**EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**31st May 2018**

**Easton Royal Village Hall 7.00 pm**

**PRESENT**

1. Councillors - Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Margaret Holden (Vice Chairman), Mark De Pass, Colin Sibun, Anna Patterson, Beverley Helps, Graham Cooper. Clerk Pauline Archer

2. Other Group Representatives – Richard Green (Chair of Governors School), Hilary Hollinsworth (Church) Brian Norman (Village Hall) Bill Nimmo Scott (Poppy Appeal) Carole Choules (Woodland Project) Liz Johnson (Heritage Group)

3. Public – 9 additional members of the public.

**1. WELCOME**

Cedric Hollinsworth welcomed all present.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Jerry Kunkler (Wiltshire Councillor), Beck Stubbs(School)

Michael Ford, Wendy Trayhern, Judith Mclain, Christopher Elliott, Maggie Elliott.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES APM ON 25th MAY 2017**

Proposer – Margaret Holden

Seconder – Colin Sibun

All in favour. Approved.

**4. INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLOR REPORT –**

**Margaret Holden - EXTERNAL MEETING**

Attending regular Area Board meetings good chance to draw in on local issues and express views. Also, regular attendance at Community Area Partnership meetings (PCAP) which is about working with other Parishes on local matters. It is also important to support Parish grants and in particular the successful Village Hall request for gazebo and new windows. Other issues include Eveleigh recycling site, which could be under threat of closure. Budget restraints and various public consultations. All minutes are available on the Area Board and PCAP websites from these meetings.

**Beverley Helps – FOOTPATHS**

Beverley Helps commented on the good state of the majority of the footpaths following more working parties and support from landowners and footpath wardens and Hew Helps and his mower. Much has been done following the work started by Christopher Elliott. The opening up and improvement of the rights of way has been supported by various new kissing gates. All routes are much enjoyed by many walkers. Thanks, was given to all who have helped during the year, as either footpath wardens or working party participants.

**Cedric Hollinsworth – HIGHWAYS**

Cedric Hollinsworthgave a detailed report on work done to support Highways in the Village. This included meetings with Wiltshire Council Senior Engineers and Jerry Kunkler to identify the poor state of the drains in the Village and the lack of support from the Parish Steward. Some work had been completed immediately prior to the Wiltshire Council Meeting, and other work has been undertaken by the local village volunteers whose support is much appreciated.

**Speed watch** Despite the majority of villagers who answered the Village consultation (c70%) wishing to have speed watch in the Village Street (to monitor the 20mph limit), unfortunately due the Village being determined as a “cul de sac” Wiltshire police have confirmed that this cannot now take place. The Police, having visited the village have confirmed that they will conduct speed enforcement checks themselves in “The Street “, and will issue words of advice, fixed penalty notices, or summons as appropriate.

-The resurfacing of the top road was raised, as this was cancelled earlier in the year. A new date is still awaited.

-It was requested if a bus shelter tidying could be added to the next working party.

Please report any Highway issues and potholes etc to Cedric.

**Colin Sibun– PLAYGROUND / REC**

Being well used by school and welcome their use and financial contribution. The Parish Council want to protect the surface of the Recreation Ground from any vehicle damage. Any request for vehicle use will be weather permitted with a decision to be taken within 24 hours of the event. Whilst the playground is well used and currently passing the Inspection, there was a call for a group to come forward to start raising funds for a long-term replacement. Peta Puyo expressed an interest in this.

**Graham Cooper- BETTERMENT**

Welcome any ideas from village.

Suggestions included more daffodils and plants for the planters.

**5. FINANCE**

In line with the auditing requirements and the Transparency Code, the figures for the year ending 31st March 2018 will all be posted on the Village website. Thank you to Roger Tilbrook for the completion of the Internal audit.

**6. INDIVIDUAL REPORT – EASTON ROYAL ACADEMY**

Richard Green Chair of Governors provided a comprehensive report the notes are attached.

Beck Stubbs sends her apology as she is on adoption leave, having adopted two young boys.

The school is fully subscribed, with no plans to increase numbers. Currently more applications than places, reflecting the positive view of the school in the wider Community.

There was a detailed discussion about the volume of traffic and speed management. Parish Councillors expressed concerns about child safety outside the school, and the safety of parishioners, parents and children using the Village Street at the busy times.

Richard Green provided details of the measures that the school have recently taken to improve safety (see notes attached).

Bill Nimmo Scott felt that Richard should have commented on the support from the Village re the rota walking children to the Recreation Ground. It was highlighted that changing the day of the rota made it difficult to manage, both in terms of people giving up their time and the grass cutting scheduled for the Recreation Ground. Richard apologised for not noting this and confirmed that the school were grateful for all support from the Village.

**7. INDIVIDUAL REPORT -PEWSEY POLICE**

No representative Monthly police reports are placed on the Village website.

**8. INDIVIDUAL REPORT – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

Jerry Kunkler sent his apology and his report was read out as attached.

**9. INDIVIDUAL REPORT – VILLAGE HALL**

Brian Norman summarising the written report as attached

**10. INDIVIDUAL REPORT – CHURCH**

Hilary Hollinsworth summarising the written report as attached. Hilary was thanked for all the work she does on behalf of the Church

**11.** **INDIVIDUAL REPORT – WOODLAND**

Carole Choules reported. The Woodland area has been enjoyed by the School children and Parishioners. Many spring bulbs have been planted making it an attractive area. 6 trees needed replacing in the Orchard. Many volunteers maintain the orchard and woodland area. There was a request for ongoing help and any bedding plants for the troughs.

**12. INDIVIDUAL REPORT-HERITAGE GROUP**

Now in existence for 11 years with 36 members. Regular meetings and events. The display of achieves in the Village Hall was very successful and popular. This year has seen the History Notice Board displayed outside Easton House.

**13. INDIVIDUAL REPORT – POPPY APPEAL**

Bill Nimmo Scott summarising the written report as attached. A record year of fundraising.

**14. TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ANY MATTERS OF INTEREST**

Tricia Duncan on behalf of the Jubilee fund would like the residual amount £560 to be spent on two picnic benches for the Recreation Ground. The proposed benches were circulated and were of good quality. There was wide support for this, and it was agreed to order these and to consider the appropriated fixing at a later stage. They may need to be secured in order to comply with the ROSPA requirements.

Meeting Closed 8.30 pm.