**EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 18th March 2019 at 7.30pm**

 **at Easton Village Hall**

**Reports from District, County Councillors and Question time for members of the public –Duration time maximum 10 minutes - 2 minutes per person re Agenda items.**

Meeting opened 7.30pm

**1 PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

 **Present**

 Cllr S Piggott – Chair

 Cllr A Hollins – Vice Chair

 Cllr B Gibbon

 Cllr F Siddall

 Cllr J Armfield

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** - None

**3 CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

**4 MINUTES OF MEETING**

 Council members approved the Minutes for 21.1.19 & 18.2.19 2019.

**5 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING**

 **CHAIR - Actions following the last meetings:**

 The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have been updated regarding regular contracts.

 The Chair notified Highways of the problems and hazard that the school flood lighting is causing at night. Highways responded quickly and notified the school of the dangers posed by the strength and setting of the flood lights, the school was instructed to position the arms and hoods to a downward position. Highways ensured that this was carried out and informed that the floodlighting had been adjusted.

 The Chair is still to meet with Kiwi fencing to arrange the protective posts for the car park lights and grassed area.

 A response of support for application DC/19/0463 – erection of swimming pool, garden pavilion and sheds in existing walled garden – Martley Hall was submitted.

 A response of Objection for application DC/19/0486 – relocation of horse walker and construction of stable building – Martley Hall was submitted.

 Ian Poole has been given clearance as agreed to nominate as the representative for Easton PC at the Local Plan examination hearing, and to put forward the additional challenges of soundness regarding the strategic policies not meeting the criteria.

 The Chair was contacted and visited by a Highways representative to assess the signposts and sites for installation the details will be given under item 11.

**6 FINANCE**

**6.1** Council members approved the Financial Statement and considered projects for the CIL monies received by SCDC from the Hopkins Homes development.

 Members agreed that the recent Household Survey recently conducted for the Neighbourhood Plan will be used for decision making, it represents almost 70% of residents. The highest percentage in responses show what is considered important to the community.

 Council members agreed to replace the Play Equipment at the Play Area, it is becoming more notable on the annual ROSPA reports that equipment needs to be replaced. It was agreed that quotes are obtained from NFP and two other companies. **SP**

 Council members agreed to look at speed calming measures for the village that are deliverable. The flashing speed signs that were organised under the TVAS SCC scheme in 2017 were considered important and adequate. It was agreed to discuss with Highways road narrowing points with priority passing to create a physical measure to reduce traffic speed and discourage rat run routing. **SP**

 Council members agreed that extending the Cemetery could be considered but it had complications of land purchase and relies on the landowner.

**7** **RATIFICATION**

 Council members agreed to ratify the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and appointment of Internal Auditor. This meets the obligations of Year End Audits.

**8 TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION FOR CLLR VACANCY**

The Chair presented the application received from Mrs Maureen Birt, Council Members all agreed that Mrs Birt be Co-Opted. The Chair reminded members that it was an election year and members along with members of public that wish to stand for the Parish Council must follow the nomination process.

**9 ADOPT DATA PROTECTION POLICY**

 Council members agreed to adopt the Data Protection policy, which had been distributed prior to the meeting.

**10 SIGNPOSTS**

Highways contacted the Chair. The Installation team leader conducted a site visit to record the road safety requirements for installation and informed the Chair that they would not be likely to return to install until May 2019. Council members registered and agreed their disappointment in what should have been a straightforward process having such a time delay to it, especially when SCC were approached in 2017 to start the process.

**11 HIGHWAYS-**Update on any issues

 Highways informed the Parish Council that they had given notice to the School regarding their flood lighting which was causing a Highways hazard, due to its size and height it was dazzling motorists and light spillage beyond the grounds to interfere with sight of the road at night. The School were required to re position the lighting hoods, these now face downwards.

**12 PLANNING** –Any updates

 A Planning application for Martley Hall that came to the Parish Council for response has changed in detail without being withdrawn. The element that detailed erecting a Horse Walker in the field adjacent to the footpath has been deleted and the application remains for an additional stable block within the curtilage of the hall, the stable block part of the application was one that the Parish Council were happy to support.

**13 VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Any issues

**14 PLAY AREA** – Any issues

 No issues have been reported

**15 FOOTPATHS -** Any issues

 No issues have been reported

**16 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR CENTRE VILLAGE**

 Cllr Gibbon reported that he had researched the British Heart foundation which is offering grants for communities to install Defibrillators. The grant funding appears to offer £600 for each installation. Council members agreed that Cllr Gibbon gain the details and research costs including the storage box. Members agreed the Village Hall would be a good site. Cllr Gibbon agreed to attend the next Village Hall meeting and present the proposal for the Defibrillator to be sited at the Village Hall.

  **BG**

**17 CORRESPONDENCE**

**18 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

* + **CEMETERY -**To update plan and design of internment headstones
	+ **GRANT APPLICATIONS –** Consider all grant applications

**19 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Annual Parish Council meeting – Monday May 20th

 Annual Parish Meeting – Friday May 24th

Meeting closed 8.50pm

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Chair Date