

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OR THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT EASTON ROYAL VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 17th November 2016
AT 19:30

PRESENT:

Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Margaret Holden, Christopher Elliott, Mark de Pass, Colin Sibun, Anna Patterson and Pauline Archer (Clerk)
Members of the public: None.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Graham Cooper, Beck Stubbs Easton Royal Academy, Jerry Kunkler Wiltshire Councillor, Teresa Herbert Wiltshire Police.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

None.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th September 2016 having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL ACADEMY (Beck Stubbs Principal)

Apologies received. The School Report had been circulated and will be put on the Village website. Communication with neighbours remains an important consideration. The Parish Council welcomes the continuing use of the Recreation Ground by the school.

5. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

Apologies received. Police report circulated and will be put on the Village website

6. REPORT FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR (Jerry Kunkler)

Apologies received. Summary of Report

-Next Area Board will discuss the future of Broadband and an update from Councillor John Thompson.

-Money is still available for grant applications to the Area Board.

-CATG issue regarding the use of large vehicles through Ram Alley and Easton Royal still ongoing.

-Wiltshire Council budget constraints with a further £15m needed to be saved next year.

7. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None.

8. DONATION REQUEST FOR FUNDING TOWARDS THE RUNNING COSTS OF PCAP (PEWSEY COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP)

A £50 donation from the Parish Council to support the many local issues covered by PCAP was proposed.

All in Agreement.

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

-Grant Thornton Audit of Parish Council Accounts Year end 31.03.16 completed.

-The Chairman discussed the meeting and subsequent correspondence with Aster Holdings concerning the lack of parking at 12 Burbage Road and the parking of vehicles on the B3097. It is unlikely that Aster Holdings will be provide parking for this property due to budget constraints.

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They do recognise the limitation this creates, as the property is suitable for families with cars. The Parish Councils' concerns about the danger of vehicles parked on the road and the potential for an accident have been set out in strongly worded correspondence to Aster.

-Instructions for using the "My Wiltshire" App for the reporting of various Highways issues has been put on the Village website. Councillors and Parishioners are encouraged to use this App to report issues to Wiltshire Council.

-BT are consulting on the removal of a number of Payphones including the Village Payphone on the B3097. The Parish council wish to represent that this box should be maintained despite no usage this year. Reasons to be given are poor mobile signal, part of the Village Emergency plan and busy road with speeding priority with the potential for accidents.

-The Clerk outlined the requirements from the Government for Pension Auto-enrolment. Due to the level of the salary paid to the Clerk it is not necessary for the Parish Council to provide a pension scheme or to financially contribute (unless the Clerk wishes to have access to a pension scheme). A letter will be sent to the Clerk to confirm this arrangement and the Clerk will complete the necessary paperwork.

10. PLANNING

Existing Applications outcomes:

16/07011/FUL	Windy Ridge. Extension to rear of garage and new first floor dormer window. Convert a section of the ground floor of garage, erect gate and fencing. Erect a new single storey outbuilding to the rear.	Approved
16/07707/FUL	Barn Easton Manor. Alterations to provide office accommodation and change of use C3 to B1	Approved
16/09595/TCA	Chapel Cottage Crown raise sycamore 7 metres	No Objection

New Applications since last meeting:

16/08177/FUL REVISED PLANS	Garden of 72 Easton Royal. Detached dwelling with oak-framed garage (Var 15/01892/FUL)	Objections raised due to height and scale of building
16/10706/TCA	Orchard End. 3 The Orchard various tree works and remove leylandii hedge	No Objection raised

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11. FINANCE

Payments made:

Bawdens Grass cutting (5)	£209.68
Bawden Grass cutting (6)	£209.68
Hew Helps use of Quad bike	£100.00
Rospa Playground inspection	£134.00
Clerk salary	£507.00*
Bawden Playbark	£476.40**
Colin Sibun Playground materials*	£93.16**

*Transparency grant contribution £54

**From Area Board grant of £954

Payments to Approve:

P Archer Clerk expenses*	£101.69
SLCC membership fee	£65.00
PCAP donation	£50.00
C Sibun Playground materials	£227.34**

*From Transparency Code grant contribution (£60 for 6 months' Broadband)

**materials to be paid from Parish Council repairs budget

Payments Approved by Cedric Hollinsworth seconded Margaret Holden

Payments Received

ER School (1 st September-30 th November)	£250.00
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12. BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Appendix 1.

It was resolved to maintain the precept at the same level as 2016/17. This will result in a small increase to Parishioners due to the reduction in the tax base.

13. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

-Mark de Pass

No report.

-Margaret Holden

Area Board minutes circulated and a summary report to be put on the Village website.

Hilary Hollinsworth attended the POPP meeting and notes have been circulated.

-Cedric Hollinsworth

Report circulated and to be put on the Village website.

Concerns were raised about the work the Parish Steward was undertaking and the lack of communication with the Parish contact.

The condition of the track at the bottom of the village from the bridge to the barn was identified as being in a poor state. A proposal to write to the Highways department was made.

Concerns had been raised by Speed watch members about the effectiveness of the voluntary work they do. Especially as high speeds along the B3097 are frequently seen.

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The Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner Angus Macpherson is due to visit and discuss these issues with the Speed watch team, highlighting the priority of this stretch of road.

-Anna Patterson

Church report circulated and to be put on the Village website.

-Colin Sibun

Report circulated and to be put on the Village website.

A new financial arrangement has been agreed with the school and will be implemented from 1st December.

It was agreed to look into measures to stop vehicles driving on to the Recreation Ground, removable posts with chain link was proposed. It was agreed that the Village Hall should ensure that bookings clearly state that the Recreation Ground is not a parking area.

-Christopher Elliott

Report circulated and to be put on the Village website.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The final correspondence from the Parish Council dated 24th October had not been acknowledged. It was agreed that a boundary dispute would remain on file. The Parish Council agreed that no further action would be taken at this point. Efforts to come to a resolution had not proved successful.

15. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The election date of the 4th May was noted. This will be at the same time as the Wiltshire Council unitary elections.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The tree at the top of the Village on the right-hand side requires pruning. Clerk to apply for planning permission.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Proposed and to be agreed Thursday April 6th, APM Thursday 25th May.

Meeting Closed 21.05