

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at Easton Village Hall, Marlingford Road,
Easton on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Mr Peter Milliken (Chairman) PM
Mrs Clare Chisholm CC
Mr Mark Caton MC
Mr Mark Cordy MCo
Mrs Jan Hudson JH
Mr Alan Arber (clerk)

7 member of the public attended

1. Chairs welcome and Health and safety Information

Chair Peter Milliken opened the meeting and ran through the relevant Health and safety information for the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Jobling and Jonathon Bailey
Prop MC Sec JH all agreed

3. Declarations of Interest and any requests for Dispensation.

Peter Milliken for items under point 13, as he is due to receive a payment for the website domain.
All Agreed

4. To receive a presentation from the Badger Trust

The badger trust gave a very informative and pleasing presentation on the issues of their work and their concerns for the badger, and other local wildlife, in the area and how their work was helping to stop the amount of badger deaths in our area between Easton and Honingham mainly along the A47 corridor. It was noted that due to the A47 this area was very prevalent for badger deaths. The badger trust asked if the parish council would support the erection of badger signs in our area (paid for by the trust). A discussion ensued and after this it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the erection of these signs as long as the trust got the relevant authorisation from the County Council and Highways England. It was also agreed that Chair Peter Milliken would contact Highways England on this issue also.

Proposed Jan Hudson, Seconded Clare Chisholm all agreed
Highways England delegation left the meeting

5. Public Participation

Standing orders were suspended

A question was asked regarding the new bus service to Longwater area run by sanders and how the parish council could support this in the way of a leaflet drop in the grapevine. It was felt by the parishioner that this bus service was a valuable asset to the village and needed to be kept running with the parish council's help.

Proposed Peter Milliken, Seconded Mark Caton all agreed

Standing orders reinstated

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6. Receive and approve minutes of meetings 4th September 2017

The parish minutes and confidential minutes were then duly approved by all councillors and everyone was in agreement with their contents and they were duly signed as a true record of the meetings

Proposed JH, Seconded MCo All Agreed

7. To receive a report District and County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury

Margaret Dewsbury gave a very detailed report to the meeting with the following points being the main area of the report,

Digital innovation. To ensure all areas of this vital service was available to all parishioners especially the old and needy. The county Council were working with B4RN to ensure there were no bad spots for broadband.

Adult Social Services. Another 50 social workers were being recruited to assist and help the current under staffed area of the councils work.

Children's Adoption. Again more assistance being given in this area to get children adopted rather than put into care.

Budget Cuts. Many budget cuts had been muted at the recent meetings and some services it felt would benefit from being in one building and condensing these services into the one building making them more accessible. One of the major cuts would be to the mobile library service and the county council were looking to work with local villages to provide a streamlined service by using local village halls thus allowing the health and quality of life to be brought back to local areas and assisting the elderly.

8. To discuss Forming a Planning Committee for all planning issues

The clerk made comment that in his recent training it was thought that rather than form a full committee that a planning advisory group was a better way on this issue allowing the Parish Council to utilise members of the steering committee along with members of the Parish Council reporting to the full council when any planning issues arise. Clerk to work with Jonathan Bailey on this to get the advisory group of the ground ASAP.

9. Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda elsewhere, for information only.

The Chairman took the meeting through the proposal's and thoughts for an upgrade of the Jubilee playing field and he had produced a series of photos of the equipment that himself and Jan Hudson had looked at for the upgrade. A discussion was had on the subject and it was noted that Phase 1 of the project would cost around £11,000 and it was wondered if the proposals could be put up at the school, in the village hall and even around Jubilee Playing field. It was agreed to make this an agenda item under ongoing issues.

10. Updates on ongoing issues:

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

Already adopted and no update needed so it was agreed to take off the agenda

- **Food Hub**

Need this from Peter

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12. Progress Reports and any further action required

• Parish Allotments

The tap had been fixed and one allotment holder had finished his agreement and 1 person had taken up one of the plots. Another lady wanted to take the other up but did not have the time unfortunately.

• College Heights

An email had been received on the woodland walk area behind college heights and Easton College regarding the clearing of the area. The clerk to check with South Norfolk District Council to check who owns the land before any comment can be made

• Planning Application 2014/2611

The process was ongoing and the papers were now with the legal teams but as this was not a normal building construction it was noted it could take a while to come through.

13. Update on grounds maintenance and grass cutting

Comment was made on how good the village looked at present and the clerk to contact the contractor to inform him of these comments

14. Finance

• To Approve Payments for Jan 2017

Alan Arber Clerk	£480.96	
Mr Ditton	£40.00	
Mrs Cordy	£100	
Gary Lake	£1090	Village Maintenance and College heights
Came and Co	£826.32	Parish Insurance
Peter Milliken	£100.66	Parish Website
Easton Crafters	£50.00	Donation

All Payments agreed

It was also agreed also of the payments would be put on the website each month

• To receive and accept the minutes of the finance committee meeting 2nd August 2017

MC took the meeting through the minutes and the proposals for full council to be agreed.

All proposals agreed and the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed MC, Seconded JH all agreed.

15. To receive updates on the following items

• Training for clerk and councillor's

The clerk had started his Cilca course and a suitable date needed finding for JH to attend training.

• The awards for all scheme

The clerk was looking into this at present.

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- Parish partnership scheme
Councillor Mark Cordy and Chairman Peter Milliken were dealing with this and they reported that quotes had been received and that the Bus shelter would cost approx. £2500. PM had spoken to Bob west at Highways regarding the license for new street furniture and this would be dealt with ASAP. The only issue on this was the BT cables under the ground but a solution had been found with the way the bus shelter would be sited. It was resolved to get the application for the Parish Partnership moving forward ASAP for half the cost which was £1250 approx.
Proposed MC, Seconded JH

- The Grapevine
The clerk will now do this as he is back from leave.
- Defibrillator Training
Deferred

16. To discuss Highways England multi council meeting

PM commented that a letter had gone out to residents of Lower Eason and so far we had received 21 responses which were fantastic. PM also commented that he had attended the recent multi council meeting and that he was happy with the responses from Highways England and how they were getting these responses to Easton Parish Council. It was agreed the SAM data from Lower Easton would be downloaded before the 20th November for sending to Highways England for catching vehicle numbers in the Lower Easton area.

17. To discuss the western link Consultation

Chair PM commented that he was unhappy with the lack of information and data coming from these meetings and felt it was just a tick box exercise. He agreed to attend the next meeting unless others wished to represent the Parish Council. If the information was still not forthcoming he felt that it was a waste of his time and would not be attending any other meetings. Funding still needed to be found to complete this part of the road from the NDR to the A47 and there were concerns this would not be forthcoming putting more pressure on local routes.

18. Public participation

Standing orders were suspended

A parishioner asked if the traffic would go under the A47 and whether it would include Lorries as well as smaller traffic and he was informed it would not. A comment was also made on the road around the church but as the Parish Council wishes to keep the church as part of the village this would not happen.

Standing orders reinstated

19. Correspondence received and response or action required

20. Outstanding Issues

An email was read out regarding St Peters path and it was felt this was the responsibility of South Norfolk District Council to maintain and look after. (Clerk to check)

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21. **Agenda Items for next meeting**

Bus Shelter
Defibrillator Training

22. **AOB**

Nothing reported

23. **Dates to Notes**

- Next Parish Council Meeting 4th December 2017
- Finance and Staffing committee meeting 29th November 2017

Meeting Closed 9.15pm

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