

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 9th February 2010

At 1930

In the Village Hall

PRESENT: M de Pass, R Choules, G Cooper, C Elliott, M Holden, P Martin, G Webb, N Coupe, J Kunkler,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: D Foord

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2009 having been circulated, were approved and signed

CLERK'S REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING TOGETHER WITH CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received a note from Wiltshire council confirming that it will not be 'recharging' parishes with the cost of elections
- Footpath – the Drang. Senior footpaths officer visited the site and will be using best endeavours to have the Definitive map show the correct route of this footpath as shown in the records.
- Tree work at Grey Gables has been completed without incident.
- Speed Limit Review – the consultation period has ended but a report will be submitted if possible. The Speed Loop has been installed on the B3087 to monitor actual speeds of vehicles.
- Requests for grants have been received from Vitalise and Wiltshire Music Centre. Vitalise provide respite breaks for disabled people allowing carers a break. Wiltshire Music Centre is putting on a Small Schools Music Festival and Easton Royal School will be taking part. Following discussions
 - "The Council resolved that, in accordance with its powers under Section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, it should incur expenditure of £25 in the application from Vitalise and £50 in the application from Wiltshire Music Centre, which in the Council's opinion, are in the interest of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in the manner commensurate with the Expenditure".
- The Area Board approved the application by Easton Royal Village Hall for a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of upgrading electrical works in the Village Hall.
- The Parish Steward has undertaken various works as requested by the Parish Council.
- Grit Bins have now been refilled ($\frac{2}{3}$ rds full). A discussion followed as to a requirement for a further bin on the bank opposite the Church on land owned by G Cooper. G Cooper gave his consent. J Kunkler was asked to convey to the Council that the Parish Council are not happy with the quality of service provided for either the refilling of grit bins or gritting of the road leading to the School and Harris Lane.
- A letter has been received from Mr. and Mrs Spalding requesting use of the Recreation Ground and Village Hall for a wedding reception on 7th August 2010. The Village Hall will receive the booking fee for this day and residents will be informed.

REPORT FROM JERRY KUNKLER (WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR):

Pewsey Area Board has approved the Grant application as reported above. Next financial year there will be a pot of £37,000 available for Grants. Following a poll taken at the Board meeting on Wiltshire Council budgeting for next year, Highways will receive an increased allowance out of the total set. It is hoped that the budget will increase by between 2.3 and 2.4% but this has yet to be confirmed.

There have been no real planning issues in the Parish.

Concern over a cut in Rural Leisure funding was raised and J Kunkler, being the Portfolio Holder for leisure, will investigate the possible risk of a cut in funding to the Pewsey leisure Centre.

REPORT FROM DERRICK FOORD (COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER Pewsey East)

The Clerk read the written report summarised as follows:-

There have been no major problems in Easton Royal. There have been two reported problems within the village; speeding along the B3087 and parking issues on the village road close to the school. Metro count lines have been placed across the B3087 with results available in the next few weeks.

The Police are aware of the parking problems at the school during start and finishing times and this will be monitored and the report of an untaxed vehicle opposite the school is being investigated.

20 is Plenty signs – Traffic Department cannot condone these signs officially but suggest the following guidelines:-

Signs should not be fixed to road furniture, must be placed within the boundaries of private residents, must not distract moving traffic, must not be too many and must not be of such a contraction as to suggest the highways Authority have erected them.

There have been a number of Burglaries in Great Bedwyn and a spate of thefts from Farms in the Pewsey Vale as well as person unknown checking out expensive cars, with a possible view to theft.

REPORT FROM NICOLA COUPE (EASTON ROYAL SCHOOL)

The recent cold weather and lack of gritting meant that the school had to close for a number of days.

The new build is nearly complete, hopefully, shortly after half term all construction traffic will have gone.

A letter was received from a local resident asking about car parking on the school site and driveway. The original idea of a through driveway is now no longer possible.

Because of the increase in catchment area for the school, a School Travel Plan is being formulated. This will reduce the number of Single Family Transport. A way of ensuring that children are not on the road for too long is being investigated and a visit from Road Safety is being planned for both the Children and parents.

With an extension to the hours that the School offers, there is now an extended busy time for collection of children by parents.

The Easton Eagle will be resurrected as soon as possible.

The School has offered to design a number of 20 is Plenty signs which the Parish Council could have printed and erected.

PLANNING:	Existing Applications outcomes	
	E/09/1279/TCA Trees Grey Gables	Approved
	E/09/1474/TCA Work on Trees Lambs Croft	Approved
	New Applications since last meeting	
	E/09/1507/TCA Trees 2 The Orchard	Approved
	E/09/1508/TCA Trees Crossroads Farm	Approved
	E/09/1509/FUL Canopy 20 Easton Royal	Approved
	E/09/1521/LBC Canopy 20 Easton Royal	Approved
	E/10/0046/S73 Variation Avon Cottage	

FINANCE: Proposed by M Holden and seconded G Cooper, the following Payments were approved

H D T Helps	420.00
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- The provision of a new Bus Shelter will not take place because of irresolvable issues over land ownership.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 4th May 2010

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2025