**PRESENT:**

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

Members of the public: Teresa Herbert Community Police, and Judith Mclain (Parishioner)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Graham Cooper, Jerry Kunkler (Wiltshire Council) Beck Stubbs (Easton Royal Academy)

**2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Christopher Elliott declared an interest in Planning Application 15/03223 FUL Follets conversion of self-catering unit to two bedroom dwelling.

**3. MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2015 having now been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL ACADEMY**

Apologies received.

**5. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE**

Teresa Herbert was welcomed to the meeting. A police report had been previously circulated highlighting a number of local burglaries especially garden equipment and power tools.

A discussion about the speed watch team highlighted continually speeding with some considerably over the limit. Teresa confirmed that this is still a priority and she anticipated more police support to be provided.

She outlined the community messaging scheme whereby you can sign up for free updates about policy and crime matters in your area. [www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

**6. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

Apologies received.

**7. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Judith Mclain wished to make representation about the Planning Application at 72 Easton Royal on behalf of herself and some neighbouring properties. The Parish Council was asked to consider the following issues:

-It does not meet the requirements of the Wiltshire core strategy identifiable need

-it is an agricultural rural lane and further housing would increase traffic and change the character of the setting

-it does not fulfil the requirement for infill

-the design shows a large footprint and a small garden out of keeping with other properties.

-it sits close to the boundary of two neighbouring properties.

Judith Mclain was thanked and left the meeting.

Teresa Herbert was thanked and left the meeting.

**8. CLERK’S REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING.**

-Phone call made to the Post Office customer service. Consideration is still being given to the resiting of the box. Clerk to maintain regular contact as a 40 week decision period is allowed.

-Clerk to complete audit papers, and arrange internal audit

-The CRE “Best Kept Village” papers were discussed. It was felt that a working party within the village would be needed. It was decided not to enter this year.

**9. PLANNING:**

**Existing Applications outcomes:**

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| 14/10771/FUL resubmission  14/09221/FUL | Follets 3 New dwellings and annex conversion | Refuse |
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**New Applications since last meeting:**

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| 15/01892/FUL | 72 Easton Royal New dwelling | Objection\* |
| 15/03223/FUL | Follets conversion of self-catering unit accommodation to 2 bedroom dwelling | Papers just received. |

\*The Parish Council noted that there have been a number of objections within the village to this Application. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council should raise an objection. This objection would consider the requirements of the newly adopted Wiltshire Core strategy which identifies Easton Royal as a “small village”.

-This raises the need for additional properties within the village which has not been identified.

-Highways safety including the parking of additional vehicles and the proposed sightlines.

-The increased traffic onto the difficult junction at Ram Alley.

-The larger footprint and small garden which is out of line with other properties within the village.

-The proposed infill would not enhance the visual characteristics of the immediate area.

**10. FINANCE:**

Payments made:

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| Clerks expenses | £28.06 |
| Clerks salary (Jan-Mar) | £448.00 |

Payments to be approved:

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| Donation to Wiltshire Bobby Van | £25.00 |

Proposed by Christopher Elliott and agreed by Simon Riley

A quote from Bawdens for 9 grass cuttings and the hedge has been received. The grass cutting is £841.14 (before VAT). As agreed at the previous Council meeting.

**11. Defibrillator**

A discussion took place on the possible use of the Village Phone Box for a defibrillator. As the phone would be removed to achieve this, it was agreed that a pay phone within the village was still necessary due to poor mobile reception. Fundraising is continuing and it was decided that other areas within the village may be more central i.e. Village Hall or the School.

**12. Village Car Park safety**

Colin Sibun confirmed that he had placed a sign on the Recreation Ground gates asking for them to remain closed. This is to ensure the safety of Children using the Recreation Ground and avoiding them running into the road.

**13. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO**

Mark de Pass

No external meetings to report. Mark De Pass expressed some concern that the burying of Pylons may cause a detrimental effect on the land. It was suggested that he looks into this further and report back.

Margaret Holden

Margaret Holden attended the Pewsey Area Board meeting on the 16th March; minutes from this meeting have been circulated to Councillors. She is unable to attend PCAP on the 30th April, Mark de Pass was asked if he could attend or consult with Hew Helps who may be attending.

Cedric Hollinsworth

Portfolio report circulated and noted. He is awaiting further report on the likelihood of the implementation of a 20mph speed limit in the Village Street.

Graham Cooper

Absent.

Colin Sibun

Portfolio report circulated and noted.

We are still waiting for the Recreation Ground to be rolled by Brennans which is delaying the grass cutting. We are still hopeful that the Recreation Ground will be in a suitable condition for the school to use in June.

Colin Sibun thanked the Woodland Group for all their efforts in tidying up the Recreation Ground, and thanked Tricia Duncan for the grass reseeding at the front of the Village Hall.

Simon Riley

Church report circulated and noted. The church has meetings planned in the village to explain some of the difficulties arising from funding. One of the main issues is the churches small congregation.

Christopher Elliott

Portfolio report circulated and noted. The completion of the two bridle gates on Mark de Pass land has been positively received.

More planings will become available shortly; they will be used to extend the track running south from the Bruce’s Arms and the bridleway on Mark de Pass’s land at the south end of the village. There was a plan to use a small quantity to level the footpath to the village graveyard.

**14 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH PLANNING**

It was agreed that a number of external people should be invited to speak at the meeting, and each Parish Councillor would report on their portfolio.

It was agreed that a range of publicity was required so that more Parishioners would attend.

**15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

The council went into closed sessions to discuss the confidential item at length. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to work towards finding an amicable solution to this issue.

**DATES OF MEETINGS**

Annual meeting of the Parish and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 14th May 2015

Meeting Closed at 21.55pm