

Easton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Easton Parish Council Held on Monday, 17 January 2022 at 1.30pm at The Village Hall, Marlingford Road, Easton

Present:

Cllr B Moye – presiding
Cllr D Lewis
Cllr P Milliken

In attendance:

Gina Lopes, Acting Clerk to Easton Parish Council
4 x public
Dist. Cllr Dewsbury

2021/027)) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr S Renders.
Further apologies noted from Mr Woodcock, Responsible Finance Officer

2021/028) Declarations of interest

None received

2021/029) Continued Delegated powers and quarterly meeting schedule

On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Moye, it was
RESOLVED to continue with previously delegated powers and quarterly meeting
schedule

ACTION: ALL CLLRS/CLERK/RFO

2021/030) New Councillor applications and Co-option

It was noted two applications had been received for the current Councillor vacancies, Mr Julian and Mr McCarter. Mr Julian could not attend today because of work, a short introductory statement from him was read by the members. Mr Julian would like to attend the next meeting and be considered for co-option at that time. Mr McCarter was present and introduced himself to Councillors. His assistance to the Parish Council was known; litter picking, safety cameras and other tasks. On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Lewis, it was
RESOLVED to co-opt Mr McCarter to the position of Councillor on Easton Parish Council.

ACTION: PMcC/CLERK

2021/031) Suspension of meeting for Public Participation

RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to invite members of the public to speak – see
“Public Participation Notes”

2021/032) Minutes of the meeting held 8 October 2021

On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Moye, it was

RESOLVED to accept and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2021 as a true and accurate record

2021/033) Councillors' Reports

Cllr Moye reported he has been working with the Planning Consultant to create a layout for the new allotments. Correspondence has been sent to the current allotment holders. He is looking to progress this asap and Persimmons are being proactive. Considering the potential of a borehole as this would have no running costs.

Cllr Moye advised the Easton Neighbourhood Plan review was being considered and he has met with Mr Vincent, Abzag, to discuss to ensure the Plan is kept up to date both nationally and locally. Once the review is submitted it will go through the formal process with a public consultation.

A new Development Order is in early stages, this will enable villagers to have a greater influence over areas and grant specific benefits. Only 3 in the country so far and there is grant funding available which will help with consultants' fees.

Noted the SNC 5 year land supply status.

ACTION: BM

2021/034) County & District Councillor's Report

Cllr Dewsbury –

Reported it had been very quiet over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Western Link is progressing and extra checks are being done.

2021/035) Updates

a) Safe Crossing of A47 & Condition 22 -

Cllr Milliken confirmed he had attended a meeting before Christmas and National Highways are now overseeing the work of Norfolk County Council. There is still a wish to go with the previous "Teardrop" design with traffic lights which Easton Parish Council opposed. Believe the roundabout is too small to hold the traffic and this will be considered to see if adjustments can be made. Concerns raised about the width and need for an internal guard rail to stop pedestrians going into the road. Best option was kerb which stops lorries going on kerb but would take up too much space. The structural capability of the bridge was felt inadequate and may require a new bridge which would have to be funded by Persimmons.

Councillors thanked Cllr Milliken for his work on this matter.

b) Persimmon Homes –

Noted Condition 26 effects the frontage of Dereham Road, the footpath and cycleway. Part of the planning requirements have not been met which Easton Parish Council have highlighted and there is a meeting scheduled later the same day to address this under Condition 22 or 26. If Condition 26 is used new plans will need to be submitted and this will delay the build. Enforcement action is being taken as the Developer has gone above "pad" level.

Noted references to College Road which does not exist and this is incorrect.

Condition 44 and 3 still had to be approved.

Easton Parish Council have insisted on native species in the hedgerows in keeping with the rural village.

Wheel washing and road sweeping is still underway. Noted there was no water or electric on site yet.

Some hedging will be cut out to allow for connection of foul. Extra lagoons are shown on the planning portal

The Easton Parish Council Consultant has said there is lot still to address.

Marlingford Parish Council have not yet responded.

Phase 2 contaminated land – Persimmons has asked Easton Parish Council to do the scoping but are discussing as Persimmons should pay and this needs to be negotiated.

c) Orbit Homes –

Orbit stated would be received before Christmas but not happened and Case Officer has been contacted as they are preparing to start on site, in line with original plan, as they can go ahead with this.

Easton Parish Council is interested in 4 flats but have not been provided with a price.

Phase 2 is moving forward but problems with drainage; have identified an area to put in a small lagoon but reduces housing.

Phase 3 – in hands of the landowners, Carters, at this time.

d) Norwich Western Link –

A47 Dualling – a meeting is required to discuss

e) New Village Hall –

Crossing points have been added and will ask for yellow lines along Marlingford Way. Proposed speed tables around School. Will be on S. 278 application. Mr Watts, SNC, is waiting for Highways informal agreement and then will go out to key stakeholders. Easton Parish Council will pay but Windy Hill crossing will be paid for by Persimmons. Cllr Milliken confirmed a meeting with the architects the next day.

ACTION: ALL CLLRS

2021/036) Finance matters

a) Payment lists to-date –

On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Moye, it was

RESOLVED to accept and approve the payments to date to a total of £70,339.15

b) End of year Bank reconciliation 31.12.21 –

On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Lewis it was

RESOLVED to accept and approve the End of year Bank reconciliation 31.12.21 to a total of £608,613.58

c) Easton Covid Recovery Fund Applications Report –

The written report and recommendations from Revd Goodman regarding the applications received to date was considered and discussed. It was noted all these groups were very worthwhile and contributing a lot to the Village. Revd Goodman was thanked for her assistance in managing the applications received.

On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Moye, it was

RESOLVED to approve a donation of grant funding from the Easton Covid Recovery Fund for the Good Companions to a total of £500

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On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Leiws, it was

RESOLVED to approve a donation of grant funding from the Easton Covid Recovery Fund for the Football Club to a total of £200

d) Request for donation (s.137) – Norfolk Citizens Advice –

There was a brief discussion and a suggestion to provide space in the Village and some funds towards time spent in Easton Village and the surrounding parishes. To clarify what support they would require and to discuss further at next meeting.

e) Village Hall request for funding –

It was noted the hearing loop was no longer working at the Hall. Want a system which is portable so it can be transferred to the new Village Hall in time. Two different systems were discussed, wired and wireless and relevant costs. The system will belong to the Parish Council and be loaned to the Village Hall.

On the motion of Cllr Moye, seconded by Cllr Milliken, it was

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of the wireless sound system at a cost £3,913.87 (ex vat) which includes cabinet

f) Cheque signatories –

On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Leiws, it was

RESOLVED to add Cllr Moye as a cheque signatory to the Council bank accounts.

g) New bus shelter next to Orbit Homes –

On the motion of Cllr Milliken, seconded by Cllr Moye, it was

RESOLVED to install a 3-bay cantilever bus shelter including end panel and timetable board, to a total cost of £5,348 (ex VAT)

Noted a Wescotec prototype sign will be trialled on the Dereham Road Shelter.

ACTION: CLERK

2021/037) Correspondence received to-date

- Reported an issue with the electric supply which had only been highlighted because of the FEP development. The FEP is spending over £1million for a new substation. The issue of great concern particularly when new planning applications are being approved for houses as there is not adequate power supply.
- Misinformation had been published regarding Cllr Milliken in relation to Persimmon Homes and also in relation to street lights.
- Councillors noted it had previously been agreed to turn off street lights on Dereham Road and College Heights and no new lights would be installed in the Village.
- Cllr Dewsbury advised new street lights were listed for Easton.
- Cllr Milliken confirmed receipt of the plaque awarded to the Parish Council for efforts during Covid pandemic and will need to consider where to display this.
- Platinum Jubilee is an item for next meeting.

ACTION: CLERK/ALL CLLRS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.05pm

Public Participation Notes

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and comments received included the following –

- It was reported the Diocese had felled 30 trees and these should have been replaced in accordance with the planning conditions. The resident advised he had already contacted South Norfolk Council on this matter and was advised to bring it to the attention of the Parish Council. Three new trees were planted but have since died. – The Clerk was requested to write to the South Norfolk Council Tree Officer and copy in Mr Burrows, SNC, and Cllr Dewsbury.

ACTION: CLERK