

**EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**  
**AT 19:30**

**PRESENT:**

Margaret Holden (Chair), Anna Patterson (Vice Chair), Paul Narizzano, James de Pass, Ben Cooper, Beverley Helps.  
Pauline Archer Clerk  
Jerry Kunkler (Wiltshire Council)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Margaret Holden, proposed by Anna Patterson, seconded Beverley Helps. All agreed.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

Anna Patterson, proposed by Margaret Holden, seconded Beverley Helps. All agreed.

It was agreed that both roles should be changed more frequently.

**4. TO RECEIVE MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

None.

**5. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July having been circulated were approved and to be signed by the Chair.

**6. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Council)**

JK confirmed budget pressures on Wiltshire Council, and the need for more savings. All leisure centres now under the control of Wiltshire Council. Area Board application for waste bins on the Recreation Ground was successful.

Follow up from last meeting, drains at the bottom of the village, still require a visit from Richard Dobson (Wiltshire Council Highways engineer) – Clerk to email, copy JK

Potential damage to footpath ER22, suggest contact with Stephen Leonard (Rights of Way Wiltshire)- BH to email, copy JK

JK mentioned the LYN (local youth network) grants for any proposals for teenagers, potentially in relation to the basketball hoop.

**7. COUNCILLOR VACANCY CO-OPTION PROCEDURE.**

Clerk notified Wiltshire Council electoral services. Notices displayed in two noticeboards awaiting confirmation of no election.

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Clerk recommended that vacancy be advertised through village email and noticeboard, and will circulate suggested wording. It was agreed that process should be open to all in the village who meet eligibility criteria. Clerk to provide some wording.

**8. PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNT APPROVAL OF ANY SIGNATORIES**

Current signatories Margaret Holden, Ben Cooper and James de Pass. Awaiting confirmation of removal of one signature. BC awaiting confirmation to action online payments with MH. JDP to set up online in due course.

It was resolved to add Anna Patterson as a fourth signature.

Clerk to arrange alteration of mandate in due course.

**9. DOG WASTE BIN, WHERE TO SITE AND COLLECTION COSTS.**

It was agreed to move the current red poo waste bin to a position adjacent to the Electricity sub-station. An application to the Area Board by ERPG, resulted in a grant for two bins, a general waste bin which will be ordered and placed near the Playground. A further green poo waste bin to be ordered and sited in the Village Street. Current proposal is to place the green waste bin on the verge by Mr and Mrs Helps' property. – BH to confirm if this is acceptable.

PN to remove poo bin from its current position and site as agreed on the Recreation ground. Neighbours who had previously raised an issue about its position had been notified by the Clerk that it would be moving to the Recreation ground.

ERPG to liaise with Clerk re ordering of additional bins.

Idverde have confirmed £3 per bin collection. Clerk has requested fortnightly collection; however, this has been slow and collection has now been made.

**10. PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION TO WHITE GATES ON ENTERING THE VILLAGE ON THE B3087. APPROVAL BY CATG PARISH COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION £1050.**

MH attended the recent CATG meeting where the white gates had been put on the Agenda.

The gates were approved by CATG, subject to the Parish Council making a contribution of 25% (£1050). The gates are to be positioned either end of the village near to the 30mph signs. MH agreed to contact Mark Stansby (Senior Traffic Engineer Wiltshire Council) to arrange a meeting to discuss the exact position. BC and JdP expressed a wish to be consulted especially if they are to be placed near to entrances of any Coopers or de Pass fields. The PC costs will need to be funded from Parish Council existing reserves.

It was resolved to agree to the contribution.

**11. REQUEST FOR PCAP DONATION**

MH outlined the work done by PCAP, and the previous PC support.

It was resolved to donate £100. Clerk to organise.

**12. REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN GATE ON THE RAM ALLEY FOOTPATH**

The broken post will need to be replaced and the gate rehung. Costs to be clarified, but the PC will need to pay for the repair. BH requested some assistance in removing the concrete

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base by JdP. BH to arrange a working party for the repair. Any costs to be approved by the PC.

**13. UPDATE ON SPEED MONITORING DEVICES**

Following a meeting with Cedric Hollinsworth who had been co ordinating this, MH updated the Council:

Delivery of the Speed Monitoring Devices had taken place and they are currently in a barn at BH property. We are still awaiting the delivery of four poles.

There are two movable machines, one for the village street (two poles required) and one for the main road (two poles required). They are battery operated so will require recharging probably every seven days and traffic data can be collected.

Issues to resolve include:

-siting of the poles – MH to discuss with Wiltshire Council Highways (Mark Stansby)

-charging of batteries- to be discussed further

-collection of data- to be discussed further.

-installation costs. CH indicated that from his discussion with the private donor, they had indicated a willingness to provide further funding up to a total cost (including machines) of £10,000.

MH to report back to the Parish Council and how to proceed.

**14/15. RECREATION GROUND WORKS**

-It was proposed and agreed to retain the old swings until next Spring. BC to co-ordinate.

-Discuss with the Village Hall plans for the seating area which will be where the old playground was. Proposals and any costings to be discussed further. PN to liaise with Village Hall

-two wooden stumps remain by the Carpark it was agreed that these should be moved to the Woodland area when weather conditions allow. BC to co-ordinate

-it was noted that a rope swing is being put up on trees by the playground. The Parish Council agreed to remove these for safety reasons. PN to co-ordinate

-It was agreed that the Rotary donated bench was in the correct place. It was proposed to fix this permanently to avoid it being stolen- PN

-weekly playground checks being undertaken by AP and to continue

-ERPG have some suggested wording for a sign re disclaimer- BC to ask them to supply details to the Clerk for circulation

-ERPG have relevant signs for the various equipment. The Parish Council confirmed that these need to be fixed to the equipment. BC to co-ordinate

**16. SITING OF THE BASKETBALL GOAL.**

Councillors have agreed the position for the goal, which was towards the Bee hive, the area having been marked out by ERPG. The hoop and post need to be erected. BC

The ERPG would like to eventually provide a small hardstanding area for the hoop which will need further fundraising, and final agreement by the PC.

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BC to establish if the Calor gas grant can be used for any purpose, or is it specific to the hardstanding.

**17.DRAINAGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE VILLAGE**

Awaiting visit from Wiltshire Council engineers JK and Clerk.

**18. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

None

**19. CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Request for the additional cutting of grass verges sent to Wiltshire Council
- Request for Recreation ground use for junior football. Response sent
- Moles on the Recreation Ground. Contact made with Denis Goddard, recommendation to wait until grass cutting has finished- Clerk to action
- Bank mandate amended- Clerk to check progress with bank

**20. UPDATE ON FOOTPATH ER22 NOT BEING USED FOR RUNNING RACES DURING THE WET MONTHS, UNTIL THE SURFACE HAS BEEN REPAIRED FROM PREVIOUS DAMAGE FROM THE PREVIOUS EVENTS.**

BH to co-ordinate with JK

**21. PLANNING APPLICATIONS- SEE OVERLEAF**

**22. FINANCE -SEE OVERLEAF**

**OTHER MATTERS**

- The Parish Council have received a letter of resignation from the former Chair Cedric Hollinsworth which has been accepted and the Parish Councillors would like to thank Cedric for all his hard work and dedication to the village during his years as a Parish Councillor.
- BC noted that the bank opposite the Church was being cut but this had not been requested by Cooper Farms.
- PN gave details of hedging quote of c 40m to be planted by the recreation ground boundary with the road. Richard Perking quoted £470. It was agreed to defer this until next year.
- It was agreed to defer the Annual Parish Meeting (scheduled for October) that was originally due to take place in May 21, to be deferred until May 2022.

**23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

25<sup>th</sup> November – Budget and Precept

**Meeting ended 21.45**

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**PLANNING:**

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2021/04415	Glebe House- Two storey extension,new garage,Gym/office	No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council
2021/05725	Gilden Down- Detached dwelling in garden	No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council
2021/06899	Chantry Cottage – fell spruce	No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council
2021/07259	Cobbetts Insertion of 2 Dormer windows, 1 rooflight	No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council

**FINANCE:**

**Payments made:**

P Puyo playground various invoices	£178.44
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S J Alpin playground	£10,834.36
Holy Trinity Church	£1000.00
Rospa Inspection playground	£474.00
C Hollinsworth Mundy playground	£46.12
E Dickie grass seed	£15.00
Glasdon dog waste bin	£290.02
Jan Howard planters	£73.92

**Payments to Approve**

Idverde grass cutting (2)	£360.64
Clerk salary quarterly	£635.00
Clerk expenses six monthly	£105.97
Hew Helps website hosting	£70.00
Hew Helps use of mower footpath	£100.00
PCAP donation	£100.00

**All payments agreed**

**Payments Received:**

Playground donations since 1 <sup>st</sup> April	£2317.00*
Crowdfunder calor	£317.08

\*includes grant allocation of £200 for recreation ground trees.