

EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of EPPLEBY PARISH COUNCIL, on TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Eppleby, Richmond, North Yorkshire.

PRESENT: Councillor A. Allum (AA) (Chairman)
Councillor D. Burrell (DB)
Councillor P. Dowson (PD)
Councillor A. Simpson (AS)
Councillor S. Gee (SG)
County Councillor Angus Thompson (AT)

Officers: Jenny Pears (Clerk)

21-10/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **ACTION**
There were no apologies.

21-10/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
AA declared his interest in the Cross Keys Public House.

21-10/3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th June 2021

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2021 and the minutes of the AGM are confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

21-10/3a Resignation of Clerk – G O'Driscoll has resigned from the post of Clerk. There has been an appointment of new Clerk – Jenny Pears.

21-10/4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 15th June 2021

The matrix poles have been installed and the matrix boards will be installed the first week of November 21. The £2,000 grant will need to be applied for once the installation is complete. **AA**

An update on the bench/table painting quote was discussed and agreed to progress. There are 9 benches/tables to redecorate at a cost of £416.00. **AA**

Wayleave Agreement has been received, AA to read, sign and return. A cheque for £656.25 has been received and will be banked. **AA/Clerk**

There continues to be drainage issues at the top of the village. A survey has been completed however further action is required. A small section of the drain needs replacing. The Parish Council have asked that AT looks into this as it needs completing asap. There is footpath flooding in front of Millview towards the Fawcett junction. Repairs have been completed but this hasn't lasted due to the flooding. This needs further attention. The Parish Council asked that AT progress this. **AT**

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- 21-10/5&6 TO REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
County Council report from Cllr Angus Thompson (AT). AT confirmed that the local government reorganisation has been confirmed. There will be a demise of District Councillors and it is expected that some of County Councillors will remain in post, 5 in total to cover Richmondshire. Further details and a plan will emerge in the forthcoming months. There will be the County Council election in May 2022 after being deferred for 12 months. The elected councillors will remain in post for further 12 months.
AA asked that AT highlight the impact on how the Highways Road closures effected local businesses and residents. AT will bring this up at the next Highways meeting. **AT**
- 21-10/7 REPORT FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE
The latest crime bulletin has been received and shared on the Facebook page. No issues raised.
- 21-10/8 SPENDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
The clerk provided a report with an overview of the finances since the last meeting.
The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 has been approved and signed off by the internal auditor, Michael Batey and submitted to the external auditors. Confirmation of the submission has been received.
The following cheque payments were approved and signed:
Kompan invoice – Play Park equipment - £ 244.80
G O'Driscoll – Final invoice for Clerk - £ 319.04
M Batey – Internal audit - £ 54.00
RDC – Play Park Maintenance costs 1/4/20 – 31/3/21 - £ 167.67
CE & CM Walker Ltd – Grass Cutting fees - £ 1033.20
J Pears – Clerks 1st invoice - £127.12

Payments received and to be banked:
£ 73.09 – Northern Powergrid reimbursement
- 21-10/9 TO DISCUSS:
a) **Wildlife Policy** – A bug hotel and hedgehog friendly area has been agreed to be built with help from children and parents of the village. SG discussed the **Queens Platinum Jubilee** and shared 3 proposals outlining areas for planting trees in the village. Cllrs agreed that more detailed information should be shared before making a decision. The PC will need to consider the species, location and size. RDC have a project called Communitree that could be of interest. Clerk will share details with SG. **Clerk/SG**
b) **The BT pole the village green** is being dealt with. AA confirmed this is ongoing and will follow up again as there has been no response from BT since 11th May 2021. **AA**
c) **Drainage Issues** are still problematic. The PC have asked that AT look into this as more needs to be done to address the issue. **AT**
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- d) **Fencing around the play park** has been completed. Funding has been approved. We are waiting the invoice for the pole installation. AS is managing this. **AS**
- e) **Facebook Page** has been set up with admin rights for AA, SG and Clerk. It was agreed the Clerk will post anything that could be of interest to residents.
- f) **Tidy village competition results**. The results were shared and discussed. Cllrs agreed that this isn't something they will participate in next year.
- g) **Forcette noticeboard**. AS is managing the funding application on behalf of Forcette. The funding had been allocated and the next step is purchasing the noticeboard. AS will progress this. **AS**
- h) **Damaged verge at the top of the village**. Residents have shared concerns regarding the damage to the verge from traffic. – Completed.
- i) **AGAR Update**. This has been submitted to the external auditors and confirmation of the submission has been received.
- j) **Garage/allotment invoicing**. Clerk to raise invoices for any outstanding invoices. AA asked Clerk to check the amount, it was suggested this to be £30. **Clerk**
- k) **Cross Keys Public House and garage** behind. AA declared his interest in the public house. AA confirmed he is reopening it as a pub. The garage that sits behind the pub is a Parish Council (PC) site. Would the PC consider selling the rights to the public house? AA has proposed that the public house take over the lease of the site. Cllrs agreed that the lease could be taken over by the Cross Keys Public house. The PC will raise an invoice for this. **Clerk**
Clerk to arrange this.

TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) **Road Sign**. The main Eppleby road sign has been damaged by a tractor. **AA**
The sign has been put back together but further repairs are required. AA has spoken to the person responsible and will monitor the situation.

21-10/11 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None.

21-10/12 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

That the date of next meeting be provisionally set for Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7pm in Eppleby Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

SIGNED: DATE:
(Chairman)