

Easton and Letheringham Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 7.30pm, Easton and Letheringham Village Hall

Present: Cllr Owen (Chair), Cllr A Hollins, Cllr B Boon, Cllr M Coney, Cllr B Gibbon, Cllr J Kerr
Attendance: D Cllr B Snell, S Loader (Clerk)

EPC023/15 Propose motion to suspend standing order 1L in respect to Filming, photographing, broadcasting or transmitting proceedings of a meeting until updated amendment is fully adopted into standing orders.
Cllr B Boon proposed and Chr J Owen seconded

EPC024/15 Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Smith, Cllr Bellfield, PCSO C Hassler

EPC025/15 To Receive declarations of interest/Dispensation Applications

None Recorded

EPC026/15 Public Forum – Members of the public may raise issues regards items on the agenda

No residents in attendance

EPC027/15 Reports

i, County Councillor Bellfield

- No Report given

ii, District Councillor Snell

- New District Council offices location will be at the former Gridlestons site opposite Melton train station. Transition could take 2 years. New site will reduce running costs by £200k.
- Council Tax frozen for the 5th year in a row.
- Site Allocations Consultation ended and officers are now evaluation information. Further examination by a planning inspector will follow. Final recommended version to full council in November 2016.
- NANT legal action court of appeal dismissed on the 17th February 2015 was holding up progress of the local plan, possible appeal to the Supreme Court, although unlikely, would cause delay in the local plan process.
- Is pleased to be able to allocate £1000.00 from the Communities Enabling Budget towards Easton's community speed watch programme.
- Small Builder ratio for affordable homes has changed. Development under 10 units is now exempt.

Chr J Owen Thanks Cllr Snell for his contribution towards the speed watch programme.

ii, PCSO C Hassler

Reports 1 x Burglary – Other Building

- Police connect service, free service alerting to what is happening in your area, via email, text or landline. Website Suffolk.police.uk/policeconnect

EPC028/15 To approve minutes of a meeting held on the 6th January 2015 and 13th January 2015

- Minutes approved and duly signed as a true record.
- 6th Jan 2015 Proposed Cllr B Boon, Seconded Cllr A Hollins
- 13th Jan 2015 Proposed Cllr B Gibbon, Seconded Cllr B Boon

EPC029/15 Matters Arising

- Chr J Owen confirms that the cemetery land was identified as “protected from development” Refer to Q11 Site Allocations Survey (copy appended to minutes dated 6th January 2015)
- Cllr Kerr, to propose a planning application for the extension to the cemetery
- Chr J Owen reminds council that a motion was passed for the cemetery to be discussed in a closed meeting

Outcome: Council agreed to meet after the AGM on the 19th May 2015

EPC030/15 Easton Pre School 40th Anniversary Celebrations –to consider the erection of a gazebo and stall on the village green

- Yes, council have no objection to the gazebo
- Cllr Owen reports that there will a 40 mile cycle ride and the school is looking to raise £300 for a new seat in the village
- Cllr B Boon asks if the council could support the fund raiser by offering a contribution to the seat.
- Cllr Gibbon suggests that there may be funds available with the Festival Fund, (C Rook and J Mason), the parish council could consider topping up the balance

Outcome: Full council support for the celebrations, no donation given at this time.

EPC031/15 Annual Parish Meeting update – 17th March 2015 7.30pm

Chr J Owen reports that invites had been sent out to the WI, APM also advertised on the Notice Board and in the parish magazine.

EPC032/15 Update on speed watch

- DC Councillor Snell has contributed £1000
- CC Bellfield has contributed £1000
- Proposed purchase of speed gun will cost £2500
- Speed watch programme will be managed by Mr Ian Palferyman

*Outcome: Clerk to invite the Speed Watch Group to the next meeting.
Full council agreed cost of £2500. Clerk to order equipment.*

EPC033/15 To confirm the appointment of Sally Loader as clerk and RFO

- Contract of employment, hourly rate £9.20 per hour at 12 hours per month, expenses £7.50 per month for home office, Fuel reimbursement @45p per mile.
- Start Date 10th February 2015
- Pay review August 2015

EPC034/15 Finance

- Bank mandate in progress, forms sent
- Payments agreed and financial position appended to the minutes
Easton & Letheringham Village Hall – Hire £190.00
S Loader Clerk – £131.78

EPC035/15 Clerks Report

- Update on election process, Notice of elections to be advertised 23rd March 2015
- Completed nomination papers to be returned by hand to Council Offices, Melton by the 9th April 2015, this is legal deadline. To stand you need to live or work in the parish and have done so for the last 12 months, be 18 years and over, must not be disqualified by means of bankruptcy or have a conviction of more than 3 months during the last 5 years, or have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practice by an election court. *Clerk to circulate date and time forms will need to be handed in*

EPC035/15 Parish Matters to be considered at the next meeting

- Speed watch training
- Adopt into standing orders Filming and blogging NALC legal brief L02-14 13th Aug 2014
- Village seat fundraiser update

15. Date and time of next meeting

APM 17th March 2015

AGM 19th May 2015 Followed by closed cemetery meeting

Meeting closed 8.50pm

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Mr John Owen
Chairman

Financial Statement March 2015			
Easton & Letheringham Parish Council			
Payments For Approval	£	cheque no	
		b/f balance stat ref 327 1st Dec 2014	7437.49
Easton & Letheringham Village Hall	190		
S Loader Clerk	110.48	minus payments for approval	321.78
S Loader Clerk Expenses	21.3	Plus Receipts uncleared	690
		minus payments uncleared	511.71
Total	321.78	Current account balance therefore	7294
Uncleared Receipts			
Michael Smy (funeral)	690		
	0		
Total	690	Total Reserves	
		Saver Account **079	11924.4
Uncleared Payments			
		Community Current Account **060	7294
SCL Landscape 1466 & 1588	128.34	931	
D Ottway (clerk's expenses)	45.49	932	
Clerk's pay 24 Nov - 31 Jan	337.88	933	
Total	511.71	Total	19218.4