

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 4th February 2014

At 1930

In the Village Hall

PRESENT: M de Pass, M Holden, C Elliott, G Cooper, C Sibun, C Hollinsworth, S Riley, P c T Herbert, J Kunkler,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: N Coupe

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2013 having been circulated, were approved and signed.
Council wished to note that the Parish Clerk was present so soon after a major operation and wished him a speedy recovery.

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

- Letter received from Community first and Pewsey Parish Council thanking Council for their donations
- Attended meeting with Highways, Caroline Brailey on 30 mph and village signs
- Attended Area Board meetings – links to all Minutes circulated via Our community Matters weekly updates
- Request received from Community First to support the Good Neighbour Co-ordinator scheme (Presented the Scheme at Area Board) Area Board felt that they had sufficient funds.
- WW1 in Wiltshire – Community Commemoration –for information since Easton Royal is doing more than listed on this.
- Notes of the Open meeting posted on the Web site.
- The above items will be covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
- Update on Footpath 10. Barbara Burke apologises as she has not taken this forward yet but

REPORT FROM J KUNKLER

- Discussion at Area Board and Legacy meeting about the WWI Community Commemoration. Wiltshire lost the greatest number of soldiers and the Army will be putting something on. There will opportunities to get more involved
- May 3rd and 4th A cycling event for families on the Saturday and an Elite Race on Sunday starting at Wilton
- Legacy dinner in March to try to raise funds for future Olympians. Winter Olympics –Wiltshire has three representing the county.
- There is a review on Youth Services at the moment open to consultation
- Budget setting of 25th February and Wiltshire council are not planning on increasing Council Tax
- Potholes are a major issue and the highways budget will be focused on these areas. To date 1,200 potholes have been fixed following the recent bad weather.
- B3087 will be resurface from King Alfred (Pewsey) to Little Ann in this year's budget.
- CATG meeting on 5th February at which Easton Royal issues of 30 mph repeater signs will be discussed. Qualify for CSW and Pewsey Area Board has two speed guns. Training has started.
- Issue raised about the state of the southern end of The Street which is deteriorating over the culvert. Ask the Parish Steward to put this matter on his list.
- Still outstanding - the soil in the drain by the church.
- £8.2 million extra in the budget for potholes. Under investment has taken place and the roads are now showing it. The quality of the work in previous round of repairs was below par.

REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL SCHOOL now: Easton Royal Academy

- Number on roll – 53 We currently have 32 children in the school who are out of catchment and 21 who are catchment. Of this in catchment, 10 are from Easton Royal, 8 from Milton Lilbourne and 3 are Wootton Rivers.

A minibus taxi brings children from Milton Lilbourne

- Premises

No change since the last report – although a security review has taken place.

- Village activities

- Armistice Day service in school was supported by Bill Nimmo Scott and his wife. The children enjoyed it very much.
- Christmas events were well attended and most enjoyable. The Junior Class Fayre stalls were extremely successful and chose to send £70 of it to 'Raise the Roof' – a charity in Philippines to support building of schools following the storms.
- The Christingle Service was well attended and our thanks go to the church for providing candles and ribbon.
- Open the Book stories from the bible continue to be enthralling the children in fortnightly collective worship sessions.
- Upcoming events are on the School's website www.eroyal.wilts.sch.uk – all are invited to the afternoon Open Day for Easter – last Friday of term.
- The school is very interested in supporting the work being done in the village regarding Archaeology.
- The school will be taking part in the summer WW1 event. Will be in touch with organisers to agree what is wanted in terms of display and attendance.

- Excalibur Academies Trust update

All remains the same as reported previously.

The admissions policy has been out for consultation and posters were put up in the village to encourage responses. The main change is that children attending Excalibur Primary Academies move up the list for admission to St John's if families choose St John's.

- Drumming Project

Following a generous grant from Opera Luna, Easton Royal Academy has 30 African Djembe drums and is running a weekly after school club (currently Thursdays from 3.20 – 4.20pm). The idea is that the drumming group consists of adults as well as children. We have 2 parents in the group and would welcome any additions from village residents.

- Easton Eagle

Next issue will come out after half term. If anyone has an article they would like to include, or wishes to sponsor the next issue (£40), please let school know. 01672 810 477

- School Trips and Visitors

- The children have visited:
 - All children in Y1-6 (plus Burbage Y5s) visited the Hindu Temple at Neasden – to see the ornately carved building and find out about the origins and traditions of Hindu faith.
 - Junior School council reps went to Vaughan School in Harrow. This is our 5th year linking with them. They saw the allotment, sensory garden and playground. They shared their work on our active learning strategies.
 - Infants visited the Farm Shop at Burbage to see the animals and buy ingredients for cooking from the shop.
- Visitors
 - Anti-bullying puppet show was held for the whole school
 - Children in selected year groups have had Road Safety 'Walk Safe' Training

REPORT FROM PC 2460 TERESA HERBERT

- The farming community has done much to reduce thefts from farms by increased security and this, together with the recent bad weather, has led to a reduction also in Hare Coursing.
- Current priorities are in reduction of Road Traffic accidents and keeping Our Communities Safe- seat belts, speeding offences and mobile phone usage.
- Speed checks have taken place in the village with no speeding in Easton so far.
- Visited the primary school and introduced various safety learning schemes.
- Speeding through the village is mostly around the two commuting times. Off road parking has meant that there are now no restrictions in road width.
- Various incidents have taken place outside the village and the Monthly report posted on the website gives further details.
- Hunt saboteurs have been causing some issues, any sightings should be called in as soon as possible.

REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

S Riley - Church Liaison

- With a new Vicar in post, the provision of a Loo seems more imminent.
- Church hopes to have a presence at the WWI event

C Elliott Footpaths

- Two issues with styles have been brought forward and passed to the relevant farm.

C Hollinsworth – Highways/ Streetscene

- Community Speed Watch. 10 volunteers come forward from the village, 5 have already been trained and the next training session is in March which will pick those still to be trained. The gun is being shared with Pewsey, Wilcot and Oare. Waiting for a schedule from Pewsey Parish Clerk and should have the gun one week in four. The process for sending details of speeding and other offences such as seatbelts and use of mobile phones was explained. Will also be able to use the CSW on the 20 mph speed area if this is agreed.
- Despite reporting a number of street lamps not working on numerous occasions both by email and direct, there has been no response.
- Streetscene are fully aware of the issues around potholes and flooding on the main road. Gully emptying needs to take place as soon as a machine becomes available.
- Have yet to receive a schedule on works which the Parish Steward has undertaken and is due to undertake, despite numerous requests. The soil by the church has still to be cleared, the excuse being that no JCB is available.

M Holden – External meetings

- Unfortunately email contact details have not been updated so was unable to attend the last PCAP meeting. Next meeting is on 6th February but unable to attend. A request has been put to the Councillors if one can attend. This meeting is important because up for discussion is the re-branding and goal setting for the Community Area Partnership.

G Cooper – Village Betterment

- Daffodils have been planted but the weather conditions have not allowed much else to happen

C Sibun – Recreation Ground/ School Liaison

- It would be useful if the works could be done in time for the summer sports.
- School have been very responsive with the 20mph banners and this has had some positive effect. Thank you to those have been able to have the sign on their property.
- As soon as the Sports Field has been update, will get a team together to paint the goal posts.

PLANNING: The following applications were approved at the meeting,

Existing Applications outcomes

13/04311/FUL.The Hermitage, Extensions and Alterations	Approved
13/04966/FUL Avon Cottage Kitchen and Link	Approved
13/05067/LBC Avon Cottage Kitchen and Link	Approved

New Applications since last meeting

13/06855/TCA.The Old Stores Work to trees in a cons Area	Approved
13/07028/FUL Easton House Internal alterations, insertion of new window, rebuilding of boundary wall and erection of new boundary fence	
14/00173/LBC Easton House Internal alterations, insertion of new window, rebuilding of boundary wall and erection of new boundary fence	

It was suggested that the Clerk send an email to all when an application is in circulation and then let everyone know if a councillor will be unable to respond in time for whatever reason. This is more likely to result in a speedy return to the Clerk of the papers

FINANCE: Proposed by M Holden and seconded by C Hollinsworth, the following Payment was approved

H D T Helps	438.00
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Good Neighbour Co-ordinator - Refused on the grounds that sufficient grants are already available.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 20mph policy. C Hollinsworth will make the application on behalf of the village, especially has the village has a voluntary limit place and can tick many of the boxes as to why this would be a good thing.
- Welcome Book map. A suggestion has been put forward that the Map which comes as part of the Welcome Book could be displayed on the Village Notice Board and on the Village Website. Publishing on the Village Notice Board could raise a security issue. Views will be sought via the web site.
- Trees at the Village Hall. A quotation has been requested in order to produce a better entrance to the Village.
- Car park. There is an opportunity to apply for a grant through the Area Board if the Village Hall apply. There is a precedent from other Village Halls applying and receiving funds
- It was decided that a planning application should be put in for this car park modification. A planning Application was submitted and approved by Kennet in 1995 but the Village Hall would not support the idea. It was agreed to ask the Planning Department if a planning application is required to resurface the existing car park. Brennans will be kept informed on progress with this.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 13th May 2014 after the Annual Parish Meeting, 8th July and 16th September

The meeting closed at 2130.