

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT EASTON ROYAL VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2016
AT 19.30

PRESENT:

Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Margaret Holden, Christopher Elliott,
Mark de Pass, Colin Sibun, Anna Patterson and Pauline Archer (Clerk)

Jerry Kunkler Wiltshire Councillor, Jonathan Mills Wiltshire Police, Teresa Herbert Wiltshire Police

Members of the public: One Parishioner

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Graham Cooper

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2015 having now been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. CO OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Cedric Hollinsworth welcomed Anna Patterson who was Co-opted on to the Parish Council and signed a Declaration of Interest. The on line Registration of Interest has now been completed.

5. REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL ACADEMY

None

The Chairman opened a discussion about the Parking arrangements at the school when special events take place. Parishioners had brought to the attention of the Parish Council the lack of notification of these events and the impact on those living near the school when 40 plus cars are parked for a number of hours.

It was agreed that the school calendar should highlight these events and where possible a communication with near neighbours should take place. The village hall car park could be used (subject to no other bookings on the day) and it was suggested that there could be a dialogue with nearby landowners to see if alternative parking could be made available.

The Parish Council suggested that a School Governor might like to represent the school at Parish Council meetings.

It was agreed that Colin Sibun should discuss these issues with the school.

6. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE (Jonathan Mills followed by Teresa Herbert)

Police report circulated and discussed.

Wiltshire Police are in the process of some reorganisation, it is hoped that these measures will bring together greater response teams across the county. Speeding on the B3087 remains a priority and the Police support to Community Speed Watch team will continue, which is much appreciated. Non dwelling burglaries especially the theft of equipment from sheds remains one of the most common occurrences.

7. REPORT FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR (Jerry Kunkler)

-The Parish Council and Village Hall were pleased to receive the Area Board Grants and thanked Jerry Kunkler for his support.

-An update on the Health and Wellbeing Centre was provided. The facilities are likely to be closed in Sept 2016 and reopened Jan 2018 with an upgrade of all facilities at the Sports Centre in Pewsey.

-CATG is aware of the request for width limitation signs on the Ram Alley road to Easton Royal; this is to try to stop large vehicles using it as a cut through. It is not a priority issue but will be monitored.

-Wiltshire Council is looking to implement a 2% increase in Council Tax together with a further 2% increase from the social care levy. Further reduction in services is anticipated and grants for CATG, The Area Board and LIN are to be cut by 10%.

Various consultations on bus services are currently taking place

Christopher Elliott asked that Paul Milliard and his team should be praised for the support given to the village for the upgrading of Kissing Gates and the footpath surfaces.

8. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Some included with the Schools discussion.

It was noted that there has been an increase in HGV and wider vehicles on the B3087, previous signs indicating that the road was unsuitable for larger vehicles are no longer in place.

9. CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

All noted

-There is a three-month backlog with Land Registry so no further information to report

-Clean for the Queen is unlikely to happen in the village. The Parish Council will support a party for the Queen if volunteers can be found to organise this. Discussions have been held with the Village Hall in this respect.

-The Parish Council do not wish to opt out of the new audit requirements for smaller authorities from 2017.

-A request from Victim Support in Devizes (a charity previously supported by the Parish Council) for a donation. An amount of £25 was agreed. Proposed Mark de Pass, second Margaret Holden

10. Village Notice Board

It was agreed that a new village notice board would be useful half way down the village to replace the current smaller one. An estimate of the costs would be needed and this could possibly be part of the Village Betterment budget next year. It was agreed that costs for a new notice board would be obtained.

11. PCAP Funding

Future funding for PCAP (Pewsey Community Area Partnership) will no longer be available. The current team have agreed to maintain a service to the Pewsey area largely on a voluntary basis. Parish Councils who wish to see a continuation of PCAP services have been asked to make a donation of funds. All agreed that a donation of £50 should be made to PCAP, in recognition of the communication of local issues that it provides.

12. PLANNING:

Existing Applications outcomes:

15/11345/TCA	39 Easton Royal Fell Beech Tree	No Objection
15/11786/TCA	Old Stores Cherry Trees Prune	No Objection
15/11743/FUL	5 Harris Lane New Two storey extension side and rear. Replace porch and front garage extension	Approved
15/12546/TCA	Talisker Horse Chestnut Fell	No Objection
16/00408/TCA	Roanoke. Fell Plum Tree	No Objection

New Applications since last meeting:

13. FINANCE:

Payments made:

Wiltshire Council Kissing Gate	£376.54
Clerks Salary (£448.00)	£502.00*

Payments to approve:

Clerk Computer and software	£391.95*
CPRE subscription renewal	£36.00
Victim support donation	£25.00
PCAP donation	£50.00
Bawden quote 2016/17 grass cutting	£1048.35 (NET VAT)

***additional salary and equipment from the Transparency Code grant**

Agreed Cedric Hollinsworth and Mark de Pass

Payments Received:

Transparency Code Grant (NALC)	£868.00
Easton Royal Academy (1 st Dec- 28 th Feb 16)	£250.00

14. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

Mark de Pass

Attended the Emergency Planning workshop and subsequent documents had been circulated. It was agreed to implement to level 1. Mark de Pass to coordinate the response.

Margaret Holden.

Attended the Area Board meeting in January (minutes circulated) and supported the grant request for the upgrading of the Village Playground. An award of £954 was made.

Cedric Hollinsworth

Highways report submitted.

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The My Wiltshire App has been useful for reporting potholes broken drains etc. and seems to be effective.

The 20mph notification for The Street and Harris Lane has been posted throughout the village, on the Village Website and Notice Board.

Anna Patterson

Church report by Hilary Hollinsworth circulated

The church is considering the costs of providing a toilet and Kitchenette at the back of the church initial estimates are in the region of £22 to £25k and discussions with the Village will be required.

Colin Sibun

Report circulated and noted.

Parking on the Recreation Ground beyond the Car Park should be avoided in order to protect the Recreation Ground.

The Bawdens grass cutting contract was discussed. The amount quoted for £1048.35 is to include 7 additional cuts of the Recreation Ground to ensure that the surface is suitable for School sports.

The amount quoted is **NET** of VAT and is comparable to last years.

All agreed to continue with the quote provided.

Christopher Elliott

A working party has been arranged for February to put in more gates on Mark de Pass land at the bottom of the Village linking the circular walk from Harris Lane. Christopher Elliott stressed that no gates or footpaths would be part of the upgrade without the agreement from the relevant landowner. If the landowner does not wish to change the existing gates/style arrangements, then the Parish Council do not intend to pursue this further. Further plainings have been secured and are being stored at Brennans yard for projects identified in the village. Improvements in signage have been made from the footpath opposite The Bruces Arms.

15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Council went into closed sessions and members of the public were asked to leave the meeting. No new information was provided, but an update of the current situation was given.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion took place on the sharing of SID with Milton Lilbourne and other Parishes. Cedric Hollinsworth agreed to discuss this further with Paul Oatway to see if the largest one off cost relating to the training of an individual of £325, could be shared or reduced, before a decision is made.

Meeting Closed at 21.30

17. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14th April, 12th May, 14th July, 29th September, and 17th November 2016