

EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 in the Village Hall

PRESENT: M de Pass, R Choules, G Cooper, P Martin, J Kunkler (WC Councillor), G Webb and Cedric Hollinsworth

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**, C Elliott, Derrick Foord, M Holden, Hilary Hollinsworth, Karen and Bill Nimmo-Scott
2. **MINUTES** The Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th May 2009, having been circulated, were approved and signed
3. **MATTERS ARISING**.
Work on stiles by Highways has now been completed and a letter has been sent thanking them.

4. **FINANCE:**

Financial Statement for the Year ending 31st March 2010

Main Account

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| Balance brought forward | 3361.42 |
| Income for the year | 5239.72 |
| Expenditure for the year | 4456.43 |
| Balance carried forward | 4144.70 |

30-day Notice Account

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| Balance brought forward | 269.00 |
| Interest received | 0.15 |
| Balance carried forward | 269.15 |

1. Adoption of the Annual Accounts – proposed by G Cooper and seconded R Choules.
2. The Chairman M de Pass signed the Accounts and Annual Return

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mark de Pass welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The parish has been quiet this last year with no major planning issues problems. The chairman has been asked to formally open the new section of the School. The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish Council for their support, in particular P Martin for his work on the Play Area and Hew Helps as Parish Clerk

6. **WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** Jerry Kunkler

Easton Royal has not raised any problems with no real planning issues. The new Council is working well and Pewsey Area Boards proving successful. The Pewsey Area Board has community funds available each year and Easton royal Village Hall took advantage of this. The speeding review through the village has taken place and results have been published.

7. **VILLAGE HALL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Cedric Hollinsworth

The Hall has had another successful year.

Work is ongoing with regard to the re-wiring of the Hall, and modernisation of the heater controls. Additional side lighting inside the hall will be provided to improve the ambience for functions. A range has been installed in the kitchen which will provide much improved cooking and warming facilities.

The finances of the Hall are healthy and grants have been obtained from the former Kennet District Council and Wiltshire Council. Andy Munn is continuing his sterling work in pursuing other grant options.

The demise of the pre-school group has caused the committee to re-examine the options for marketing the hall, and despite the loss of income the committee is confident a surplus will still be generated – high running costs were associated with the pre-school which will not

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recur. One of the opportunities offered as a result of the cessation of the pre-school activities is to consider applying for a permanent licence, and utilising the former storeroom as a bar.

Further work is required on a survey of the hall floor to determine how much remedial work, if any, is necessary. Anthony Green is providing invaluable technical advice and guidance and further professional advice will be needed.

The Hall committee has given many hours of their time, supported by numerous other villagers, in preparation for and running events. In particular I would like to thank Simon Riley, who in addition to being Treasurer has continued to supervise the electrical works. Beverley Helps and Jane Hey have continued to share the secretarial role, and lead on many events, ably supported by Karen, Anna, Sarah and Maggie – not forgetting their partners for their support and tolerance. To all the people who help organise the events, by contributing their time or services, a big thank you, not forgetting the village itself for its continuing support.

Special thanks to Karen and Bill for hosting the very successful Pimms party, an event which will be repeated this year.

The committee is constantly looking for new ideas for events – the Games' Night and the St George's Day Supper were both extremely well supported – but any suggestions are welcomed.

8. **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT** Cedric Hollinsworth

The main focus during the year was the work related to the Quinquennial Inspection – removing and renewing some plaster, work to the roof and tower, repairs to guttering, minor repairs to vestry and west doors and replacement of stonework. The church was closed for about 8 weeks, opening in mid July with the launch of a stewardship campaign. A subsequent Quinquennial Inspection took place at the end of September.

Fundraising this year has been varied with shared proceeds from the plant sale, a very successful Talents scheme, the fete in August, proceeds from a tandem skydive, harvest supper all souls party, village Christmas card and a New Year progressive supper. A grant was also received from the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust towards the restoration work.

As a result of the Stewardship campaign, there has been an increase in planned giving which in turn attracts Gift Aid.

Sadly Lesley & Terry Valiant did not return to the Team after their pilgrimage and have moved on to pastures new. Work on the Team profile for the post of team vicar with responsibility for rural ministry has been finally approved and the post has been advertised and interviewing takes place this Thursday.

The Annual Parish meeting was eventful and hopefully our wishes for two communion services per month have been noted.

The average attendance at services was 19.

There has been one wedding, one blessing, one thanksgiving for a child and two funerals. There have been regular school services and festival services in church, which were very well attended. School children made Christingles for the service at the beginning of December.

A lent group was held in the village.

My thanks to PCC members for their support, especially Jane Hey for her work in relation to the works, liaising with the architect, making the faculty application and overseeing the work itself. We welcome two new members to the PCC – Vivien Swift and Pam Spalding.

Thanks as always to those who act as sidespeople, read lessons, provide refreshments, flowers, play the organ and clean the brasses and also to Beverley Helps for cleaning the church. The continued support is much appreciated in the care of our church.

We look forward to celebrating the 800th anniversary this year of there being a living in Easton Royal and welcoming Bishop Stephen to our service on Trinity Sunday, May 30th. We are planning a lunch and flower festival for that event. From 6-13th June there will be the Deanery pilgrimage – 'Believing in our communities' when there will be a week of activities around the Pewsey Deanery.

The Open Gardens and Market takes place on 13th June 2010.

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9. **PEWSEY POLICE REPORT** PC Derrick Foord Community Beat Manager Pewsey East.

The area of Easton Royal has once again been clear of any crime or related incidents which is down to the diligence of the parishioners and I hope the Police Patrols which we conduct whenever possible.

The past year has seen several changes within Wiltshire Police and especially within Pewsey with changes to staff. Hopefully these changes have not disrupted the Policing of your community and I hope that all has now settled down.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team as of today's date are :

Pc Derrick Foord

Pc Richard Barrett

Pcso Helen Ringstead

Pcso Coralie Nash (at present on Maternity leave)

Pcso Polly Ritchie (borrowed from Marlborough twice a week to stand in for Pcso Nash)

We have come away from the PANG meeting in the Council Offices at Pewsey with three main priorities

- 1) Hare coursing (this covers the whole of the Pewsey Vale and is still a problem at this time of year)
- 2) Beauty Spot Thefts (thefts from vehicles when owners walking in the countryside - this is an annual problem which we are combating by the distribution of warning signs and car leaflets - again this is a Pewsey Vale problem)
- 3) Anti Social behaviour with problems in the area of the Railway Station and youths Great Bedwyn using bridleways to race motorcycles/Quad bikes

Together with these Priorities we will be policing the community as often as possible and hope to develop a consultation strategy covering Easton Royal.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2004