

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th NOVEMBER 2020

BY "Zoom"

AT 7:30pm

PRESENT

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

Jerry Kunkler

Peta Puyo ER Playground group

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mark de Pass Item 11, voting on action concerning use of Harris Lane

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24th September 2020 by "Zoom" having been circulated, were approved and to be signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Councillor)

Cedric Hollinsworth commented on the poor patching just completed on B3087, and the poor state of the road through Easton Royal where no commitment to repair has been forthcoming.

It was noted that the Parish Steward work had improved significantly following the meeting with JK and others. Some small changes to the make-up of Area Board will be implemented, with funding staying the same.

JK left the meeting at 7.50.

5. OUTCOME OF SPEEDING ISSUES SURVEY-

Delayed to be discussed at an additional Parish Council meeting on 15th December

6. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT.

The clerk circulated the October report. No immediate issues, CS to organise some minor repairs.

7. PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT email from ER Playground group dated 17.10. 20 (attached) – Peta Puyo

Peta Puyo joined the meeting by Zoom at 8.30pm

Points raised in the email:

1. Yes

2. Agreed

3. Yes

4. Proposed Anna Patterson

5. CIL payment £1,693.28 agreed to be ringfenced for this project to be spent by April 24

6. Confirmed

7. Agreed

8. Agreed.

It was agreed that advice regarding structure and VAT would be discussed with Richards Rogers Community Engagement and Wiltshire Association of local Councils (WALC).

Peta Puyo left the meeting.

8. REQUEST FOR PCAP DONATION- MH

MH highlighted the important work undertaken by PCAP, together with the additional work relating to Covid. MH proposed a donation of £100. All agreed

9. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

None

10. SNOW CLEARING OF UNCLASSIFIED ROADS.

CH circulated details of the snow clearance plan for Easton Royal put forward to Wiltshire Council. These proposals had been prepared in conjunction with Graham and Ben Cooper. Wiltshire Council will maintain responsibility for gritting and snow clearance on the B3087, with the proposed snow clearance of other unclassified routes in Easton Royal (as highlighted in the proposal) to be undertaken by S.P Cooper & Son. Wiltshire Councils approval is awaited and Cooper farms were thanked for their support.

11. UPDATE ON VEHICLES USING THE BRIDLEWAY SECTION OF HARRIS LANE.

Various discussions and exchanges of correspondences, have taken place with De Pass farms and Savills (agents for Queens College, Oxford the owners of the land tenanted by De Pass farms) and some members of the Parish Council. It has been confirmed by Savills that the increased vehicle use witnessed during the summer of 2020 was no longer required. Various issues including the Prescriptive Rights for the use of vehicles were debated, but the Parish Council does not accept that anyone has met the criteria to claim either Prescriptive or Private Rights, under current regulations.

Where a landowner claims a Prescriptive Right of access, it is up to the claimant to substantiate and prove that such a right exists. Hearsay does not meet such criteria.

It was confirmed that it is against the law to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle, other than a lawnmower or invalid carriage along a bridleway, and also to damage the surface of a bridleway, even where a Prescriptive Right exists.

The consensus by all parties is that there has been significant work carried out by the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council to improve the surface of much of the bridleway section of Harris Lane, which has made it usable by pedestrians. All parties agree that the surface should not be damaged, by any vehicle use.

Concern was expressed about the damage caused to the surface by repeated tractor and trailer movements over the weekend of November 14th/15th to the section running along the boundary of Copes Cottage.

It was noted that a Landowner would need to prove that they meet the criteria for a Prescriptive Right, and always subject to no damage being done to the surface of the Bridleway.

To that extent it was proposed and agreed that a set of Protocols for the use of Harris Lane Bridleway from Copes Cottage to the intersection with the bridleway ER22 running south from the Bruce Arms should be adopted by the Parish Council.

A set of Protocols to be drafted by CH (attached).

12. BUDGET AND PRECPT DISCUSSIONS (SEE Appendix 1)

A review of the budget concluded that the precept should be increased to £6,600 (£6,500) an increase of 1.5% (based upon the 2021/22 tax base). It was agreed that road sweeper costs c£600 pa, footpath maintenance c£500 and defibrillator cost c£300 should be taken from existing reserves. All in agreement.

13. CLERKS REPORT

- Mole control on the Recreation ground. It was agreed for treatment to take place for a week, Clerk to organise.
- Dangerous Tree. Graham Cooper removed the dangerous branches, which was greatly appreciated. The Parish Council consider the tree to be safe. The Clerk to respond to the Tree surgeon whose quote is no longer needed.
- Emergency Planning – Thanks to Hew Helps who has agreed to be the contact going forward.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

PLANNING: Planning Applications since the last meeting:

20/08944/TCA	Easton Grange. Fell silver birch and 1 Cypress reduction to various	No objection. Wiltshire Council No objection
20/09431/DDD	Greygables Corsican Pine fell	
20/09624/TCA	Waverley Cottage Fell tree due to severe basal cavity	No objection

15. FINANCE

Payments made:

H Helps Website hosting	£70.00
H Helps footpath mowing	£100.00
C Sibun Re installation of Recreation ground gates	£180.00
C Sibun Playground maintenance	£78.74
C Hollinsworth Highways maintenance spray	£12.00
P Archer Clerk salary	£635.00
P Archer Clerk expenses	£132.43
Purchase of additional Zoom time	£14.39
IDVERDE grass cutting contract	£360.65
Skip	£258.00

Payments to approve:

Zoom time C Hollinsworth (Monthly fee)	£14.39
C Sibun fence posts	£43.97
WALC Councillor course	£36.00
Rospa inspection	£82.20
Defibrillator battery	£282.00
SLCA membership	£78.00
PCAP donation	£100.00

Payments Received:

None	
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All payments agreed.

16. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

Margaret Holden

Attended both the PCAP and Area Board Meetings which are continuing remotely. The minutes for PCAP are on their website.

A discussion took place about future funding of the replacement parts for the defibrillator, now that the allocated funds transferred have been used. It was agreed to allocate £300 from reserves for future costs. MH was thanked for sorting the wrongly returned rescue kit when the defibrillator was recently required.

Cedric Hollinsworth. Street Scene and Highways

Report circulated and to be put on the website. It was noted that the Parish Steward had completed all recent works especially the clearing of village drains.

Blocked drains at the lower end of the Street require further inspection. CH has requested road repairs with hot material, by the school (both sides), the road alongside the church wall and Brights Cottage.

Anna Patterson. Church Liaison/School Liaison

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

Colin Sibun. Recreation Ground.

Report circulated and to be put on the website.

Beverley Helps. Footpaths

Report circulated and to be put on the website. Matters concerning vehicle use discussed in item 11.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

15th December (Additional meeting)

25th February, 29th April, 27th May APM and AMPC, 29th July, 23rd September,

25th November

Meeting closed 9.33pm