

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 11th September 201

At 1930

In the Village Hall

PRESENT: M de Pass, M Holden, C Elliott, Mrs N Coupe, J Kunkler, Pc T Herbert

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: R Choules, A & T Duncan

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2012 having been circulated, were approved and signed

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

- Requests for funding were received from Bobby Van Trust, Youth Action Wiltshire, and Holy Trinity Easton Royal. The Council resolved that, in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, it should incur the expenditure of £25 each for the Bobby Van Trust and Youth Action Wiltshire and £1,000 for the Cemetery upkeep.
- An offer of training for new and existing Councillors has been made through Burbage Parish Council. M Holden will be taking part in this training and will report back on lessons learned at the next meeting. The training will be funded by the Parish Council.
- A sign has been attached to the Post box near the school requesting the area in front of the box be kept clear to allow access to the post box.
- The Audit Commission, following consultation, has appointed Grant Thornton UK LLP as external auditor for five years from 2012/2013. Fees have been set at a cost proportionate to the public funds involved and the parish council's ability to pay and Easton Royal PC will have no fee payable.
- Note received from A & T Duncan requesting an upgrade to stiles in the village in line with those in Milton Lilbourne. Following a discussion, C Elliott offered to liaise with landowners with support from the Footpaths Officer from Wiltshire Council to improve these as soon as possible.
- Clerk has attended various Area Board meetings as well as Pewsey Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) meetings. Following discussions, it was agreed that Easton Royal needs to become involved and take part in both meetings. The NDP will benefit Easton Royal and Parish Councillors, as elected representatives of the Parish, will need to become more involved. All paperwork is being forwarded to Councillors and a Parish Councillor will attend both meetings, in rotation, as appropriate. Clerk will ensure reminders are sent to councillors on dates of these meetings

REPORT FROM J KUNKLER

1. Matters discussed at the most recent Area Board

- 1.1. Speeding in Easton Royal on the B3087. It was felt that with the speed limit only recently lowered, speeding would be monitored.

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- 1.2. NHS Clinical commissioning. A Special Area Board meeting will be arranged to cover this topic. The date will be notified to the Clerk.
 - 1.3. Youth Advisory Group. More members are required. It was suggested that B Cooper may be interested in joining this group.
 - 1.4. Elections for the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner are being held on 15th November 2012. A report was presented at the meeting on the PCC's role.
 - 1.5. Further presentations and reports were given on the Housing Needs Review, Street Lighting Review and Youth Participation (The next Area Board on November 12th will include a Youth funding element). Others items to be included at this meeting are available on the Wiltshire council website.
2. Road resurfacing on the B3087 has been completed but there remains an issue with one drain cover. Paul Bollen will be contacted on this matter.

REPORT FROM PC T HERBERT Community Beat Manager Pewsey East

- No crimes reported within the Parish in recent weeks, although hare coursing may be on the increase. Vehicles used for this include Subaru 4x4 and two vehicles have been seen passing from Everleigh area through Southgrove exiting via byways towards Burbage and Easton Royal. Please report suspicious vehicles to the Police on either 101 or 999 depending on the situation
- A Quad bike was stolen during a burglary from farm buildings and this type of incident has been linked with Hare coursing, giving an opportunity of observing locations of buildings and contents.
- Thefts of lead from Church roofs in Shalbourne, Burbage and Great Bedwyn recently are causing concern, even though all roofs have had applications of Smart Water technology.
- Red diesel theft has increased recently, combines are an easy target.
- Beauty Spot theft is still an issue but much work has been done to try to combat this.

REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL SCHOOL

- Easton Royal School has now achieved Academy status, joining the Excalibur Academies Trust, an Academy Chain. Thanks to Hilary Hollinsworth and Deb Larkey for their assistance as Trustees of the land and to the village and Parish Council for their support.
- Numbers on the role are still rising, 52 starting in September. There are no longer any 'small year groups'.
- Tarmac repairs have been completed, outside landscaping has been carried out over the summer months and playground markings and all weather surfacing are planned for the autumn.
- Staffing – a new member of staff for the Junior Class.
- The school are happy to support a defibrillator in the village and feel that the Village Hall would be the more appropriate position for sighting.
- Easton Eagle –the next issue will be out by the end of the month
- Harvest Service will take place on 19th October and the School will decorate the church and support the Trussell Trust.
- C Elliott congratulated the School on achieving Academy status. C Elliott raised the idea of Park and Stride (widely promoted by both Government and Wiltshire Council) as a concept to be embraced jointly by the School and Parish. The recreation ground needs an improved car park, the school could make use of this car park to promote Park and Stride and it was approved by Council that this concept is taken further by both School and Council.

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PLANNING: The following applications were confirmed at the meeting following initial discussion by circulation, proposed by M Holden and seconded by C Elliott

PLANNING:

Existing Applications outcomes

E/2012/0498/FUL Primrose Cottage Extension	Approved
E/2012/0573/FUL Green Acre Windows	Approved
E/2012/0766/TCA Folletts Work on Trees	Approved
E/2012/0778/FUL Little Folletts Extension	Approved

FINANCE: A discussion took place on the future funding for Holy Trinity Church. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at the next Annual Meeting in order that the 'village' should decide what funding was appropriate from the precept.

Proposed by M Holden and seconded by C Elliott, the following Payments were approved

Bawden	188.48
WALC	81.72
Bawden	188.48
H D T Helps	420.00
Glasdon UK	44.56
Bawden	188.48
Bawden	188.48
Bawden	188.48
WALC	102.00
Mazars	144.00
Bobby Van Trust	25.00
Youth Action Wiltshire	25.00
Holy Trinity Easton Royal	1,000.00
H D T Helps	420.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- C Elliott raised a number of points, presented at the previous PC meeting but not discussed.
 - Parish should allocate and spend £300 per annum on improving the village. For example the planting of ornamental trees on the boundary of the recreation ground. This will be an Agenda item in November.
 - At the previous PC meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council would take ownership of the car parking on the Recreation Ground and as a result a councillor should be appointed to make the decision as to when the car park should be closed for parking to avoid un-necessary damage to the ground. Chairman agreed to ask Councillor Martin.
 - Parish Council Elections take place in May 2013. There may be an imbalance of representation of the community on the Parish Council. Council will discuss at the next PC meeting, as an Agenda item, the mix of councillors and take appropriate action.

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- The plan for the Jubilee Walk Area was presented and enthusiastically approved by the Parish Council.
- Clerk's report on Correspondence and Actions taken to be presented before the meeting and matters arising to be discussed as appropriate.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 6th November 2012 1930 at which the Precept and Agenda Items as above will be discussed.