

**EASTON ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010

At 1930

In the Village Hall

PRESENT: M de Pass, M Holden, P Martin, G Webb, J Kunkler and Michael Ford (Villager)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: C Elliott, R Choules, G Cooper, Mrs N Coupe and M Lewis

MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2010 having been circulated, were approved and signed

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

- Requests for grants have been received from St John Ambulance, Wiltshire Bobby Van and Vitalise.
  - "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 for each of the above applications 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".
- Letters have been received from both Victim Support and Youth Action Wiltshire thanking the Parish Council for their support
- Wiltshire Council have replied on the Speed Review and indicated that the recommended change to 30mph on the B3087 was now up to the Police to enforce. The request for a 20 mph limit down the Street will be assessed as part of the Comprehensive Speed Review to be undertaken covering C class and unclassified roads.
- Received a request for notices about dog-fouling and these have been put up in the appropriate areas.
- Clerk has attended the Area Board and Pewsey Community Area Partnership meetings on behalf of the Parish Council
- The Spalding family made use of the Recreation Ground and Village Hall for a wedding, and, as agreed previously, monies raised from the use of the Rec would be directed to the Village Hall. Donation was £300. A preliminary request has been received for the use of the Rec for a Wedding in 2012.
- The Parish Steward Scheme is evolving to give the Steward more control over his regular tasks. Any requests for particular jobs will be handled in the normal way.
- Email received from Michael Ford about the provision of a further Grit Bin (already requested) ,commenting on the state of the Post Box (GPO looking into this) and commenting on the changed Bus Timetable which has yet to be posted.
- Parochial Church Council have requested a grant for the upkeep of the Churchyard and Cemetery, having received a tender from Bawden for £995. Parish council have given £1,000 in previous years and have allowed for the same this year.
- The Internal Auditor performs his role for no payment (as required) and Clerk requests that a gift of a bottle of Whiskey be made to the Internal Auditor, funded through Petty Cash. **Approved.**

- Annual Parish Meeting (APM) Notes can be signed off as true at any meeting and do not have to wait until the next APM. Since neither APM nor Parish Council produce verbatim records, technically these are not Minutes.

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman.

#### REPORT FROM J KUNKLER

A number of consultations are being carried out by Wiltshire Council to which everyone is invited to comment.

- Waste
- Car parking. Pewsey Parish Council may have an option to take over the management of the Car Park which would ensure that there will not be parking charges. A public meeting will be held on this matter.
- Leisure. Pewsey may take over the running of the Leisure Centre and is looking at various options which will be discussed at a Public Meeting to be held in September / October.
- The new Library is on course to open in December
- There is funding available to help with Youth Transport from rural areas to centres of the community.
- Wiltshire Council will be making up to 1,000 job cuts over the next four years and these may be from the Top Tier Staff.
- PCT will end in 2013, which changes the way Health provisioning will be funded.
- The Area Board still has funding available for Community projects

#### REPORT FROM EASTON ROYAL SCHOOL

A written report from Mrs Nicola Coupe – Head Teacher- was circulated to those present and is summarised below.

- 47 children are on the School role this September with some year groups full but others still small.
- With the change in Catchment Area and new families joining the School there are more opportunities for 'Car Share' and more children walking to school
- Speed Limit '20 is plenty'- Parents have been reminded to drive with care in the village and park with care. School Council are running a competition to design a suitable '20 is plenty' road sign and may approach the Parish Council for funding once the project is further ahead. The children would be pleased to present their ideas to a member of the Parish Council.
- Travel Plan and Landscaping. The Travel Plan will be reviewed this year with particular reference to landscaping the front of the School to improve the health and safety for children entering and leaving the School. A working party of Staff, Parents, Children and governors is being set up and two representatives from Parish Council would be most welcome to join.
- Mobile Classroom Retention. A planning application is in for retention of the Classroom.
- Village Links – Community Cohesion. All avenues are being pursued to increase Cohesion through local links such as decorating the Church prior to Harvest Service and holding a harvest service in the School on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to which all are invited.
- Local, National and International Links. The formal partnership with St John's School has provided many benefits in a number of subjects. Links with other local schools are thriving and a special link with an urban Primary School in Harrow has given both communities insight into how each thrives. Professional links between staff and pupils of 4 Wiltshire Schools and a

School in India have recently been made. Progress on this project will updated at the November Parish Council meeting.

#### REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

A written report was received from Mark Lewis and is summarised below.

- Easton Royal has no specific problems to report.
- Recent increase in foot and mobile patrols has led to a reduction in crime and related incidents, especially in respect of anti social behaviour and criminal damage reports. However there is much more still to achieve.
- Shed/ garage burglaries tend to increase at this time of the year and with the cost of Heating Oil as high at it is- take extra precautions to keep your property protected. Seek advice
- There have been increased incidents of theft from vehicles at the usual dog walking sites. Advise not to leave valuables in the vehicle and leave glove compartments open to show thieves that it is not worth breaking in.
- PCSO Helen Ringstead has left Pewsey Police Station and by next Parish Council Meeting there should be news about “permanent” replacements for both PC Derrick Foord and PCSO Helen Ringstead. In the mean time PCSO support from Marlborough is assisting patrolling strategy.

#### PLANNING: **Existing Applications outcomes**

E/10/0273/CLE Little Folletts Certificate of Lawfulness **Refused**

#### **New Applications since last meeting**

E/10/0760/LBC Rethatching With Long Straw Manor Farm **Approved**

E/10/0822/TCA Work on Trees Grey Gables **Approved**

E/10/0890/FUL Re-opening Access Harefield **Approved**

E/10/1023/TCA Work on Trees Waverley Cottage No Objection

E/10/1034/DP3 Retention of Mobile at School No Objection

#### FINANCE: Proposed by M Holden and seconded P Martin, the following Payments were approved

Bawden	147.98
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H D T Helps	420.00
Bawden	147.98
PCC Easton Royal	1,000.00
Bawden	147.98
Petty Cash	50.00
Vitalise	25.00
Wiltshire Bobby Van	25.00
St John Ambulance	25.00

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Received from Parishioners comments about the hedge and state of the bench on the green

- Gravel from two properties in particular encroaching on the highway and a cycling accident has occurred because of this gravel - Clerk to send out a letter to all property dwellers with gravel driveways
- The hedge around the play area is due a trim and will be done when time permits
- The 'Lay-by' on the B3087 was raised as an issue. Clerk to discuss with Highways if it is possible to white line the road side to encourage vehicles to park closer to the hedge. If the hedge was trimmed back further there would be more room – the landowner would be responsible for hedge trimming. As previously stated, the 'Lay-by' is a field entrance and has been used for car parking only because it is no longer required as a field entrance.
- The Play Area equipment is getting old and tired. Funding is available from Wiltshire Council and the Playbuilder Scheme. Clerk to look at this.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 1930 in Village Hall