

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2020

BY "Zoom"

AT 7:30PM

PRESENT

Cedric Hollinsworth (Chairman), Margaret Holden, Colin Sibun, Anna Patterson, Beverley Helps and Pauline Archer (Clerk)

Peta Puyo

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mark de Pass

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Anna Patterson TCA The Old Post Office 20/05439/TCA

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th August 2020 by "Zoom" having been circulated, were approved and to be signed by the Chairman.

The Parish council wish to record thanks to De Pass farms for the confirmation that the permissive path will remain open.

4. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Councillor)

None

5. PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT – Peta Puyo

Peta Puyo joined the meeting by Zoom.

The Parish Council thanked PP for her report.

PP would like to put together a working party to consider the options for renewing the playground. This will look at the costs, requirements from the village/school, where to site, charitable status of the group. At this stage a natural look possibly incorporating some of the existing equipment and possibly extended the use to incorporate adult exercise. Meetings with some playground providers has been set up and a meeting with the recently successful Manton playground group is to be organised. This will be an expensive project reliant on grants and donations and village fundraising. It is likely to take two to three years.

Peta Puyo left the meeting.

6. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

A discussion took place following the comments made on the "village support WhatsApp group" concerning speeding on the top road and the village street. A summary by CH

-Speed watch has noticed a recent increase in speed by vehicles on the top road.

-Police assistance was promised two years ago to assist with speeding in the village as speed watch could not take place due to the village street being noted as a cul de sac. A complaint has been sent to Angus Macpherson noting the use of the village street by school children, no footpaths, and no support for the speed watch.

-In the past the school had helped to run a "20 is plenty campaign" which was helpful.

It was agreed that a message of response by the Parish Council to the WhatsApp group would be helpful. This would recognise the concerns raised, and should outline some measure including asking for more support from village on speed watch team, and confirmation that illustrative costs for speed calming measures will but sort from Wiltshire Council, with the aim of reporting back. All calming measures are expensive to implement especially now we have budget cuts likely. (CATG budget £12,700 for 26 parishes)

7. UPDATE ON VEHICLES USING HARRIS LANE AND EROY 22

Vehicle use of Harris Lane and EROY 22 is continuing. The post that was put in several years ago opposite the Bruce's Arms pub has been removed several times to allow vehicle movement along ER22. The Parish Council remains concerned that the vehicle movements have and will continue to damage the surface of Harris Lane. ruining its use for the intended users. Also, it may encourage more vehicles to use this route which is not its designated use. The Parish Council are exploring putting in place a lockable bollard to prevent vehicle movements. This type of bollard will cost c £100, and will be sourced by the Parish. Wiltshire are able to supply fixed bollards
No decision will be taken by the Parish Council until a reply has been received from Savills concerning the use of Harris Lane by De Pass farms.

AP agreed to review the 1980's Highways Act.

8. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL RIGHTS OF WAY FLYER

It was agreed that the flyer produced for Landowners/Tenants was useful and well set out. Parish Councillor landowners have already received a copy from the Clerk. The Parish Council agreed that it would be useful to send this to other land owners whose land is in the Parish. Proposed that the Clerk email to Osbourne, Butler and Brook farms.

9. RECREATION GROUND GATES-CS

Work completed and costs submitted.

10. VILLAGE MAP FOR DELIVERY DRIVERS-CH

Whilst it was acknowledged that this would be useful, the Parish Council were aware that some householders may not wish to be identified on a map. It was agreed to shelve this for now.

11. CLERKS REPORT

- Idverde have cut the grass at the bottom of the village, this will need to be included in the contract for next year.
- Public phone box consultation for removal. The phone has not shown any use, Clerk to respond requesting that the box remain due to possible accident/speeding and low network coverage for mobiles.
- Emergency plan contacts. BH to ask Hew Helps if he would be prepared to assist.
- Due to Covid 19 restrictions, it has been agreed with the Village hall that the school that they may have access to the Hall on Tuesday afternoons, (and use when raining). The Village Hall have agreed a cleaning charge of £5 per session (Covid requirements) the Clerk will bill the school termly for the additional amount. The Village Hall is currently closed.

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12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Planning Applications since the last meeting:

20/05439/TCA	The old post office, remove cherry tree, 2 damson trees and branches on a sycamore.	No objection. Wiltshire Council No objection
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The Parish Council wish to record that the outstanding Boundary issues with a neighbouring property to the Recreation ground remains unresolved.

13. FINANCE

Payments made:

Holy Trinity Church(Village Cemetery Maintenance Fund)	£1000.00
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Payments to approve:

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	£215 (plus vat) *

*CH has requested the payment for a skip which is required to clear vegetation near Ram Alley which is blocking sight lines. Costs confirmed as £215 plus VAT. All agreed.

All payments agreed.

14. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO

Margaret Holden

Meetings are continuing remotely and minutes for PCAP are on their website.

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.

A skip is required for a working party in October to clear vegetation by Ram Alley which is blocking sight lines.

Anna Patterson. Church Liaison/School Liaison

Church report received and circulated to be put on the website. The school have requested that a village email be sent to Parishioners asking users of the Recreation ground not remove any ropes in the Woodland area. These had been specifically put up to protect younger children from any barbed wire. Parish Council agreed to circulate note AP to liaise.

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 7.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The possible purchase of equipment that could be used by one of the farm owners (if they are in agreement) was noted. CH to discuss this possibility with Graham Cooper.

-Moles on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk will arrange for a mole removal contractor, once the grass cutting season has been completed.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 26th November (Budget and precept discussion)

Meeting closed 21:30