

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th February 2021
BY "Zoom"
AT 7.30pm

PRESENT:

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

Jerry Kunkler (Wiltshire Councillor)

Susie Brew (Pewsey Vale Tourism)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Graham Cooper

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th December by "Zoom" having been circulated, were approved and to be signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Council):

JK provided an update on Wiltshire Council budget. He confirmed that there would be no charge for any Parish Council election costs following the May elections.

JK confirmed support for the Playground group application for a grant to the Area Board.

CH raised concern about the state of the B3087, following various car damage due to pot holes etc. JK agreed to speak to Wiltshire Highways who are aware of the issue to see when works will be scheduled.

JK left the meeting 7:50

5. UPDATE ON SPEEDING ISSUES:

CH is awaiting a meeting with a S.I.D manufacturer to discuss various options and costs. To be scheduled once Covid restrictions allow. The possibility of installing white gates needs to be discussed with CATG who have a limited budget.

6. UPDATE ON HARRIS LANE:

Further draft protocols circulated to Councillors for comment. The intention is for CH and MH to meet with de Pass Farms to discuss once Covid restrictions allow face to face meetings.

7. ER PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT: Playground report circulated

The Playground group have put forward an application to the Area Board for a grant of £5000. This is fully supported by the Parish Council. There was a discussion concerning the name on the application whether the Parish Council or Easton Royal Playground Group.

Private/business donations to 1st Feb £9,886 which will support the match funding in the application.

The Clerk pointed out that in order to qualify for an external audit exemption, for the Parish Council accounts, both Income or Expenditure for the financial year must be below £25k. If this goes over this limit, the Parish Council will be subject to a "limited assurance" external audit with associated costs. The Clerk recommended managing finances so that this was not exceeded.

Graham Cooper has agreed to assist with the project, in terms of providing support with land preparation and the removal of existing equipment.

In terms of Risk assessment for volunteers, the Clerk will seek clarification on previous advice that does not allow for the use of chainsaw by volunteers. CH to draw up Risk Assessment to be used by the playground group.

It was agreed that the playground group would provide the Parish Council with a map of the proposed layout of the new playground.

8. PEWSEY VALE TOURISM PARTNERSHIP: Walkers are Welcome, Itineraries Project. - Susie Brew
PVTP are running two projects in 2021 - Walkers Are Welcome (WAW) and the Itineraries Project. These are being funded by a grant from the Coop Community Fund, and steering groups for both started in January.

"Itineraries Background"

An itinerary lays out information on activities for visitors so that they can see what is available in the location as well as providing them with a structure to their visit. They are used for walking, cycling or other travel holidays.

The Itineraries Project will deliver a number of holiday itineraries for visitors to the Vale of Pewsey as well as shorter itineraries for local people. These itineraries will demonstrate that the Vale can provide a longer holiday and encourage people to consider the area for longer breaks.

"Walkers are Welcome Background"

The Walkers Are Welcome (WAW) scheme is a nationwide initiative launched in 2007 to be 'welcoming to walkers'. The accreditation will be for Pewsey & The Vale covering the Pewsey Community Area.

WAW aims to help towns and villages to:

be attractive for walkers (visitors and locals)

-with excellent information on local walks

-ensure that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained, improved and well signposted

-contribute to local tourism plans and regeneration strategies

-promote the health benefits of walking and cycling.

SB provided a detailed presentation about both projects and outlined the benefits of both to the community. In particular, she was interested in the work that the Parish Council do in respect of their footpath network. This would make us an ideal supporter of the "WAW" initiative. She also recommended contacting the Great Bedwyn Footpaths group, who have set up a Footpath group and have endorsed the WAW initiative.

SB asked that the Parish Council consider supporting the Walkers Are Welcome accreditation project. The Parish Council would need to discuss this further and to make a resolution in support of the accreditation. This to be considered at the next meeting BH.

9. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUPLIC:

None

10. CLERKS REPORT:

- It was proposed and agreed by all to add C Hollinsworth as an additional signatory to the Bank account. CH to look into online banking with new payment protocols to be agreed.
- Grass cutting contract 2021 idverde £1,238.21 Clerk circulated and all agreed.
- Local Council elections 6th May (nomination papers for Parish Councillors to be hand delivered to Wiltshire Council by 8th April)
- Census Day Sunday 21st March, Clerk promoted by email and noticeboards.
- Election costs for Parish Council elections deferred by Wiltshire Council.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

PLANNING: Planning Applications approved:

20/10610/TCA	Pathways Norway Spruce fell	No Objection
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PLANNING: Planning Application since the last meeting:

21/00774/Ful 21/01437/LBC	Easton House Conversion/extension outbuilding into ancillary accommodation	No Objection
21/00780/LBC	Crossroads Farm remove internal wall kitchen hall. removal external paint and internal plaster replace lime render and lime wash	No Objection

12. FINANCE:

Payments made:

Clerk salary (quarterly)	£635.00
Zoom Time C Hollinsworth (monthly fee) x2	£28.78

Payments to approve:

Zoom time C Hollinsworth (Monthly fee)	£14.39
Idverde grass cutting	£360.65

Payments Received:

Playground donations to 1 st Feb	£9886.00
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13. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

-Margaret Holden – PCAP and Area Board meetings in January attended. Minutes circulated and on the relevant websites.

-Cedric Hollinsworth Street scene, and Highways Report circulated and to be put on the website.

-Anna Patterson Church and School Liaison/Playground group Church report circulated. Attended meetings with Playground group.

-Colin Sibun Recreation Ground Nothing new to report.

-Beverley Helps Footpaths report circulated and to be put on the website. It was noted that styles should be dog friendly. Still awaiting the delivery of requested planings required for Harris Lane.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

29th April, 13th May (Annual meeting of the Parish Council), 27th May APM, 29th July,

23rd September, 25th November

Meeting closed 21:45