

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY 21st March 2022

Venue: via Zoom

0 members of public in attendance.

Meeting opened 7.45pm

1	<p>PRESENT & APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Deputy-Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the Councillors and members of the public.</p> <p>Present</p> <p>Cllr F Siddall - Vice-Chair Cllr I Palfreyman Cllr D Balcombe Cllr G Edwards Cllr B Gibbon Cllr M Birt Alison Bramall – Parish Clerk/RFO</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cllr S Piggott – Chair</p>
2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</p> <p>None</p>
3	<p>CONSIDERATION OF ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS</p> <p>None</p>
4	<p>MATTERS TO REPORT</p> <p>The Chair reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair attempted to visit the Records Office but arranging an appointment proved too difficult, the Chair notified the solicitor at Kersey's who is pursuing with the information that she has been provided• The Chair collected the Treebilee Oak Tree from the ESC depot in Ufford, also the two young Field Maple trees from Swanns nursery and delivered them to Cllr Balcombe who had offered to plant the trees.• The Chair viewed the alternative Jubilee mugs available with the Clerk, but none appeared to improve on the quality and cost of the bone china mugs offered from the Communicorp Ltd.• The Chair has cleaned the signpost at the Kettleburgh junction having noticed the amount of moss build up and discovered damage to the post which will be addressed.• The Chair has provided the Clerk with the notice used for the previous Beacon events adjusted for the Platinum Jubilee to be placed in the next Parish News.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair became aware of the ESC Parish governance review consultation and forwarded to Councillors, this is an item with a deadline of 1st April for response. <p>The clerk reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precept had been submitted Planning applications submitted Lorry Consultation Review submitted Pest control had been to the playground Replacement Defibrillator pads have been paid for/ordered Continued communications with Kersey's on the land registration <p>Councillor Palfreyman to reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs for the footpaths have arrived and they will be installed shortly. <p>Councillor Balcombe reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planted the field maples and Jubilee oak in the cemetery. It was suggested to contacts Mike Cattermole at the Bowls club regarding watering the trees.
5	<p>APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS OF 24/1/2022 & 10/2/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors agreed, subject to a minor date correction the minutes of the meetings detailed above were an accurate reflection of the meetings.
6	<p>FINANCE Approve Financial Statement – March 21st 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors approved the March 21st 2022 Financial Statement
7	<p>PLANNING Councillors to consider the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/22/0741/FUL - Single storey front extension. Garage conversion and other works High Cedars, Harriers Walk, Easton, Suffolk, IP13 0HA, Councillors supported this application
8	<p>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW This purpose of this CGR is to consider the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating and merging, altering or abolishing parishes The naming of parishes and the style for any new parishes The electoral arrangements for parishes, ie the ordinary year of election, council size, the numbers of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding Grouping of parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes. <p>Councillors discussed the issues and raised a number points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives of the Parish Council relies on its electorate which includes others within a 3 miles radius, and those that work in the parish. Currently a Councillors represents their local Parish and if it was merged with another one, this could potentially mean that a Councillor would not be thinking in the best interest of the merged parish. There could be issues with the number and proportion of Councillors representing other villages in the merged Parish.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors said that they would not be willing to merge with other larger local villages, as they would have no control over who was included in the merger. • If Easton was merged with another village this would have an effect on the precept. <p>Councillors agreed that they did not support merging with another council(s). Clerk was actioned to submit a response to ESC Demographic Services.</p>
9	<p>RIVER DEBEN WATER QUALITY</p> <p>The Clerk gave an overview of the discussions from the previous meeting and referred to the document received from Councillor O’Nolan</p> <p>Councillors agreed that this project would be worthwhile as it will provide the background information for the Environment Agency to undertake a scientifically control study of the water quality. At the previous meeting it was agreed to 10 collection dishes these would need to be transported the samples to Woodbridge.</p> <p>Councillor Palfreyman offered to undertake some sampling.</p>
10	<p>BEACON EVENT</p> <p>Update on Platinum anniversary Queen Village events 2nd & 3rd June 2022</p> <p>June 2nd – Beacon Event – Hog Roast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is planned to toast the queen when the beacon is lit, in addition to the hog roast, some beverages and festive items would need to be purchased to support the event. • A poster has been designed to advertise the event and requests that a r.s.v.p. addressed to the clerk giving numbers of attendees the e.mail response would provide a ticket for the event. A notice will be distributed in the Parish Magazine and on the website. <p>June 3rd – Street Party at Easton Cricket Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Palfreyman said that families would be asked to bring their own savoury dishes and suggested that local bakers were invited to make cakes for dessert. The ingredients would be funded by the Council a £100 allowance was suggested. Two posters have been designed and was submitted into the Parish Magazine and would be uploaded on the website. • Councillors discussed distributing the event posters, Councillor Edwards agreed to print them and Councillor Palfreyman offered to distribute and collect the responses. <p>Jubilee Celebration Mugs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk said that she had been unable to find an alternative mug supplier as only a small quantity was required for the village. Councillors agreed to order 36 mugs for the village children under 16 years old. <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair had requested that a budget was agreed for the two events, a breakdown is detailed below. Councillors agreed to a budget cap of £1500.

JUBILEE EVENTS EXPENDITURE		
Description	Forecast Expenditure	Actual expenditure
Hog Roast	850	850.00
Drinks and sundries	200	
Mugs	250	266.02
Ingredients	100	
Incidentals	100	
TOTAL	1500	

11	DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Parish Council Meeting – 16th May 2022 – 7.45pm • Annual Parish Meeting – 27th May 2022 – 7.45pm • EPC Ordinary Meeting – July 11th 2022 – 7.45pm
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Meeting closed at 21.30

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Chair/Deputy Chair

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