

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 2019
AT EASTON ROYAL VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Margaret Holden (Vice Chairman), Mark de Pass, Beverley Helps. Pauline Archer Clerk.

Ivan Gale (Parishioner) Tricia and Allan Duncan (Parishioners)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Graham Cooper, Colin Sibun. Jerry Kunkler

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd November 2018 having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Councillor)

Ros will no longer be the Community Engagement manager covering Pewsey after the 4th March, and will be replaced by Richard Rogers who will become responsible for Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards.

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5th March at 12 noon, in Pewsey to discuss our Parish Steward.

The next Area Board meeting will be held at Burbage Village Hall on Monday 11th March at 7.p.m.

The next CAT G meeting will be on Wednesday 6th March 2.p.m. in Pewsey.

Next week at Trowbridge we will be setting the council tax base for the coming year. And it is proposed to be set at 2.99 per cent increase, which amounts to around £42 a year on the average band D property.

This Friday sees the official opening of the New Campus and will be open to the public from 1.p.m. until 4.p.m. for tours, taster sessions etc. Baroness Jane Scott will formally open it with a few words from Shelley Rudman.

5. REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL ACADEMY

None

6. REQUEST FROM ER ACADEMY TO CHANGE THEIR USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND.

The School no longer wish to use the Recreation Ground for sport, but would like to take a small group of children (approximately 10) to use the Woodland area every Friday in term time for 2 hours. They would also require the use of the Village Hall facilities.

The Parish Council agreed that a fee of £100 pa should be proposed. The Village Hall is prepared to book Friday afternoon to the school, on the proviso that the Hall and toilets are left as found. Clerk to liaise with Excalibur business manager.

7. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

-Ivan Gale put forward a proposal to provide native hedging whips (approximately 400) to be planted along the chain fence boundary with the B3087. The plants are to be provided free through the Woodland Trust. The mix of species to be clarified. The planting would require in the region of 20 volunteers. There would be an ongoing maintenance requirement, with Ivan Gale volunteering to provide this. A discussion took place and the main concern was ongoing maintenance. It was suggested that if the hedge could be laid and therefore reduce the maintenance and provide a more solid boundary, this would be more favoured. IG to consider the layering option and the mix of species.

-Concern was expressed about the possible future removal of a long-established beech hedge in the Village, which is within the conservation area.

IG and T and A Duncan left the meeting.

-A parishioner had expressed concern about noise nuisance from the Bruce Arms pub. Whilst this is a matter for Wiltshire Council, a member of the Parish Council agreed to speak to the landlord regarding his obligations.

8. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FROM BAWDENS AND PROPOSED NUMBER OF CUTS

The Clerk put forward the contract quote, going back to 9 main cuts with a number of additional cuts to be agreed. It was agreed that Parish Councillors would like to see the Recreation Ground kept in a similar condition (despite the school no longer needing to use it for sport). It was agreed that the Clerk should seek a quote on the same basis as last year with a view to continuing. Quote subsequently received for 9 main cuts and up to 7 additional Recreation Ground. £1131.91 (net VAT) Agreed

9. PURCHASE OF NEW NOTICE BOARD OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL

At previous Parish Council meetings, it had been agreed to purchase a new larger Notice Board (part lockable) and to use the CIL payment of £788.28 towards the costs. The existing Notice Board to be moved to outside Easton House to replace the broken wall hung one. The purchase was agreed by all Councillors and a working party has been arranged for installation.

Clerk to report the use of the CIL to Wiltshire Council.

10. VILLAGE HALL REQUEST THAT RECREATION GROUND BOOKING ARE INITIALLY AGREED BY THE PC

It was agreed that the amended Village Hall booking agreement needed to be placed upon the Village website, in order that any future enquiries could be referred to this agreement. To be arranged with website coordinator. (subsequently confirmed that it had been in place since January)

11. INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

This issue had been raised in order to seek clarification for working parties on the footpaths, and other areas in the Village. Clerk to further clarify with Community First who organise the Insurance.

Addendum:

“Volunteers acting under the instructions of the parish council will be covered for activities under the public liability of the core cover. The parish council need to carry out risk assessments of the activities carried out, along with providing the appropriate health and safety guidelines and equipment. Any work whereby training or qualifications is needed to use equipment or machinery e.g. chainsaws should not be carried out by Volunteers.” (Community First 21.2.19)

12. CLERKS CORRESPONDENCE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

-PEAS scheme Two bags of salt collected awaiting a delivery of 6 bags- Clerk to chase.

-salt bin refill has been requested through My Wiltshire app.

-Street lighting repair- a request for repair has been sent but Wiltshire Council are still awaiting parts, this takes an unacceptable length of time. New lights seem to be replaced by brighter, whiter LED which some Parishioners find intrusive.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Existing Application outcomes:

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| 18/09140/FUL | 5 Burbage Road construction of double garage | Approved |
| 18/10452/LBC | Priory Cottage proposed French doors | Approved |

Planning Applications since the last meeting:

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| 19/01360/TCA | Glebe House 7 trees pruning and reducing. 1 tree fell | No Objection |
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14. FINANCE

Payments made:

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| H Hollinsworth Bulbs | £12.99 |
| PCAP donation | £100.00 |
| Defibrillator pads | £73.00 |
| Clerk salary | £486.00 |

Payments to approve:

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| C Hollinsworth sign Recreation Gates | £21.36 |
| Campaign to Protect Rural England subscription | £36.00 |
| Village Notice Board | £1460.00* |
| Clerk expenses | £79.38 |

*less Community Infrastructure Levy of £788.28

Payments Received:

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| ER Academy (1 st December-28 th February) | £200.00 |
| Transfer Village Hall defibrillator funds | £277.30** |

15. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

Margaret Holden. External Meetings

Attended recent PCAP meetings and Area Board- minutes circulated. Fundraising for one Raiser chair has been completed (Area Board gave £2000 plus contributions from some Parishes), a second chair part funded.

Cedric Hollinsworth. Street Scene and Highways

Report circulated and to be put on the website.

Anna Patterson. Church Liaison/School Liaison

Church report read out. No update from school.

Colin Sibun. Recreation Ground

Away

Beverley Helps. Footpaths

Report circulated, some outstanding issues relating to kissing gates and styles.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It has been requested that the Parish Council provide a list of suitable trees in the event of a request for any memorial planting.

16. Date of next meetings

25th April

Tuesday 21st May APM and APMC

Thursday 25th July

26th September

21st November

Meeting closed 21:25