MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 8th April 2014

At 1930

In the Village Hall

PRESENT: C Hollinsworth (Acting Chair), M Holden, C Elliott, C Sibun, J Kunkler,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: M de Pass, G Cooper, S Riley, N Coupe, Pc T Herbert

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2014 having been circulated, were approved and signed.

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

* Requests received from Victim Support and St John Ambulance for support. Supported by the Council
* CPRE subscription due. Supported by the Council
* Two quotations sought for Work on Trees at the Village Hall. D Oliver’s accepted and he has submitted and application. 14/03423/TCA. Request received to modify this application but advice is to await approval then reapply for felling.
* Planning Department contacted on upgrading the car park and Planning permission required. An application has been submitted 14/02794/FUL .A previous application K/30410 had been submitted and approved by Kennet District Council on 6th September 1994 but this lapsed. An Open meeting was held in November 2013 at which all those present expressed support for the proposal as suggested. Objections from those unable to attend were also presented. Parish Council, following this open meeting, sought full quotations for the work.
* PCAP meeting on Army Rebasing attended and report already circulated. Highways will be the major concern with this area but the local economy has potential to benefit.
* Received a request for support from NSPCC – a National campaign therefore outside Section 137 options which must benefit the local community- Council rejected the request.

REPORT FROM J KUNKLER

* Discussion about 20mph speed limit in the Village. Parish has applied and this has gone to CATG but there is no funding, even if agreed. Funds would be required for Traffic orders as well as cost of signs £1,500- £2,000. Community Speed Watch could be enforceable if 20 mph is legal.
* Council Budget has been approved with no increase in Wiltshire Council’s Tax although the Police have had to increase their portion
* Event on Salisbury Plan for the Commemoration of the start of WWI on 4th August. The Army are working very closely with Wiltshire.
* 12th September. The Tour de France (UK section) is coming through from Devizes through Pewsey to Hungerford. This route is not going through Marlborough. This may involve road improvements. From middle of May to the end of May Pewsey High Street from King Alfred to Little Ann the road will be closed.
* Area Board will £36,000 to distribute this financial year. If there are any bids from Easton royal, get them in early. Car park funding already in as is one for WWI
* Hare Coursing has decreased

REPORT FROM PC 2460 TERESA HERBERT

* There have been no reported crimes in the village of Easton Royal
* Various incidents have taken place outside the village and the latest report posted on the website gives further details.

REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS

C Hollinsworth – Highways/ Streetscene

* Main issues still to be resolved
  + Grids on the top road have not been cleaned out and are full such that water is now flowing down the street.
  + Vactor crews cleared the dip but minor flooding still happening. The edge of the road is eroding and fine material washes out and this then flows into the grids
  + Scheduled to recheck drains down the street when the top road is done. There is no map of the drains which will be resolved in due course ( constructed from scratch )
  + Area by the church – JCB programmed for week commencing 26th May
  + The road beyond the houses down the street is disintegrating and Council will inspect this since Highways are responsible for this as far as the bridge
  + One set of 30mph repeater signs are now in place although one more set would be even better
  + Aware of the outstanding potholes in the village but not due for another community day until July. The last major pothole repairs were done by ‘non contract’ operatives with Hot Rolled Asphalt which is a marked improvement on the other repair work. Potholes are being reported.
  + Issues with Street lighting. These are still not working. At least one has been reported four times. The numbers on the streetlights do not necessarily match those on the poles.
  + Easton Royal village signs have still to be moved. According to the report back from Area Board this would be done by 31st March 2014
  + Two meetings have been set up with Wiltshire council and also with Balfour Beatty to disseminate information/priorities and answer queries.
  + Community Speed Watch. 5 people trained up and another training session 26th April with 2 more to be trained. Waiting for Hi-Viz jackets and other items still have to borrow from Pewsey. Arrangements to drop of equipment for the beginning of the allocated week is working well. Also awaiting posters that advertisement Community Speed Watch is taking place.

M Holden – External meetings

* Attended ‘What matters to you’, with C Hollinsworth and H Helps, conference on 24th February, which was well supported. Round table discussions on 10 key areas from the Community Area Joint Strategy. Identified 3 keys priorities for each area and these were sent to the Area Board which then has taken the top three forward. Query on the future of the Railway to Jerry Kunkler. Pewsey Area is very safe and there could be a better service increasing from 22 to 27 trains a day. Electrification is the other issue due by 2017. Trains as an issue was part of the Transport table discussion. Pewsey has a bid in for £200,000 to improve pedestrian access to the Station, which will involve traffic lights but this is a complicated junction.

C Elliott Footpaths

* One footpath incident. A stile collapsed and this has been rectified by G Cooper extremely quickly.

C Sibun – Recreation Ground/ School Liaison

* School Bus parking has been exercising one or two villagers.
* The sports field may well not be ready for this summer.
* Concern about the longevity of the quotation for the improvements to the Recreation Ground by Brennans. It was set for a period of time but the issue may be the availability of plainings. The Planning Application target day for decision is 28th May 2014. Cedric will contact Brennans. It looks like the work will not be ready for the 12th July and realistically not before August/September. There is too much work that needs time to complete. Brennans are aware of the delay and will be approached on both timing and costs.

PLANNING:The following applications were approved at the meeting,

**Existing Applications outcomes**

13/07028/FUL Easton House Internal alterations, insertion of new window, rebuilding of boundary wall and erection of new boundary fence **Approved**

14/00173/LBC Easton House Internal alterations, insertion of new window, rebuilding of boundary wall and erection of new boundary fence **Approved**

**New Applications since last meeting**

14/00402/OUT Manor Farm Erection of agricultural workers dwelling **Supported**

14/02200/DDD Easton Heights (dead, diseased or dangerous) **No Objection**\*

14/02660/TCA Easton Heights Work on Trees in a Cons Area. Not returned in time for councillor views to be submitted

14/03423/TCA Village Hall Work on Trees in a Cons Area In circulation

14/02794/FUL Village Hall Car Park

\* Not circulated by Wiltshire Council under DDD

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

H D T Helps 438.00

Wiltshire Council Planning Application Fees 192.50

Note: there will be a refund of £97.50

CPRE 36.00

St John Ambulance 25.00

Victim Support 25.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

* Car Park Application, already discussed.
* Welcome Book Update. Going to the printers within two weeks. A job well done by Tricia and Allan Duncan
* Trees at the Village Hall. Already discussed
* New Parish Clerk. Clerk will give notice at the APM. Three months’ notice so a new clerk will be needed by the September meeting. Ideally it needs to be someone from the village. Notice given now to allow Councillors to time to think about this.
* Footpath 10 modification has now been published and sent to Secretary of State for approval after due process.
* Letter received from Van Dycks by C Sibun, offering the use of the digger whilst it is one site for their house extension. It does not appear to make sense since it is out of sequence with works planned. C Sibun will reply gracefully.
* The piles of greenery from clearing the entrance to the street are now being moved by Wiltshire Council.
* It was proposed that a formal forward plan for improvements to the village be created with priorities, costs and timings. This will show where new ideas can fit into the overall scheme of Village improvements. C Sibun will undertake this.

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

The meeting closed at 2040.