

# Easterton Parish Council Meeting

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

## Minutes

Present: Cllr C Saunders, Cllr B Myerscough, Cllr J Boyt, Cllr A Snook, Cllr A Colley,  
Clerk S-J Bullock

- 1 **Declaration of interests: 0**
- 2 **Apologies:** Cllr R Brooks, Cllr D Muns.
- 3 **Minutes of the previous meeting to be adopted and signed by the presiding chairman:** Approved and signed.
- 4 **Adjournment. Welcome to the public.** (Max 3 minutes per question, 20 minutes in total): Four residents present.
- 5 **Planning Applications:**  
PL/2022/02482, 15 White Street – solar panels. Councillors discussed this application at length, agreed that solar panels are step in the right direction for alternative energy supplies and appreciated that the panels cannot be fitting to the listed building. However, concern was expressed about the loss of amenity value. Councillors RESOLVED to object.
- 6 **Past Planning Issues:** Strawberry Fields; outstanding issues – Cllr C Saunders gave an update to council, the work done in the stream has not been completed satisfactorily and is currently damming the stream. Contractors are to return and redo the work to protect the stream bank from the outflow pipe. Still awaiting the arrival of the ordered grit bin.
- 7 **Update from Wiltshire Councillor Dominic Muns:** - Not present but sent an update regarding Black Dog junction and the proposed improvements. Various recommendations have been made by Atkins to improve the junction safety, which will require approval and have a budget assigned. This will not proceed until the new budget in April 2023, giving plenty of time for discussion. The council will be given the opportunity to comment on the proposal before it progresses.  
Regarding the potential relocation of the Co-op, Market Lavington residents will be consulted for their views about the relocation of Co-op shop. The parish council hope to encourage the co-op to also hear the opinions of Easterton residents.

## 8 **Governance Issues**

**8.1** Sign AGAR documents - Councillors approved the AGAR 21/22, and chairman and clerk signed the documents.

**8.2** Co-option of new councillor – Samantha Rance, attending the meeting as a resident, introduced herself to the councillors. Councillors RESOLVED to co-opt S Rance as a Councillor for Easterton parish council.

## 9 **Correspondence and Communication**

**9.1** boomCast update – Cllr A Snook, the delivery report is not currently working, so Cllr A Snook is unable to confirm receipt of broadcasts.

**9.2** Echoes update – Cllr J Boyt, ongoing.

**9.3** Concern expressed by resident about the potential development of land between Easterton high St and Haywards Place. Councillors discussed this matter and concluded that no action could be taken until a planning application has been received. Eastcott Common, unplanned development? Council is unaware of a planning application for this site and will monitor. A resident has commented on the unprofessional job done by a Wiltshire Council operative when cutting the bank at Eastcott Common, leaving tyre marks and bare earth patches, and damaging recycling bins. Councillors noted that verges are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.

## 10 **Finance Update**

**10.1** Bank Reconciliation & budget – Cllr C Saunders, Cllr B Myerscough & Clerk. Copies of the cash book and budget have been distributed to councillors. Summary reports from Scribe accounts will also be disseminated.

**10.2** Consider adding Data breach cover to insurance (£54.92). Data breach cover is to protect the council from loss or corruption of data via malicious activity (hacking). Councillors RESOLVED to purchase the extra cover.

### **10.3 Payments approved:**

1. Mark Goddard third instalment to be paid in July £460.
2. Hydro-Logic Services renewals £1,179.60 Inc. VAT
3. Clerk expenses £60.75 (HWA, ink & mileage).
4. Staff wages.

## 11 **Projects and Activities Updates**

**11.1** Easterton Community Fibre Partnership Update: Cllr A Colley informed councillors that he has written to the MP Danny Kruger to ask why residents are required to opt-in rather than opt-out of broadband upgrade? Awaiting a response.

**11.2** Consider planting a tree for Platinum Jubilee – Cllr B Myerscough, thanked Cllr C Saunders and all involved in the Jubilee picnic for a very successful event enjoyed by all those in attendance. Cllr B Myerscough suggested that the council plant a tree as part of the Queens green canopy project to replace a dead tree on the land behind the village hall. As the land belongs to the village hall a plan would be required for the trustees to consider in the first instance. Councillors supported the proposal.

**11.3** Allotments at Cemetery Land: Cllr J Boyt, a poster campaign requesting interested parties to contact the council has begun on the website and Echoes and boomCast.

**11.4** Energy: Cllr J Boyt, nothing to report.

**11.5** Defibrillator lease renewal – The current four-year contract which cost £1800, is due to expire in August. The renewal price is to be confirmed. Councillors RESOLVED to renew the lease.

**11.6** Consider an additional defibrillator at the village hall. Councillors agreed that a second defibrillator at the opposite end of the High Street to the current unit would be helpful but perhaps a more central location than the village hall would be preferable. The second unit location is to be confirmed. The cost of a second defibrillator would be an additional £1000 if requested at renewal of the contract, councillor RESOLVED to add a second defibrillator to the contract.

**11.7** Barnabas School – Cllr J Boyt – nothing to report.

**11.8** Consider sharing local planning applications with residents. Cllr J Boyt said that residents often tell her that they are unaware of local planning applications and suggested that council share local planning apps. Councillors RESOLVED that relevant planning applications could be shared in Echoes.

**11.9** Installation of litter bin at the village hall – Cllr C Saunders informed council that the replacement bin has now been installed on the wall of the village hall.

## 12 **Highways and Byways Issues**

**12.1** Kings Road surface condition/Wiltshire highways update. Cllr C Saunders will be requesting Wiltshire Council install an additional speed bump in Kings Road near the 30mph sign.

**12.2** Rights of Way updates – On going.

**12.3** Parish Gardener update: Cllr A Snook informed councillors that shrubbery in the cemetery has become overgrown and is overcrowding some graves, suggests that the parish gardener be asked for a quote to reduce the growth. Councillors RESOLVED that the parish gardener should be asked for a quote.

Cllr A Snook also advised councillors that East 28 and the pavement alongside B3098 are overgrown. Clerk to write to landowners and remind them of their responsibility to keep footpaths, bridleways, and pavements free from hindrance to those wishing to use the rights of way.

**12.4** Parish Steward update: no requests.

**12.5** Improvements to the surface of the bus stop outside Hallstead Farm. Cllr C Saunders will request that Wiltshire Council resurface or relocate the High Street bus stop outside Halstead Farm, which currently has a difficult surface and height for those with restricted movement.

### 13 **Environmental Issues**

**13.1** Easterton Flood Catchment Assessment: ongoing.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Next meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Signed:

Dated: