

**EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021**  
**At 19:30**

**PRESENT:**

Margaret Holden (Vice Chair), Beverley Helps, Anna Patterson, Paul Narizzano, Ben Cooper.  
Pauline Archer Clerk  
Jerry Kunkler (Wiltshire Councillor)  
Emma Dickie (ERPG)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cedric Hollinsworth, James de Pass.

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

Anna Patterson planning application 58 Easton Royal

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May having been circulated were approved and to be signed by the Vice Chair

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

Jerry confirmed his role as Chair of the Environment Select Committee and Chair Pewsey Area Board.

A number of issues on the Agenda were covered with Jerry Kunkler namely the following:

-Concern was raised over the lack of verge cutting making roads dangerous, in particular the roads to Ram Alley, and the short turning (before the roundabout) towards the Collingbournes. JK confirmed cutting due to take place in September but would raise this.

-The increase in ragwort appearing in the uncut verges and the danger to livestock.

-BH raised concern as per **item 14** about the use of footpath ER22 for running races especially the "Rough and Tumble" and "Terminator" which start at Milton Lilbourne. The last race caused damage to the surface of the footpath which has still not fully recovered. JK agreed to discuss with Paul Oatway (Milton Lilbourne) to find a suitable solution. BH to follow up.

-A discussion took place as per **item 9** concerning the drainage at the bottom of the village. The concern being the potential flooding to property. Wiltshire Council maintain that the ditch is the responsibility of the landowner. JK agreed to look at the drains after the meeting, and arrange for Wiltshire Council engineers (Richard Dobson) to come out and meet with Cedric Hollinsworth. Report back to Parish Council to discuss a suitable way forward.

-Discussion took place about the lack of bin collection especially dog waste. JK confirmed that the idverde contract is up for renewal and that Wiltshire Council may include some additional waste collection within the contract. JK suggested that an application be put to the Area Board to finance a bin (litter and waste) for the Recreation Ground (application to be made by the ER Playground group or the Village Hall rather than the Parish Council)

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**8. REQUEST FOR POSITIONING OF THE BASKETBALL POST AND HOOP- ERPG**

ED reported on the completion of phase 1 of the playground. The Rospa report was clear and any minor issues had been resolved. Clerk circulated the report.

Fencing would remain round the mound whilst grass is still growing and it will take a further month before opening, the rest of the playground safe to open. Watering to continue. Older swings to be removed in September.

The playground group wished to thank the Coopers for the various work undertaken, also to Alan Duncan and Cedric Hollinsworth. Many villages have volunteered and assisted and all of their support has been greatly appreciated.

A grand opening to invite villages and sponsors and grant providers will be organised in due course.

The basketball hoop which was part of the Area Board grant application needs to be installed. Councillors were asked to consider a suitable place on the Recreation ground. In terms of the hardstanding area, they are awaiting the outcome of the Calor grant application (up to £2,500). ED agreed to look further into the hardstanding size and to report back.

**5. RECREATION GROUND WORKS-CAR PARK.**

All Councillors agreed to the proposal put forward by Cedric Hollinsworth that the Recreation ground Car Park should be extended by approximately 8ft 6in strip on the right-hand side. It was noted that no planning application would be required as per Wiltshire Council email from the Planning department. The Parish Council agreed that this small extension would improve the turning circle of vehicles and therefore improve safety of vehicle movements. It was planned to undertake the works in September at the same time as removal of the old swings. As per CH proposal it was agreed by all Councillors not to go out to tender but to have the work completed by a local farmer. Costs to be under £1000.

**6. NOTICES AND SIGNAGE REQUIRED FOR PLAYGROUND.**

PN agreed to place the “dog fouling” signs on the playground.

It was agreed that a weekly check of equipment would be undertaken. AP to do weekly check (PN and Clerk to assist if needed) A checklist to be put together.

**7. NOTICING REQUIRED FOR USE OF DOGS AND PARISH COUNCIL POWERS.**

All agreed that the playground should maintain its open feel. Whilst dog waste needs to be closely monitored it was agreed to prioritise the purchase of a dog waste bin. Idverde do a waste collection service. AP reported that going through a legal process to limit where dogs may go is a difficult and timely process. It was agreed that monitoring, signage, bins and using the email communication was the best way forward.

**10. TO INSTALL WHITE GATES ON THE B3097 (either end of the village) AS PER SPEEDING MEASURES.**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should pursue the white gates through CATG. It was noted that Wiltshire Council budget constraints may make this unlikely to happen before 2022/23. The Parish Council agreed to fund 20% of the estimated cost of £4,200.

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**11. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

None

**12. INCREASE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT TO INCLUDE GRASS COLLECTION.**

The increased costs for picking up the grass cuttings to be an extra £600 (including VAT)

**13. CLERKS REPORT**

-It was agreed to ask Idverde to do a fortnightly waste bin collection. First bin to be on the Recreation ground, a second bin was agreed but positioning needs to be discussed further.

**15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**PLANNING: Planning Applications since the last meeting:**

2021/04415	Glebe House- Two storey extension, new garage, gym/office	No Objection
2021/05231	Partridge Cottage- ash tree fell, ash tree trim	Approved Wiltshire DDD
2021/05755	58 Easton Royal -Fell apple trees, trim further apple, Ash tree fell	No Objection Approved Wiltshire
2021/05725	Gilden Down- Detached dwelling in garden	No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council
2021/06899	Chantry Cottage – fell spruce	No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council

**16.FINANCE**

**Payments made:**

Kompan Playground	£16,154.64
Community Heartbeat defab pads	£98.40
Community First PC Insurance	£350.48
Clerk salary (quarterly)	£635.00
Idverde grass cutting (quarterly 1)	£360.64
Zoom (C Hollinsworth)	£14.39
Gate marker/fence sign C Hollinsworth	£28.98
Honey street Playground (E Dickie)	£65.81
Mundy Playground (C Hollinsworth)	£57.36
Honey street Playground (C Hollinsworth)	£105.63
MJ Cornick Recreation ground gates	£145.00

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**Payments Received:**

NFU grant Playground	£3000.00
Playground donations since 1 <sup>st</sup> April	£2257.00
SID donation	£6617.09
VAT reclaim for FYE 2021.	£421.85

**17. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO**

It was agreed to allocate the speedwatch portfolio to Cedric Hollinsworth who is a member of the team.

**Cedric Hollinsworth- Highways and Street scene and Speeding Finance and admin**

Report circulated and to be placed on website.

**Margaret Holden-External meetings, defibrillator, finance and admin**

Attended Area Board 28<sup>th</sup> June, Pewsey Vale Health and Wellbeing group & Pewsey Community Area Recovery on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

PCAP 22<sup>nd</sup> July in ER village hall, thanks received from PCAP.

Rospa inspection 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Minutes from PCAP and Area Board circulated and on their websites.

**Anna Patterson Church Liaison, governance and compliance.**

The Holy Trinity church requested a donation towards the upkeep of the cemetery and churchyard. It was noted that the grass cutting costs for the church had increased. The Parish Council agreed to a £1000 donation as per previous years.

**Paul Narizzano Village Open Space.**

Report circulated and to be placed on website. A discussion took place about a proposal to plant 50m of hornbeam and beech whips along the fence adjoining the main road.

Previous discussions about hedging had raised concerns about the ongoing maintenance and cost to the Parish Council. PN to provide a quote for further discussion.

**Beverley Helps Lead Right of Way.**

Meeting notes circulated to all. 9<sup>th</sup> June CH, BH, J de Pass BC, and Stephen Leonard RoW officer BH PN 10<sup>th</sup> June. Portfolio report thanked all footpath wardens for helping keep paths clear and landowners. A list of outstanding work listed in the Rights of way tasks 2021 circulated.

**Ben Cooper Rights of way, planning and school liaison.**

Rights of way covered above. School liaison and parking ongoing.

**James de Pass**

Rights of way covered above.

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**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Annual Parish meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October