

EPWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2021
IN EPWELL VILLAGE HALL AT 8PM

Councillors Present

Chris Hurst (Vice-Chairman), Paul Neal, Nicola Rudge and Norman White

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk

86/21. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Gavin Lloyd-Thomas (work)

87/21. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda There were no interests to declare.

88/21. To approve the minutes of the meetings of 15TH September and 25th October 2021

The minutes were both approved and signed.

89/21. Public participation session

There were no matters to discuss.

90/21. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

There were no matters arising.

91/21. To receive feedback from the Parish Liaison meeting held on 10th November 2021

The Chair attended the online meeting.

A working group is being set up by CDC in the next few months to discuss all aspects of the interactions between CDC and the parishes. Do parishes feel listened to?

Covid Update. Cherwell saw a significant increase in Covid cases in September, the largest group being school age children and 40-50 year olds. Since the rollout of the vaccination to those children in mid October the number of cases has declined. Cherwell is mirroring the national trend and remains below average for infections and deaths.

Parishes are encouraged to be familiar with the protocols involved on the death of the Monarch. CDC has guidance available.

S106 funding. This funding is for developments of 25+ housing. However money might be available for smaller and individual projects. A discussion took place about what contribution do developers make to sport and community facilities and how Parish Councils can influence what is provided in the area.

The Leader of the Council expressed his and CDC's appreciation of volunteer Parish Councillors and recognized the hard work they put in.

92/21. Financial Report

The updated cash book and bank reconciliation were presented at the meeting. There was £12,151.24 in the bank as at 29th October.

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£100.00 to OALC (Chair Training Course)

£36.00 to GeoXphere (Parish Online)

£448.40 to N Prickett (Grass cutting)

£50.00 to RBL (Poppy Appeal)
Proposed by Cllr Rudge and seconded by Cllr White.

To agree bank signatories

Online banking will be deferred for the moment as there are elections in May 2022.

To discuss the costs associated with CDC emptying the dog bins

This is a village service and the bins are currently emptied by the Chair. The costs for CDC to empty the bins are £369.30 It was agreed to ask CDC to empty the bins. Thanks was given to the Chair for all his work.

To discuss budgetary requirements for 2022/23

It was agreed to add £100.00 for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022. The idea of a Jubilee mug will be discussed further at the next meeting.

93/21. To receive an update on planning

There were no new planning applications to consider.

94/21. To discuss Volunteers supporting OCC Highways initiative

OCC are recruiting more Fix My Street Super User Volunteers. Training will take place on MS Teams covering the basics and how to raise works orders. This will be followed up with regular contact with the area Highways Officer. Super Users are provided with a high viz jacket and spray paint. Potholes and kerbs will be repaired quicker and save officer time.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask about insurance.

95/21. To receive the following correspondence

OCC, Tool kit for Local Councils to achieve 20mph. This is being trialled in certain places. It was agreed to wait and see the outcome of the trials.

96/21. To receive Councillors Reports

A Christmas tree will be cut down during the first weekend of December and donated. The lighting will take place over the second weekend in December.

The salt bins are full.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask Highways if any free salt will be delivered.

The Reserve Burial Ground has been mown.

The archived PC documents were discussed and where best to file them away.

Action: The Parish Clerk to ask OALC for advice and to be discussed again in January.

The new website was discussed and how good it is. Thanks was given to Amanda Laidler for her work on the website. Councillors to think about what information is put on it.

97/21. To note meeting dates for 2022

10th or 13th January, 14th March, April and May (TBC), 11th July, 12th September, 14th November

Meeting closed at 8.50pm