

EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held at Easton and Letheringham Village Hall at 7:15pm
on Tuesday 13th January 2015.

<p>Present: Cllr Owen (Chair) Cllr Gibbon Cllr Smith Cllr Boon Cllr Coney Cllr Kerr (from agenda item 5 onwards) Cllr Hollins</p>	<p>In Attendance: Ms Deborah Ottway (<i>Clerk</i>) County Cllr Peter Bellfield (Agenda items 1-6) Ian Palfreyman, Chairman of Easton & Letheringham Village Hall Committee (for public forum)</p>	<p>Apologies PCSO Hassler</p>
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<p>EPC006/15 Chairman's Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Boon then Proposed a motion to suspend standing order 1L for the duration of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cllr Owen and approved by all.</p>	
<p>EPC007/15 Public Forum The Chairman closed the meeting at this point. The Chair of the Village Hall Committee stated that, as the finances of the committee were in good order, they would be in agreement with a reduction of around £100 in the Parish Council's grant to the hall for the year 2015/2016. He then left the meeting The Chairman then reopened the meeting.</p>	
<p>EPC008/15 To Receive Apologies At the time of the meeting the clerk had not received any apologies due to internet connection problems. The Clerk resolved to check emails once connectivity was restored and to circulate any apologies and reports that may have been sent.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>EPC009/15 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Coney declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 (Budget) as Treasurer of Easton and Letheringham village hall. 	
<p>EPC006/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2014 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following omission being noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Boon had pointed out at the meeting that 'Matters Arising' had been omitted and asked that it be included on all future agendas. Proposer Cllr Smith, Seconder Cllr Gibbon, agreed by all • To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2014 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following correction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPC140/14 Cllr Boon then proposed a motion to suspend standing order 1L for the duration of the meeting (corrected from 3L). Proposer Cllr Boon, seconder Cllr Smith, approved by all. • To consider the approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2015 Approval of the minutes was adjourned until the next meeting as the clerk had not yet prepared a copy. 	
<p>EPC007/15 District & County Cllr's reports. Cllr Snell was not in attendance and did not submit a report</p> <p>Cllr Bellfield apologised for his 8 - 9 month absence from meetings owing to illness, but said he expected to once again be in regular attendance.</p>	

<p>EPC012/15 Budget The Clerk circulated a draft budget for council's consideration. Points noted and discussed were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Coney pointed out that a local resident has volunteered to cut the play area. The council decided to accept this offer for the main field, budgeting £200 for volunteer expenses. Councillor Coney undertook to monitor the situation to ensure that adequate maintenance took place. • SCL Landscape Management will be contracted to cut around the play equipment and £320 was allocated for this purpose • The village hall grant to be cut by £100 to £300 • £500 to be added to the council's emergency reserves. <p>The budget was approved and precept for 2015/2016 set at £7,000. Clerk to complete paperwork.</p>	<p>Cllr Coney</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>EPC013/15 Planning Matters</p> <p>Cllr Kerr declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/14/3863/PN3 at this point. The following planning application (General Permitted Development) was noted DC/14/3863/PN3. Change of use from B1 (Office) to C3 (Dwelling). Home farm, Wickham Market Road, Easton.</p> <p>The following planning application, received after the agenda was produced, was considered: DC/14/4145/FUL. Extension and alterations Park Cottage School Lane Easton Suffolk IP13 0ES. Following discussion, the council decided to support the application.</p> <p>The following tree works decision was received: DC/14/3666/TCA. Verge adjacent to Huntsman's Lodge, Easton. Permission Granted.</p>	
<p>EPC014/15 Easton Preschool 40th Anniversary Commemorative Tree After discussion the council decided to support the idea in principal but made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The village green is not really a suitable place for planting the tree. There is felt to be insufficient free space and a tree would hinder grass cutting and maintenance. • There is a dying cherry tree in the cemetery which could be replaced by the commemorative tree and time capsule. • The Preschool could talk to the PCC to discuss planting the tree in the church yard. • An alternative to a tree might be a bench with a plaque. This could replace the bench already on the green. <p>Clerk to contact Preschool with comments.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>EPC015/15 Annual Parish Meeting – Date and Preparations As this is election year it was felt that the APM should be held early, and either March 17th or 24th were decided on. Clerk to check that the village hall is free on either date, make the booking and compile list of invitees.</p> <p>Cllr Gibbon to be responsible for purchasing refreshments.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>EPC016/15 Clerk's Report on Urgent Decisions None since last meeting.</p>	
<p>EPC017/15 Officer's and Representatives Reports Cllr Owen reported that Hopkins and Moore's planning application for development on land adjacent to Easton Primary School was defeated by a vote 6-0 at the North Area Development Management Sub-Committee meeting on 7th January.</p>	
<p>EPC018/15 Correspondence No correspondence received.</p>	
<p>EPC021/14 Matters for the next meeting Drainage of the village green.</p>	
<p>EPC022/14 Dates of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date of the next EPC meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 7.15pm. • The Annual Parish Meeting will be held (subject to venue confirmation) on Tuesday 17th or 	

Tuesday 24th March 2015 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm approx.

Chairman: Date: