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**EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
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)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None

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

None

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 by "Zoom" having been circulated, were approved and to be signed by the Chairman.

**4. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (Wiltshire Council):**

None pre-election period.

**5. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR 2020/21)**

- a. Internal Audit Report
- b. Section 1 Approval of the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
- c. Section 2 Approval of the Accounting Statements 2020/21
- d. Certificate of exception from external audit

It was resolved to approve 5b, 5c, and 5d to be sent to the external auditor. Section 1 and 2 and the Certificate of exception to be signed by the RFO (Clerk) and the Chairman. All documents to be posted the website as per the requirements of the Transparency code.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL 2020**

The Clerk circulated the revised Code of Conduct with a recommendation to approve and place on the Parish Council website.

It was resolved to accept the revised document, Clerk to arrange for a copy to be posted to the website.

**7. APPROVAL OF THE SPEED CALMING MEASURES QUOTATION**

The Chairman circulated the quote for two devices £6,617 (net of VAT) One for the Village street and the other for the main road. The Chairman agreed to discuss this further with the Village resident who had offered to donate a sum of money to cover this cost.

It was resolved to accept the quotation.

## **8. PROPOSED DONATION FOR PLAYGROUND FUND FOR £1000, SUBJECT TO A SUM BEING ALLOCATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF TREES**

It was resolved to accept this generous donation. The Parish Council would be happy for the purchase of two trees. It was recommended that the type of trees and the proposed placing being discussed further after the new Parish Council is in place in May.

Clerk to confirm to ERPFG.

## **9. PEWSEY VALE TOURISM PARTNERSHIP: Walkers are Welcome, Itineraries Project. - Susie Brew**

Further to the presentation in February, the Parish Council are happy to mark up and check the planned walking routes with the Parish boundaries. No decision has been made to further support the accreditation.

## **10. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

It was noted that the requirement to hold remote meetings expired on the 6<sup>th</sup> May and the recommendation is to return to face-to-face meetings in a Covid secure way. Whilst there are ongoing discussions regarding this with SLCA, the Council intend to meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> May recommending a short Agenda. The holding of the Annual Parish Meeting will need to be discussed by the new council.

## **11. APPROVAL OF THE SIGNAGE FOR THE RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK**

The Chairman had circulated some suggested wording concerning the regular parking of vehicles on the Recreation ground Car park. With the opening up of the Village hall, it is important that the Car park is kept free for events. Parish Councillors' agreed to keep this under review rather than post any guidance at this point.

A discussion took place about the safety issues concerning the closure of the gates. Despite a notice on the gate, they are regularly left open. The Parish Council agreed that this required further discussion. It was suggested that the School could be made aware of the safety issue and perhaps brief students on road safety issues.

## **12. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS STATEMENT**

All Parish Council meetings are open and any village resident is welcome to attend. The Parish Council do not routinely record meetings. All minutes are published on the web site and village notice board.

## **13. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:**

None

## **14. CLERKS REPORT:**

- The Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council and ERPFG has accepted the quote from Kompan (equipment) for £16,154.64 (net £13,462.20) and S J Aplin(installer) £10,409.1(net £8674.25)
- Rocking on the Recreation ground 31<sup>st</sup> July – All agreed
- Request for Bouncy castle on the Recreation ground- All agreed.
- Standing down Councillor Mark de Pass and Councillor Colin Sibun

The Council wished to acknowledge Mark de Pass and Colin Sibun for their work and commitment to the Parish Council. Mark having taken office in 1995, and having been Vice chairman and Chairman for a long period. Colin having been a Councillor for two terms and having made a number of noticeable improvements to the Recreation ground.

## 15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

### Planning Applications approved:

21/0074/FUL 21/01437/LBC	Easton House conversion/extension of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation	No Objection/ Approved
21/00780/LBC	Crossroads Farm remove internal wall kitchen and hall. Remove external paint and internal plaster lime render and lime wash.	No objection/Approved
21/04016/DDD	Inch Cottage fell Leyandii	Approved

### Planning Application since the last meeting:

21/03716/TCA	Linton Sycamore removal.	No Objection
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## 16. FINANCE:

### Payments made:

Moles D L Stephen	£70.00
Zoom Time	£43.17
Clerk expenses to 31.3.21	£69.24
Clerk quarterly salary	£635.00
S.P. Cooper snow plough	£72.00
Idverde grass cutting	£360.64
Wealdon Benches	£484.95*

\*matched donation (net vat) provided by the Rotary Club £404.14

### Payments to approve:

Wiltshire Association of Local Council	£109.96
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Payment approved

### Payments Received:

Total Playground donations to 31.3.21	£10,776
Area Board grant	£5,000
Donations April 21	£645.00
Rotary club	£404.13
NFU grant	£3,000
SSE wayleave	£90.00
Wiltshire Council precept	£6,600

Total Playground donations/grants £19,421 (excluding rotary)

## 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

-Margaret Holden commented on the poor state of the phone box. The phone removal consultation has not concluded. Margaret Holden noted that the phone box in Milton Lilbourne was in a much better condition, and she will find out how it has been maintained.

-It was agreed that the Playground hedge could be removed on the right-hand side back to the lighting pole.

-A discussion took place about the village "whatsapp" group. This was originally set up as a covid support group and was recommended as a means of communicating by Wiltshire Council through Sylvia Claydon. Some Parish Councillors were consulted and supported the initiative, and Hew Helps agreed to administer the group. The group has many members and is now used more to promote village and local issues.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:**

20th May (Annual meeting of the Parish Council), 27th May APM, 29th July,

30<sup>th</sup> September, 25th November

Meeting closed 21:25