

**EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
AT EASTON ROYAL VILLAGE HALL  
AT 7:30PM

**PRESENT**

Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Margaret Holden (Vice Chairman), Beverley Helps, Anna Patterson, Mark de Pass, Graham Cooper

Jerry Kunkler Wiltshire Councillor

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Colin Sibun, Pauline Archer (Clerk)

**2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 having been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Councillor)**

The new leader of Wiltshire Council has been appointed and is Philip Whitehead, the deputy leader Richard Clewer. Wiltshire Council need to find c£11m of savings this financial year. The Village Hall has received grant funding from the Area Board towards new doors. Going forward less funding will be available and comments have been received that the same villages seem to receive a greater share of funding. Currently there is a consultation on what is wanted from the Area Board.

Recent presentations on Cyber-crime and discussions on the slow response time from the ambulance service.

-Parish Steward, is making improvements especially regarding communication but more needs to be done.

-Letter received from Claire Perry confirming that she will not stand at the next election.

**5. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Included in item 6 below, concerning the clearing of the ditches at the bottom of the village.

**6. UPDATE ON VILLAGE DRAIN CLEANING AND CLEARING DITCHES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE VILLAGE.**

- Following a meeting with Wiltshire Highways at the beginning of August, the drains in the village have been jetted, still awaiting a road sweeper. Some other works have been completed to improve flooding. Wiltshire Council have confirmed that the ditches at the bottom of the village past Manor Farm are not their responsibility but remain the responsibility of the landowner. GC commented that these drains had previously been the responsibility of the Council,

CH said that Kennet had clearly been more flexible in their interpretation of the law, but it is clear that unless a ditch has been constructed specifically for highways purposes, the responsibility for maintaining the ditch rests with the landowner. Wiltshire only undertake work which is of a statutory nature, and there is now only one JCB in the County. The Pewsey area, is not scheduled for an allocation of this machine until May 2020

-CH has requested 48 hours' notice before the sweeper arrives in order to ask for cars to be removed from the village street.

**7. REQUEST FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH FOR A GRANT TOWARDS THE UPKEEP OF THE GRAVEYARD AND CEMETERY**

- A grant of £1000, in line with previous years was proposed and all in agreement. It was noted that the Church were not happy with the grass cutting contract this year and the service had been inadequate.

-GC to spray the nettles on the graveyard path and has cut the hedge.

## 8. SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE STREET

This has gradually been deteriorating. The Parish Council feel that they can not do much more. A car was hit in the village street no witnesses. An email regarding safe parking was sent a few months ago.

## 9. CLERKS REPORT

- Grass cutting, despite email and phone calls the grass cutting has not improved. The Clerk has three outstanding invoices which are being held pending responses from Bawdens. Actively seeking alternative arrangements for next year. To be discussed at the next meeting.

-Still not received money for the hire of the Recreation Ground, this needs to be discussed with the Village Hall re invoicing.

-Playground Inspection report received. CS to circulate and comment upon his return.

## 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Existing Application outcomes:

19/05775/TCA	Easton Grange various tree works	Approved
19/08160/TCA	58 Easton Royal remove Ash Tree	Approved Wiltshire council

### Planning Applications since the last meeting:

19/08446/TCA	Bentley House remove dead elm trees remove height of various trees	No Objection
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## 11. FINANCE

### Payments made:

Hew Helps website hosting	£70.00
Hew Helps Mower footpaths	£100.00
Clerk expenses	£93.08

### Payments to approve:

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*
Bulbs for main road verges	Up to £15.00

\*increased hours

All in agreement with proposed payments.

### Payments received:

None	
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## 12. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

### Margaret Holden. External Meetings

Attended recent Area Board comments made by J Kunkler. Successful grant for Village Hall doors, future grants may be more limited.

### Cedric Hollinsworth. Street Scene and Highways

Report circulated and to be put on the website. See previous comments on drains.

**Anna Patterson. Church Liaison/School Liaison**

**No reports from school.**

Church report received. Harvest Supper 20<sup>th</sup> October, Remembrance service on behalf of the Merchant Navy.

**Beverley Helps. Footpaths**

Report circulated and to be put on the website.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. Date of next meetings**

21<sup>st</sup> November (budget and precept)

Meeting closed 20:20