

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER 2019
AT EASTON ROYAL VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Beverley Helps, Mark de Pass, Graham Cooper, Colin Sibun, Pauline Archer (Clerk)

Jerry Kunkler Wiltshire Councillor

Two Parishioners

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Anna Patterson, Margaret Holden

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Beverley Helps Planning Application Home Farm 19/10649/TCA

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26th September 2019 having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Councillor)

At the recent Area Board meeting various grants supporting local causes approved. Details of the Raiser chair project where 2 were purchased was given.

To date, a £2.5m overspend at Wiltshire Council which should be eliminated by the year end. On-going budget cuts for next year in the region of £18-20m. Adult care and social care still a large part of expenditure.

JK commented on the fireworks at Manor Farm in aid of the Air Ambulance which he had received many positive comments in Pewsey.

Pewsey Police will be moving their hub to the Vale Community Centre and the village police station will no longer being in use.

CH commented that the Parish Steward did not attend on the due date, assuming that he was on other duties but no message was received. JK suggested emailing Michael Bevan.

JK left the meeting at 7.45

5. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

6. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Parish Councillors considered the existing contract with Bawdens, a quote provided by idverde and a quote from Easton Landscape. The idverde quote was competitive with the existing Bawden contract. In view of the recommendation from a neighbouring Parish Council and the knowledge that other local Parish Councils used them it was agreed by all to go with this quote for 2020.-Clerk to respond

7. PHONE BOX CONSULTATION

We have received notification that BT wishes to remove the phone box on the B3097 (notice has been placed on the phone inside the box). This is due to low usage (1call). The Parish Council agreed to make representation to keep the phone due to poor mobile coverage in the area and the potential accident hotspot in an area known for speeding. - Clerk to respond.

8. CLERKS REPORT

-12 salt bags were collected from the Marlborough depot thank you to Hew Helps. 6 bags kept at Home Farm and 6 at Manor Farm. The clerk confirmed that the salt bins are full.

-Payment for use of the Recreation ground for a wedding. CH liaising with the Village Hall

-Playground Inspection report received. CS has circulated and noted some small areas for attention.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Existing Application outcomes:

19/08446/TCA	Bentley House remove dead elm tree and remove the height of various trees.	Approved
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Planning Applications since the last meeting:

19/10322/TCA	Primrose Cottage Juniper trees, Leylandii and Eucalyptus crown reduction	No Objection
19/10649/TCA	Home Farm Fell dead sycamore, fell Willow Tree	No Objection

10. FINANCE Payments made:

Grant for upkeep of the graveyard and cemetery Holy Trinity Church	£1000.00
Rospa Playground Inspection report.	£82.20
Clerk salary (1 july-30 sept)	£635.00
Bawden bark chip playground	£204.00

Payments to approve:

SLCC membership	£63.00
Hew Helps TH White (footpath repairs)	£87.33
Hew Helps Lanlee supplies (footpath repairs)	£14.99
H Hollinsworth bulbs	£17.97

All in agreement with proposed payments.

Payments received:

None	
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11. Precept and Budget discussion see Appendix 1

It was agreed to maintain the Precept at the same level as last year £6,500, due to no planned exceptional expenditure. The CIL payment which is ringfenced was noted, and to be spent within 5 years of receipt. Parish Council reserves remain healthy and anticipated at c£14,000 at the year end.

12. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

Cedric Hollinsworth. Street Scene and Highways

Report circulated and to be put on the website. It was noted that all new street lights were replaced with white LED as per Wiltshire Council policy.

A discussion took place about the drains at the bottom of the village and the responsibility for keeping the clear.

Mark de Pass agreed to look into the cost of hiring a small JCB to clear them, the cost to be discussed with the Parish Council.

Anna Patterson. Church Liaison/School Liaison

Church report received and read out Harvest Supper 20th October, Remembrance service on behalf of the Merchant Navy.

Colin Sibun. Recreation Ground.

The tyres on the Recreation ground remain an outstanding issue and more discussions are required with the Woodland Group. It was also noted that no permission is asked for the banners on the fencing by the road. Latest one the Burbage Christmas trees.

Still awaiting any further discussions regarding the planting of hedging along the fence by the road. No agreement with the Parish Council has been reached and outstanding maintenance issues remain be a concern.

Beverley Helps. Footpaths

Report circulated and to be put on the website. A discussion took place about a footpath between Fyfield and Pewsey (starting at Milton Lilbourne) which is subject to a Public enquiry a decision due early next year. BH sought agreement from other Councillors that the Parish Council would be happy to made representation that this was an important right of way, and should therefore be formally noted as one. (not currently shown on the definitive map). A change of ownership appears to have led to challenges to the Rights of Way.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

-It was noted that a neighbouring property to the Recreation ground had used access to undertake work at the back of their property without seeking permission. This had resulted in some grass being churned up.

-The offer of a small cherry tree for the Recreation Ground -BH/CS

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 23rd January
 30th April
 21st May APM/ AMPC
 23rd July
 24th September
 26th November

Meeting closed 20.50