

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
At 19:00

MINUTES

Present: Anna Patterson (Chair), Ben Cooper (Vice-Chair), Tom Doyle, Beverley Helps, Paul Narizzano, Beverley Turton, Peta Puyo (Clerk), Jerry Kunkler & 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence – James de PASS
2. Declaration of Interests – BH (PL/2024/07808), TD (PL/2024/07524), BT (Item 13 – banner)
3. Approval of the Minutes of PC meeting Tuesday 7th May 2024 – **APPROVED**
4. Report from Jerry Kunkler (Wiltshire Council) This Item was addressed before Item 3 as JK had to leave quickly for another meeting
 - JK informed the council that over 10000 responses were received regarding the New Local Plan Review. Further meetings are due in October however the change in government may mean further changes.
 - The next Area Board meeting is on 23rd September 2024.
 - The council raised concerns regarding the ditch at the bottom of the village and the risk of renewed flooding to the nearby cottages. No response has been received to our latest email to WCC. JK asked that another email be sent to Highways and that he be put in copy. He will follow this up. **ACTION TD**
5. Matters arising from previous meeting
 - Lease Yeomans. A letter is being prepared requesting payment. **Action AP/PP**
 - A proposal regarding the installation of a Boules court will be postponed until the next Annual Meeting. It was however **AGREED** that, should this be approved, half of the cost must be met by a grant (Area Board for example) as only half would be authorised to be paid from the ERPFG fund.
 - It was **AGREED** that the purchase of a shed for the PC lawnmower would not be made until the site had been prepared. The removal of part of the hedge (agreed PC meeting 7th May 2024) is to be carried out before end November and slabs laid. **ACTION PC and volunteers**
6. Clerks report
 - Following damage to the Bus Shelter, quotes were requested for repairs. The quote from a local builder was **APPROVED** and the work should be carried out shortly.
 - PP has written to the grass-cutting contractors as no invoices have been received to date, despite the work having been carried out.
 - Still need to ascertain if JdeP is in a position to authorise payments with Lloyds. **ACTION AP**
 - The ROSPA playground inspection is due in September or October. A required sign for the basketball court has been ordered and received. This now needs to be installed. **ACTON PP/PN.**
 - It has been suggested that pigeon spikes be installed above the swings on the cross bars due to bird poo on the swings. It was agreed that ROSPA be contacted to ensure that this is permitted. **ACTION PP**

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7. Adoption of Policies

An updated ER Financial Regulations was presented to the council based on NALCS latest template. These were **ADOPTED** following discussion and minor changes. These are to be published on the council website. **ACTION PP**

8. Approval of Assets Register - No change. **APPROVED**

9. ROW

- A replacement gate was provided by WCC for EROY 2. JdeP agreed to install this. **ACTION JdeP**
- The "Adopt a Footpath" scheme continues to work well and feedback has been very positive from the residents. All paths have been well maintained.

10. Highways and Parish Steward

- There are cases in the village where hedges and vegetation are encroaching on to the footpaths and roads causing issues with parking and deliveries. A notice was placed on the noticeboards and the same information sent out by email and WhatsApp to the residents requesting that all property owners cut back any such vegetation or hedges. This is the owner's responsibility and all cuttings must be disposed of appropriately. Letters will be addressed to individuals from the PC if required. WCC will be contacted to ascertain which parts of the banks are their responsibility to maintain and request that the work be carried out.
- The risk of flooding at the bottom of the village is a concern. The ditch requires digging out. This was addressed in Item 4
- A speed check was carried out by local police on 10th August 2024. Three drivers were issued words of advice and one received a ticket travelling at 44mph. The clerk was informed "I wouldn't say Easton Royal has a problem when it comes to speeding, in my experience. Over 90% of all the vehicles we checked were travelling within the speed limit."

11. Easton Royal Academy

The PC received a request from the governors with regards to advertising the village school. This is due to future forecast of numbers and concerns regarding the drop in pupil applications. AP and PP had previously met with two of the governors to discuss the issues and potential planning hurdles. They did convey the PC support for the school and their wish to help in any way possible.

There are three parts to their request :

1. An ERA sign on the Rec. They would like to install a metal sign, A3 sized, next to the hedge by the bench/ mud kitchen on the playground side. This was **APPROVED** by the council.
- 2 Request to place a temporary banner on the fencing of the Rec, facing the road. This was **APPROVED** by the council for a restricted period.
- 3 Request for a permanent sign on the Rec. One of the governors is engaging with WCC to see whether a permanent sign would be approved by them before seeking authorisation and agreement from the PC. The council has reservations regarding this and no decision has been made as pending.

12. External meetings – A "Walkers are Welcome" meeting was attended by BH. This group has been very successful and everyone is encouraged to check out their website. <http://visitpewseyvale.co.uk/walkers-are-welcome/>

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13. Items from the general public

- Concerns regarding hedge cuttings left on footpaths was addressed in Item 10
- A request has been made that residents be informed when chicken poo is being spread in the fields by the local farmers. The PC agreed that they cannot control this, but request that, if possible, a quick and easy WhatsApp message be sent out to everyone warning them of this.
- A request for authorisation to place a banner on the Rec fencing was received from the Marlborough Literary Festival. This was **APPROVED** by the council for a restricted period.

14. Planning - see overleaf for latest applications with updated decisions.

Planning PL/2024/07380 was discussed. Neighbours have been advised of this application and encouraged to comment on the WCC website if they have any concerns. The PC, based purely on a planning level, have no objections to this application.

15. Proposed dates for next meetings:

PC Meeting - Tuesday 26th November 2024

PC Meeting - Tuesday 28th January 2025

Meeting ended 20h40

PLANNING:

New applications since last meeting

Reference	Details	Decision
PL/2024/07380	PIPPINS Outline planning permission. All matters reserved	Under consultation
PL/2024/07808	HOME FARM Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	Under consultation
PL/2024/07342	CHANDLERS Listed building consent	Under consultation
PL/2024/07528	CHANTRY COTTAGE Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	Under consultation
PL/2024/07524	CROSSROADS FARM Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	Under consultation
PL/2024/06517	GREY GABLES Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	No objection ERPC No objection WCC
PL/2024/06414	CHAPEL COTTAGE Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	No objection ERPC No objection WCC
PL/2024/06788	ORCHARD END, 3 THE ORCHARD Whitebeam fell - dangerous	Decision granted by WCC 19.07.24
PL/2024/05610	1 & 2 CONYGRE FARM COTTAGES Full Planning Permission	Under Consultation
PL/2024/05344	PATHWAYS Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	No objection ERPC No objection WCC
PL/2024/04531	8 EASTON ROYAL Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area	No objection ERPC No objection WCC

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FINANCE:

Payments made:

14.05.24	HUGO FOX (MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION)	11.99
14.05.24	J HOWARD (PLANTS FOR TROUGHS)	226.74
20.05.24	C&R ELECTRICAL (DEFIB INSTALLATIONS)	312.00
27.05.24	CLERK SALARY - MAY	279.10
10.06.24	WATERS - KERB REPAIR	102.00
10.06.24	COMMUNITY FIRST INSURANCE	433.44
14.06.24	HUGO FOX (MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION)	11.99
27.06.24	CLERK SALARY -JUNE	279.10
14.07.24	HUGO FOX (MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION)	11.99
27.07.24	CLERK SALARY - JULY	279.10
14.08.24	HUGO FOX (MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION)	11.99
27.08.24	CLERK SALARY – AUGUST	279.10

Payments to approve:

NONE		
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Payments received:

12.08.24	VAT REFUND APRIL – END JULY 2024	435.18
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