

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT EASTON ROYAL VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017
AT 19:30

PRESENT:

Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Margaret Holden, Mark de Pass, Anna Patterson, Beverley Helps, Colin Sibun, Graham Cooper and Pauline Archer (Clerk)

Members of the public: None.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Beck Stubbs (ER Academy) No new issues to report

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2017 having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

Monthly reports are provided by Wiltshire Police, which are circulated and put on the Village Website.

5. REPORT FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR (Jerry Kunkler)

The recent Area Board meeting looked at the provision of Social Care, rural bus consultations and the revision of the Local Plan consultation to 2036. An update on the Vale leisure centre has been circulated.

-CATG signs for HGV restrictions Easton Royal to Ram Alley have not arrived yet.

- Beverley Helps raised the poor state of the footpath down from The Bruce Arms. It had been agreed that Brennans would put down more plannings that had been deposited with them by Wiltshire Council. The Rights of Way Officer was aware that this work had not been completed and that the Parish Council would like it done. At the moment, no date has been agreed for the completion of this work.

Jerry Kunkler requested copies of the correspondence and would look into it.

The difficulties with the Parish Steward were highlighted again, and Cedric Hollinsworth confirmed that little work had been completed.

6. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

A Parishioner has asked the Parish Council to look into two overgrown/dead trees on the Recreation Ground. The Woodland group confirmed a lack of funds to deal with these. Beverley Helps agreed to look into this.

7. UPDATE ON THE USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

At the last Parish Council meeting It was agreed that the Village Hall needed to update the Village Hall bookings Terms and Conditions, and to include reference to the hire of the Recreation Ground

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for Social events and Weddings etc. It was agreed that bookings which included the use of a marquee would only be made available to Residents of the Village.

The new Bookings Agreement and map had been circulated to all Councillors, the key issue being to preserve the surface of the Recreation Ground for the use by the School and Villages and to ensure that no vehicles are driven past the Car Park except for those needed to erect any agreed Marquees. Councillors felt that the Agreement needed to be made clearer that any vehicles which were required in order to erect a Marquee or Portaloos must be driven across a trackway surface that has been put in place in order to protect the surface.

Cedric Hollinsworth to discuss this with the Village Hall in order to update the Agreement.

Further to the recent Young Farmers firework display in the Village, Mark de Pass and Graham Cooper felt that the decision not to allow parking on the Recreation Ground should have been taken 24 hours prior to the event to properly assess the weather impact on the surface of the Recreation ground. They raised concern that the revised Village Hall Agreement did not allow for any Village event that might require parking on the Recreation Ground e.g. Car Boot sale or Village fete.

It was agreed that any "Village" request for parking on the Recreation Ground could be agreed by any two Parish Councillors (providing that they are not connected to the event) 24 hours prior to the event. This means that alternative parking measures would need to be put in place in case the decision to allow was refused due to poor weather conditions.

It was also noted that the Village Hall must take responsibility for any damage caused after any event and to ensure that the Booking Agreements are signed and agreed deposits taken.

8. CLERKS'S REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

- Dog fouling on the Recreation Ground – Village email sent
- The new arrangement for auditing the Parish Council finances next year were noted, as were the importance of submitting information at the appropriate time to avoid any fines.

9. PRECEPT AND BUDGET DISCUSSION

See Appendix 1

It was agreed to maintain the precept at £6,150 which will show a marginal increase in the band D cost per household of £44.87 (£44.59)

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10. PLANNING:

Existing Application outcomes:

17/09197/FUL 17/09409/LBC	The Old Vicarage part demolish external wall and erect a single storey extension	Withdrawn
17/09655/TCA	Pathways Willow re-pollard	No Objection/Approved
17/10298/TCA	Green Acre Copper beech reduce 30% Crab Apple fell	No Objection/Approved

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Planning Applications since the last meeting:

None		
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11.FINANCE:

Payments made:

Hew Helps web hosting	£70.00
Hew Helps Footpaths maintenance	£100.00
P Archer Clerk expenses	£99.95
Bawden grass cutting 6	£213.83
Rospa Invoice	£79.80
SLCC Membership	£67.00

Payments to approve:

None	

Payments Received:

Easton Royal Academy (Sept-November)	£200.00

12. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

-Margaret Holden

None

-Cedric Hollinsworth

Report circulated and to be put on the Village Website.

Metro loop for the Village street have been requested.

-Anna Patterson

No new report, the WW1 Commemorative trees have been passed to the Church for consideration.

Graham Cooper.

Confirmation that action has been taken to reduce the problems of rabbits in the Cemetery ground

-Beverley Helps

Footpath issue raised with Jerry Kunkler

Colin Sibun

The work to complete the damaged fence (after the dog show) has been completed. Unfortunately, whilst completing the work, the electricity cables were cut through, resulting in SSE needing to come out and rectify. The cost of this call out is with the contractor John Wheeler. Colin Sibun to look into this.

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Mark de Pass

Attended the recent PCAP meeting on 10th October, minutes circulated.

Cedric Hollinsworth raised the comment made in the PCAP minutes whereby Mark de Pass “raised concerns that individuals in Speed watch groups may be targeting or ignoring some road users. PC Herbert said this is a training issue and would send some information”

Following a detailed discussion about these comments, it was agreed that this view was not representative of the majority of the Parish Councillors, and that there was an overwhelming support for the work of the Speed watch team, and their integrity. It was agreed that it would have been more appropriate if these concerns had been raised with the Parish Council and/or Speed watch team prior to commenting at a Public meeting such as PCAP. Mark de Pass confirmed that he had been approached by a number of younger members within the Village who felt that they had been specifically targeted.

Cedric Hollinsworth stated that comments of this nature would not encourage the current volunteers of the Speed watch team to continue in their role, nor would it encourage other volunteers to be trained. He also expressed his disappointment that a statement of this nature had been raised without prior discussion with other Councillors.

Graham Cooper confirmed his willingness to look into joining the Speed watch team in the winter months.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The positioning of the new plant trough at to be reviewed- Cedric Hollinsworth

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 1st,

April 12th. May 24th, July 26th, September 20th, November 22nd.

Meeting Closed 21.05