

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.30 pm in Eastwell Village Hall

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Present: Marcus Hardy, Mark Greasley, John Nelson, Laura Harrison, Simon Tong

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: 6

In Attendance: Borough Councillor A Hewson,

Public Participation:

A member of the public raised the matter of planning application 21/01406/FUL – Glamping pod for overnight stays: raising concerns over anticipated noise levels, lack of privacy, further pods being added and lack of clarity of the operation in conjunction with the running of the spa facility. Lengthy discussion followed on the various aspects in relation to planning guidelines.

The matter of a footpath from the end of the village to Eastwell crossroads was raised, the Council have this in mind as a future project.

The matter of a street light on Vicarage Lane being blocked by tree growth was raised this to be looked into as whether the tree is on private land.

Derek Janes raised the matter of the Eaton Park Community Association stating that they were short of Trustees and struggling financially, in particular in reference to the cost of insurance it was agreed Council would look at finding cheaper quotation. Derek also indicated the Community Park would be making their own arrangements in respect of Queens Jubilee celebrations.

A resident brought to the attention of the Council a planning application to fell and replace a tree.

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Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interest:

None

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To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held in Eaton Village Hall on 10th January 2022:

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th January were unanimously accepted as a true record, and the Minutes signed by the Chairman.

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Planning:

New:

21/01252/FUL-Change of Use from Agricultural Arable to Equine Loose Boxes & Ménage amended plans - Land OS 480625 329088 Branston Road Eaton – it was felt that whilst there were some changes they did not significantly alter the Councils view on the application.

21/01406/FUL – Glamping pod for overnight stays – 24 Scaford Road, Eastwell – following the points raised by a resident it was decided to ask the planning officer to review the whole history of this site.

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Financial:

Bank Reconciliation

A list of receipts and payments for December was approved and is attached to these Minutes and it was unanimously agreed, the reconciled balance of £15210.72 at 31st January was a true record of the Councils financial position and signed by the Vice Chairman.

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Herbage Charity:

Cllr Tong indicated that he had made contact with a representative of the Belvoir Estate and had discussed the land owned by the Charity and it appeared that of the options available they might be prepared to rent the land on a yearly basis which would give some income to the Charity. It was agreed that Cllr Tong should negotiate whatever deal he could preferably £150 plus per annum which would bring in some income.

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Clerk Vacancy:

Cllrs Hardy & Greasley had met with Mr Terry Brown who had applied for the position and recommended that the Council should offer him the position on the terms loosely discussed at their meeting. – Clerk to arrange contract to commence on April 1st.

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Eaton

- a) Community Park: It was agreed that the Council and Community Park should work more closely and to this end Cllr Harrison agreed to join the Park committee as a trustee. It was felt that over the years the terms of the lease had not been complied with in certain areas and this needed to be addressed by both parties. Funding the requirements of maintaining the park was a major difficulty currently caused in part by the long lockdown due to Covid
- b) Allotments: It was agreed the running of these needed further discussion, the Clerk advised tenancy renewals had been sent out and the response was good with few untenanted plots.
- c) Cemetery: Clerk advised that a decision needed to be taken regarding the area at the bottom on the right as if it was left it would become overgrown again. It was agreed Cllrs would all work round the Cemetery before the next meeting when the matter would be discussed again.

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Eastwell

The matter of the rat infestation in the stables next door to the Village Hall was raised, it appeared no action had yet been taken as the stables were still being used. Borough Cllr Alan Hewson to endeavor to find out the current situation.

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Goadby Marwood

Nothing to report

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Emails - previously circulated, and issues raised for next Month' s agenda:

The email from Sarah Neilson regarding planting a hedge alongside her allotment was discussed and after discussion it was decided this was not a good idea as it was not in accordance with the Tenancy Agreement. – Clerk to advise Sarah accordingly

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Items for Next Month' s Agenda:

Herbage Charity

Allotment Management

Community Park

Cemetery

Date of next Meeting: Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30 pm in Eaton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 22.02 pm

Signed: _____

Chairman

Eaton Parish Council

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The following Receipts and Payments for January were approved at the Parish Council Meeting on the 7th February and signed off by two Councillors.

Receipts

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| HSBC - Interest | £ 0.13 |
| Allotments | £ 140.00 |
| Western Power | £ 9.03 |

Payments:

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| SWALEC | £ 114.23 |
| HSBC | £ 5.00 |
| J Tearne | £ 360.00 |
| Foxwise Accountancy | £ 144.00 |
| LRALC | £ 265.00 |