

Easton Parish Council

MEETING OF EASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29 JULY 2024 – 7.45PM Easton & Letheringham Village Hall

MINUTES

29/24-25 PRESENT & APOLOGIES

Present: Cllr Piggott, (Chair), Cllr Balcombe, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Ladbroke and Cllr Siddall. In attendance: A Staples (Clerk). Apologies received from Cllr Palfreyman (absence approved).

30/24-25 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public attended.

31/24-25 RECEIVE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Langdon-Morris attended and presented an oral report in which congratulations were offered for the successes of the Neighbourhood Plan being passed at referendum and approved by ESC; he commented that there might be an updated versions of the Environment Agency's flooding maps that are set out in the Plan; a written newsletter will be issued shortly which will contain information on how to report incidents of fly-tipping; it was noted the water pump has been re-installed on the Framlingham Road, but there is a plan to install an extra pipeline into the Framlingham water supply which should finally resolve the need to put the temporary pump in Easton; and he mentioned the success of the wild flower programme.

32/24-25 RECEIVE ANY CHANGES TO MEMBERS INTERESTS

No changes in interests were received.

33/24-25 RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS

No declarations of interest were received.

34/24-25 APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING held on 18 June 2024

The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

35/24-25 FINANCE MATTERS:

35/24-25.1 Consider and approve Financial Statement

The financial statement was considered and approved.

35/24-25.2 Consider and approve expenditure for defibrillator training in village hall: £55.00 trainer's fee, (in addition to village hall hire and refreshments)

The expenditure of £55.00 on the fee for the defibrillator trainer was approved. In addition, the council approved expenditure of £26.50 for the hire of the village hall, if required. Councillors offered to meet the cost themselves of supplying any refreshments.

35/24-25.3 Consider and approve quote for expenditure for repair of electric to village sign on green (quote provided by Aaron Nobbs for £63.35 plus VAT of £12.67)

This expenditure was considered and approved.

36/24-25 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING:

36/24-25.1 Defibrillator training

The training event will take place in the evening of 2 September 2024 at 7pm in the village hall.

36/24-25.2 Repair of electrics to village signpost

The repairs have been completed.

36/24-25.3 Cemetery memorial application – F Masters, Stonemason

A renewed application from F Master, Stonemason was considered. It was resolved that the application should be approved.

Action: Clerk to notify F. Masters, Stonemason.

36/24-25.4 Chair's report

It was confirmed the donation to East Anglian Air Ambulance would need to be paid by cheque as it had not proved possible to make an on-line payment. The vegetation on the wall in the car park had been cut back by volunteers from the village. Kindlewood have been asked to take away the cuttings, and deal with the remaining tasks.

37/24-25 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – staff arrangements – (APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF A STAPLES AS RFO EFFECTIVE FROM 1 AUGUST 2024)

It was resolved that A Staples be appointed to the combined role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer from 1 August 2024. The contracted working hours will be five hours per week at a rate of £16.64 per hour.

38/24-25 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Having been overwhelmingly supported by residents in the recent referendum, the Neighbourhood Plan has since gone to full council at ESC, and was officially "made", i.e. adopted by ESC.

39/24-25 CONSIDER HOW TO FIND FURTHER FUNDING FOR SIDS - FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM ADNAMS OF UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

The application to Adnams Brewery for a grant to fund the balance required to purchase the two SID devices was unsuccessful. Grants received and promised from District and County Councillors will amount to £3,000. If the council was to purchase two devices before 31 July 2024, as previously agreed, the cost would be at the offer-price £3,999.00. A further donation of £500 has been offered by a

local limited company, leaving a shortfall of £499. It was unanimously agreed that the £499 be funded from the Council's reserves.

40/24-25 PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS

None received.

41/24-25 SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

To review the response to the October 2023 flooding. To discuss concerns raised by a resident that traffic calming measures are causing surface water ingress to their driveway. To discuss reports of dogs not being kept on the lead in the play area. To discuss the condition of the play area and equipment. To review grass cutting schedule and the performance of the contract by Kindewood. To review the council's Action Plan and projects previously discussed, but as yet not progressed.

42/24-25 DATES OF MEETINGS 2024

30 September 2024, (note date change to 30 September from 23 September 2024); 18 November 2024; 20 January 2025; and 24 March 2025.