

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Easton Royal Village Hall

At 19:30

PRESENT:

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jerry Kunkler Wiltshire Councillor

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Paul Narizzano planning application Brights Cottage

3. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR. COMPLETION OF REGISTER OF INTEREST WITH WILTSHIRE COUNCIL WITHIN 28 DAYS.

Tom Doyle was welcomed to the Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed. The Clerk had sent TD a copy of the Good Councillor guide, and the Code of Conduct. Register of Interest to be completed TD.

4. CLERK VACANCY-

The Council agreed to approach people that may be interested in the role. The Clerk recommended looking at various examples of Job description on the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk, and seek further advice from Katie Fielding. The Clerk recommended that the job be advertised in an open and transparent way. MH
The Parish Council thanked the Clerk very much for all the hard work.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021. Circulated and signed by the Chair.

6. REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (WILTSHIRE COUNCIL)

The Parish Council are grateful for the support provided by JK for recent grant applications. ERPG to receive a grant towards the basketball hard standing.

7. REVIEW OF BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF PRECEPT. (See attached circulated draft budget).

The budget was discussed and the Council agreed to raise the precept to £7,600. This allows for an increase in the grass cutting contract, and waste bin collection. Other expenditure to be looked at on a case-by-case basis so that existing reserves can be used. Clerk to submit precept papers to Wiltshire Council.

8. IDVERDE GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR 2022 £1,739.09 PLUS VAT TO INCLUDE THE COLLECTION OF GRASS, OR £1238.21 PLUS VAT NON-COLLECTION OF GRASS. LITTER BINS £3 PER BIN PER EMPTY.

It was resolved to increase the contract to £1,739.09 (net vat) to allow for the collection of grass. Idverde confirmed that they would not charge extra for this year. PN

9. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL WHITE GATES ON ENTERING THE VILLAGE ON THE B3087.

Following a meeting with Mark Standsby (Senior Highways Officer Wiltshire Council), to discuss the siting of white gates, in his opinion there is adequate signage already in place to the west of Easton Royal where there is little verge space. To the eastern side a couple of

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gates could be placed just pass Conygre Farm near where the Easton Royal sign is displayed. Anticipated that costs will be halved so ER contribution C£500. MH.

10. UPDATE ON SPEED MONITORING DEVICES, AND PROPOSAL TO RETURN EQUIPMENT.

MH/AP

The VAS machines and four poles have now been delivered. (September and November respectively). Following a meeting with Mark Standsby (Wiltshire Council), he confirmed that in his opinion the machines and poles would not be suitable for the Village Street. The Parish Council have been in discussion with the supplier Coeval, to determine whether they can be returned or exchanged. MH/AP have written to the company (after consulting with other Councillors) The Company are not willing to accept a return on the basis that the equipment was made to our specification and they were ordered as per discussions with the previous Chairman of the Council.

The Parish Council will continue to discuss and pursue this with the company, and it was agreed that AP and MH would take the lead on behalf of the Council. At the moment the Invoice submitted by the company has not been paid. It was agreed that AP and MH would update other members of the Council and it was agreed that a further dialogue with the previous Chairman would be helpful.

11. PROPOSAL FOR THE EASTON ROYAL ACADEMY (FOREST SCHOOL) USE OF THE RECREATION GROUND AND USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL.

Following discussions with the Village Hall and the School, it was established that the School would like weekly access to the Village Hall when using the Recreation ground for the Forest School. The Village Hall confirmed that they would require a fee of £10 per use. Bookings to be confirmed with the Village Hall by the School. It was resolved that the Parish Council would no longer require £100 per annum for the use of the Recreation ground. BC to revert back to all parties.

12. NOTICES AND SIGNAGE REQUIRED FOR NEW PLAYGROUND ADVISING THE APPROPRIATE AGE RANGE AND SUPERVISION. Action by ERPG. AP

13. DRAINAGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE VILLAGE.

No response from Wiltshire Council Highways. Action MH to chase Jerry Kunkler.

14. ITEMS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

-BH stated that a Villager had raised concerns that the Grain store belonging to Cooper Farms had not had the landscaping completed that was part of the original planning application.

-BH stated that if hedging was to be provided alongside the roadside of the Recreation ground, then she would be prepared to make a financial contribution. This hedging has been previously discussed by the Parish Council and concerns remain about future upkeep and maintenance of any new hedging.

-BH confirmed that she would be prepared to have a dog waste bin on the verge outside Home Farm near the telegraph pole. BH confirmed that they would take responsibility for emptying. The type of bin and fitment required to be confirmed to the Clerk for ordering. BH

-It was noted that mole treatment on the Recreation Ground would be required and should be undertaken before grass cutting starts next season. PN

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15. UPDATE ON BRIDLEWAY ER22 NOT BEING USED FOR RUNNING RACES

Footpath report submitted by BH and noted. Pewsey Vale Running Club agreed that ER 22 would not be suitable for running on and a diversion would be required. PVRC suggested that the Parish Council apply for charity money to use for the improvement of Rights of Way. BH to look into this.

The Parish Council are still awaiting further planings from Wiltshire Council for the use on footpaths.

16. PARISH COUNCILLOR TRAINING (refer to www.wiltshire-alc.org.uk for various courses)

It was agreed that all Councillor who had not previously undertaken training should complete a course. Courses are currently run-on Zoom and need to be booked by the Clerk.

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS- SEE OVERLEAF

18. FINANCE -SEE OVERLEAF

MEETING DATES FOR 2022: *

February 10

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

July 14

September 15

November 17

*A further finance meeting to approve the audit will be required.

Meeting completed 21:35

PLANNING:

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| 2021/09581 TCA | Lambs Croft fell four Cypress | No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council |
| 2021/09580 TCA | Waverley Cottage Reduce Ash trees, pollard willow, reduce Cherry | No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council |
| 2021/09576 | Brights Cottage crown reduce yew tree and shape | No Objection Approved Wiltshire Council |

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FINANCE:

Payments made:

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| Jan Howard Planters | £72.92 |
| Idverde grass cutting | £360.64 |
| Clerk salary quarterly | £635.00 |
| Clerk expenses six months | £105.97 |
| Hew Helps website | £70.00 |
| Hew Helps mower | £100.00 |
| PCAP donation | £100.00 |
| H Hollinsworth Bulbs | £8.99 |
| Society Local Council Clerks (SLCC) | £80.00 |

Payments to Approve

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Payments Received:

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| Area Board grant bins ERPG | £470.00 |
| Crowdfunder Calor Gas ERPG | £500.00 |
| Halloween donations various ERPG | £450.00 |
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