum that is common across our schools
- At Christmas, we were delighted to host the Indian Principals of the schools we are linked with as part of the United Kingdom, India, Educational Research Initiative project (UKIERI). They visited for most of a day and met staff and pupils. They watched our Infant Nativity Play and the Junior Concert and performance. There are plans to share work across our schools over the next academic year.

PLANNING: The following applications were approved at the meeting, proposed by G Cooper and seconded by M Holden

**Existing Applications outcomes**

E/2011/1309/FUL Vehicular Access 1 & 2 Burbage Road **Approved**

E/2011/1364/TCA Work on Trees in a Cons Area Lower Farm **Approved**

**New Applications since last meeting**

E/2011/1532/FUL The Old Stores New garage, office and access **Approved**

E/2011/1558/TCA Uppercross Work on trees in a Cons Area **Approved**

E/2011/1660/FUL The Old Forge Retrospective App for Steps **Supported**

E/2012/001/TPO~0002/TCA The Old Vicarage work on Trees **Supported**

E/2012/0015/TCA Chantry Cottage Work on Trees Cons Area **Supported**

E/2012/0053/LBC Manor Farm Restoration of Barn **Supported**

FINANCE: Proposed by R Choules and seconded by R Choules, the following Payments were approved

Bawden 89.24

H D T Helps 420.00

Grant Application for £250 for Jubilee by Heritage Group was supported and approved.

It was suggested at the Diamond Jubilee meeting that a semi-circular bench be erected around the Oak Tree and that funding may be available through the Area Board. Since this type of investment is normally the domain of the Parish council and therefore comes from within the precept allocation, Parish Council was advised that the application would fail

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Recreation Ground bins are not being emptied by the council. This will be reported to Wiltshire.
- M dePass asked to check if the Hand spreader for applying salt at the bottom of the village had been delivered ( subsequently confirmed as being present)
- Community Emergency Volunteer briefing. M Holden continues to attend meetings and respond to communications.
- Ther being no further business, the meeting closed at 2009

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 after the Annual Parish Meeting