

# Eastleach Parish Council Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday, January 20th 2020

The meeting was held remotely by Zoom

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## Draft Minutes

**Present Councillors:** Barbara Hann, David Jenkinson, Stephen Wells

**Plus 5 members of the public.**

1. **Apologies received:** Raymond Theodoulou
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Approval of minutes** of Eastleach Parish council meetings, July & December 2020  
The minutes of both meetings had been previously circulated. It was agreed that Cllr S W would chair the meeting as the previous Chairman stood down at the end of November. Cllr S W proposed acceptance of the minutes and Cllr B H seconded.

**4. Co-option of new EPC Councillor**

Cllr D J proposed that Mr Allan Fraser Rush be co-opted onto Eastleach Parish Council as a replacement for Mr Rick Whiteley, who stood down at the end of November.

CDC had been notified of his resignation and the necessary procedure was carried out in advertising the vacancy. CDC notified EPC that they had not received any other applications from potential candidates therefore EPC was entitled to co-opt another member.

Cllr B H seconded the motion.

Cllr A FR accepted the position and signed the EPC acceptance forms.

EPC recognise that there remains a place for another candidate(s) to serve on the Council and encourage residents to apply to the Clerk for information.

**5. Update concerning the village telephone box**

A discussion took place, including participation from members of the public concerning the adoption of the telephone box and location of possible new site.

Cllr A F R had gathered and collated information from 52 responses to a circular previously distributed throughout the village.

He reported that there were 52 responses, 29 in favour of retaining the box and 13 against.

He commented that there was a clear majority to retain it.

Signed.....

Chairman.....

## 5 Update concerning the village telephone box continued...

EPC agreed that it would support the effort to move the box and in principle make a contribution to the costs. (Amount to be decided)

Cllr B H proposed that EPC would make a contribution to the funds raised, Cllr D J seconded.

However EPC placed a caveat concerning planning and maintenance costs which would need to be accrued annually. EPC agreed that the box could be included into EPC's Asset register and covered by its insurance.

It was agreed that a village working committee was to be formed to:

1. Lead the funding of the project
2. Establish the location of a new site
3. Determine the relevant planning requirements/permissions
4. Continue communication with BT to establish timescales and agree contract
5. D S, K J and AFR agreed to be part of the working committee
6. ECT to be contacted to see if the box could be positioned on its land if necessary. It was noted that ECT are willing to support EPC, they will not agree to any future maintenance or costs.
7. It was agreed that terms of reference need to be in place and D S and R J agreed to a timescale of 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## 6. Planning updates

There were no recent planning applications other than tree cutting which had been previously agreed.

## 7. Budget Proposals for 2021-2022

The clerk had previously circulated a proposed budget for 2021-2022.

She reported that although during 2020-2021, prudent measures had been taken to control expenditure, it would be necessary to raise the precept for 2021-2022.

This was essential in order to take into account additional costs of running the playground, which previously had not been under EPC control. In addition there was anticipated village maintenance required in refurbishment of village benches. The clerk noted that these are obligatory health and safety requirements.

The budget also made provision for extra training courses for Councillors.

It was resolved by all that the Precept requirement from CDC should be set at £9,500.

## 8. Financial Statement including Payments to be made up until end of quarter 3

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| 1. Treasurers Current Account |            |
| Balance at the bank           | £ 3,901.90 |
| Less uncashed cheques         | £ 467.76   |
| Available Funds               | £ 3,434.14 |
| 2. Business Account           | £16,251.74 |

Signed.....

Chairman.....

## 9. Discussion concerning Village maintenance

### 9.1 Village benches

In the past Cllr D J has volunteered to paint the village benches at his cost.

As he has now retired, he recommended that a contractor should take this over.

EPC thanked Cllr D J for his ongoing support and thanked Cllrs D J and Cllr B H for organising the removal and safe disposal of the multiply equipment. This had become a safety hazard, and saved EPC approximately £1k in non-budgeted costs.

The clerk agreed to contact current contractor for a quotation.

### 9.2 Annual Litter Pick

It was agreed that the Annual Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 20th March.

Information of the meeting place and times to be advised.

## 10. Clerks update including the following:

### 10.1 Standing Orders

EPC resolved to accept the 2020 amended NALC Standing Orders

These have been updated to allow Councils to meet remotely, previously not allowed under the existing legislation. This has been passed in law.

All had received a copy of EPC's Code of Conduct.

EPC Council Diary for 2021-22 was agreed by all.

### 10.2 Council vacancies

There is a place for another candidate(s) to serve on the Council and EPC encourage and welcome residents to apply to the Clerk for information.

### 10.3 Date of next EPC meeting

The next EPC meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm and may be held remotely

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....

Chairman.....

29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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