

# EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

At 19:00

### PRESENT

Margaret Holden ( Chair), Anna Patterson ( Vice Chair), Beverley Helps, Ben Cooper, James de Pass, Tom Doyle, Paul Narizzano

1. **Apologies for absence**

Jerry Kunkler ( Wiltshire Council)

2. **To receive Member's declaration of interest**

James de Pass – Item 8 regarding access and Locked Gate

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

BH made corrections to wording on Item 15 to Bridleway and Rights of Way. Typo on numbers 7 and 11. Corrected. The minutes have been circulated and were then approved to be signed by the Chair.

4. **Report from Jerry Kunkler (Wiltshire Council)**

In his absence he sent an update by email to MH. The next area board meeting will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Venue to be confirmed. Matt Perrott has taken over as highways engineer for our area and he should visit a couple of members of the council and discuss issues such as drainage and ditches at the bottom of the village. It would be good to request some maintenance works on the B3087 at the same time. At the CAT G meeting it was agreed that as soon as the white gates are available then they will be installed probably now in the next financial year. Proposals next week from the Conservative group relating to the budget it is expected to be a increase of 1.99% and 1% on social care meaning an increase of about £91 a year on a typical band D property. Also the four year business plan is hopefully going be passed on the day. There will be some increases in car parking charges which is not popular in the bigger towns but likely to be passed.

5. **Appointment of New Parish Clerk and to report on transfer of duties and measures to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities. Changed to Appointment of Proper Officer**

This agenda item is now changed as the person who was interested in being Clerk no longer feels this is suitable. The Councillors therefore appointed Anna Patterson as the Interim Proper Officer until a new clerk is found. The address of the clerk with change to AP's address. Full update from MH as to extensive efforts to date in trying to fill the Clerk post. This will now extend to a job advert on the Village Website and with Wiltshire Council. Approval was agreed for Hew Helps to clear and update the Clerk's Laptop to make this easier to work with in the interim period and for the new future clerk. BH agreeing to deal with the old Planning papers to ascertain what if anything needs keeping. AP and JDP to finalise the bank requirements so they can access online banking.

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**6. Update on Speed Monitoring Devices, and discussion with Coeval and relevant parties.**

AP and MH updating Councillors following very helpful meeting with the former chair regarding his meeting with Coeval and the discussions with the donor. Agreed to return the VAS's. Invite Coeval to collect the posts. We are not paying any funds until we have a satisfactory conclusion. AP and MH to get alternatives quotes for SIDs. Mark Stansby ( Wiltshire Highways) is preparing an email in support of our position to send to Coeval.

**7. Update on PC involvement in Queen's Platinum Jubilee May / June 2022.**

MH attended a village meeting on behalf of the Council. The outcome of that yet to be circulated. There will be events over the 4 days. BC explaining that the Beacon Lighting requirements were very onerous and this may not be this is possible. BC will speak with Hilary Hollinsworth.

**8. Update on footpaths and query raised from Member of Public regarding access and locked gate.**

MH explained that there had been a letter from the villager regarding the padlocked gate and difficulty of the stile at EROY1. MH had spoken with De pass Farms who had rectified. The villager was grateful for such a prompt response. JDP said this has been temporarily locked again as someone had swung on the gate. He will look at the stile. BH explained it did not meet current British Standards for Gap Gates and stiles. MH explained that the gate cannot be locked. This was accepted JDP to speak with Mark de Pass and the councillors stated that there must be no barrier and access allowed.

BH has filed her footpath report.

**9. Update on surface repair on EROY 22 and discussion of how to achieve it.**

BH said we had some plainings but not enough. We are promised some more from Stephen Leonard ( rights of way – Wiltshire). Issue of how to access the path. BH wants some assistance with access to complete the repair. JP stating the adjacent landowners did not want this and had met with Stephen Leonard. Therefore, currently no satisfactory agreement as to the way forward. BH stated it should be repaired as it is well used. BH will speak with Stephen Leonard to meet all the interested parties and hopefully find an agreed way forward.

**10. Update on Recreation Ground and request for use from 2 villagers.**

PN has filed a Recreation Ground report.

Discussion of two villagers requesting wedding use of the Rec. First one in April - only erecting a few gazebo's. PN has advised them of parking only in the car park. Agreed no charge for the minimal use. Discussion of wedding in November. Concerns re

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ground use at that time of year. PN to provide the ERPC terms of use and map to the villager explaining the requirements of where any marquee is placed, requirements to protect ground etc. Agreed this maybe too wet to make it feasible. PN to follow up.

IDverde doing good job with dog poo collection now PN has spoken with them. PN ordering other bins to be erected, as previously agreed by the PC , as we have funds.

#### **11. Update on Highways / Speed Watch and Parish Steward**

TD agreed to take over Highway Portfolio for the council and he will hopefully speak with Cedric Hollinsworth to assist with understanding the role requirements.

BC been actively involved with the Parish Steward. This is working better. List needs to be agreed one month in advance. He will circulate this. Agreed ditch clearance is a priority especially culverts in Ram Alley.

#### **12. Refurbishment of BT Phone Box**

TD updated that we are on the painting list which is very welcome . As the keypad is so damaged he has asked they repair this at the same time.

#### **13. Feedback on CATG, PAB, PVHWG and PCAP meetings**

MH attended all meetings. Not doing a full report tonight as the minutes of each meeting are available. Main points from CATG are white gates going in early in next financial year. Cost to us as ERPC is about £750 so less that originally budgeted. MH will out of courtesy let Conygre Farm know.

PAB minutes circulated.

PCAP are working on fly tipping and speeding as a priority and pulling all councils together to work on this. Will be an increase in revenue for roads. Cllr Paul Oatway is concerned that to date this side of Wiltshire have had less funding and he wants to rectify.

#### **14. Update PAB Grant Application Basketball pitch and update on goal post**

We now have the £2400. The Post is up. BC will speak with Peta Puyo to further claify what finances we have for the pitch, the size and when this maybe built. The PC will then have final approval.

#### **15. Update on Poo Bin in Street**

Dealt with in 10 above being ordered. MH to write cheques.

#### **16. Items from the General Public.**

**None**

#### **17. Planning Applications- see overleaf**

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18. Finance -see overleaf

**Other Matters**

Discussed the Annual Parish Meeting and agreed we would like to make this a more informal and informative event. Short report from Chair as to the past year and then invite each village group to have a stand so villagers can ask questions. Agreed be nice to open the bar. Agreed to have the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 6pm and the Parish Meeting to start at 7.30. MH and AP will sort invites and Parish Notice. BH will make stand signs.

**Meeting ended 9.15 pm.**

DATE of Next Meeting

May 19 (Annual Parish meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish Council)

**PLANNING:**

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2021/10047	Easton Barns Ash, Cherry Tree and reduce Tree	No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council
2022/00097	Martindale Works to Trees in Conservation Area	No Objection
2022/00096	Crossways Works to Trees in Conservation Area	No Objection
2021/11698	Old Vicarage Lime Tress Re Pollard Beech Tree Reduce	No Objection
2021/05071	Easton Royal Academy Retention of Single Story Mobile Unit	No Objection

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### FINANCE:

#### Payments made:

Idverde grass cutting invoice 3	£360.64
Clerk salary quarterly 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct -31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	£635.00
Clerk expenses to 31st Dec	£45.99
Penwood Nursery 2 Trees	£82.30
P Puyo Playground sign	£25.96

#### Payments to Approve

None	

#### Payments Received:

HMRC VAT Reclaim	£5130.18
Wiltshire Council Grant Playground	£2400