

Eastleach Parish Council Meeting

7.00 pm Wednesday, March 10th 2021

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Minutes

Councillors present:

Cllr S C Wells – Acting Chair, Cllr Barbara Hann, Cllr David Jenkinson, Cllr Allan Fraser-Rush

1. **Apologies received:** Cllr Raymond Theodoulou

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Report from CDC and GCC**

None given

4. **Approval of minutes of Eastleach Parish council meeting, Jan 20 2021.**

The minutes had been previously circulated and agreed by all.

Cllr Barbara Hann proposed acceptance, Cllr David Jenkinson seconded.

The minutes were duly signed.

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

Cllr Allan Fraser-Rush reported that a village working party had been formed to take the project forward.

Key responsibilities: Mr Kevin Jakeman and Mr Danny Scrivener – Fundraising

Mr Brian Souter

– Planning

Mr Allan Fraser-Rush

– Project Manager

Two sites have been identified; the gateway recess adjacent to Brian Souter's property or the Village Hall.

- EPC agreed the most suitable place would be the Village Hall however; an agreement would need to be sought with the Village Hall committee
- EPC has adopted the box for £1.
- EPC has agreed to contribute a sum of £595.00 towards the removal costs
- Once the box is moved it will not have power nor be connected to BT network

Cllr Fraser-Rush said that he was waiting for a schedule, from BT, concerning timescales.

He understood that BT's team require 12 weeks' notice to disconnect the power and then uplift the box.

Cllr Fraser-Rush had received an independent contractor's quotation of £3200.00 plus VAT, for refurbishment of the box.

Cllr Fraser-Rush agreed to request an update from Mr K Jakeman as to how the fund raising was progressing.

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6. Planning updates:

Planning applications: None

7. Financial Statement including Payments to be made:**Treasurers Account :**

Balance at Bank 1 03 2021	Total	£4,201.90
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Cheques for agreement and signing

Clerks Salary Jan-March	£ 360.60
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Web security software update	£ 107.16
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Litter Pick equipment	£ 114.48
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C U Medical Defib Pads	£ 54.00
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Total	£ 636.24
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Available funds:	£ 3,565.66
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Business Account:	£16,251.89
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It was resolved to add Cllr Fraser Rush as an additional bank signatory

8. Update concerning Village maintenance**8.1 Refurbishment of village benches**

The clerk reported that the village contractor had agreed to remove the benches and take them to his unit to dry out before treating them. The council resolved to agree his quotation.

The clerk agreed to contact him to confirm his understanding of how many cuts and where before the season starts. This was to include the river walk and frolics field and a cut for the fete in August

8.2 Defib update

Cllr Barbara Hann reported that the adult defibrillator pads need replacing.

These are £54.00 inclusive of VAT. The clerk agreed to place an order.

8.3 Update re: annual litter pick March 21

Cllr Barbara Hann reported that equipment had been ordered at a cost of £114.48 and delivered in time for the litter pick on March 20th. EPC purchased the equipment because of COVID; CDC was not supplying any equipment. Ubico had been notified to collect the rubbish as soon as possible after the litter pick. The clerk agreed to request the information to go onto the village website to garner more volunteers.

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9. Clerks update including the following:

9.1 Advertising for new Clerk

The clerk had previously given notice that she will be re-locating to Somerset. She reported that she had drawn up a Job description and advertisement which she would place on the EPC website and also GAPTC local council's website. She anticipates finishing at the end of April, but was happy to continue until a replacement has been found.

9.2 Council vacancies

EPC still has a vacancy for a new councillor and welcomes interest from candidates

9.3 Playground

The clerk reported that ROSPA had booked an appointment to carry out the annual safety check for the playground is anticipated in April.

9.4 Website updates

The clerk had previously reported that the website needs some design and technical input, it is tired and outdated. She agreed to supply Cllr A Fraser- Rush with access passwords and thanked him for his help.

10. Other business which in the opinion of the members is urgent : none

11. Date for next meeting:

The clerk reported that it is anticipated that meetings may once again be able to be held by May.

Annual Parish meeting:

The clerk advised that it may be prudent to hold the Annual Parish meeting towards the end of May rather than in April as usual. The government may have lifted restrictions on meetings by May.

Annual Parish Council Meeting:

The clerk suggested bringing forward the Annual Parish Council meeting to May 5th

There being no further business to discuss the meeting concluded at 8.20pm

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