

EPWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2022
IN EPWELL VILLAGE HALL AT 6.05PM

Councillors Present

Gavin Lloyd-Thomas (Chairman), Chris Hurst, Paul Neal and Nicola Rudge

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk

22/01. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Norman White (isolating)

22/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

Cllr Rudge declared an interest as a neighbour in the planning application at Stonecroft, Back Lane.

22/03. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 15th November 2021

The minutes were approved and signed.

22/04. Public participation session

The Council heard from the owners of Dove Dell, Back Lane and Stonecroft, Back Lane.

22/05. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

There were no matters arising.

22/10. To receive an update on planning

- *21/04059/F, Upward extension raising the roof of the existing property, demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with proposed single storey extension, re-cladding the existing building in combination of natural stone and render and replacement of existing windows and doors at Dove Dell, Back Lane.* The owners of Dove Dell were invited to speak at the meeting. The footprint and square footage has been increase, however the use of cladding and natural slate will enhance the appearance of the property. There are no adverse comments from neighbours. The Chair noted that there are currently two/three other large building projects going on in Back Lane, a coordinated approach may be needed to avoid parking issues. Building lorries should travel via the Plank and the green and not go past the church due to tight access. Councillors agreed they had no objections to the work. The owners left the meeting.

Action: The Parish Clerk to reply to CDC.

22/06. To discuss forthcoming Parish Council Elections in May 2022

There will be Parish Council elections in May 2022 and anyone will be able to stand.

Action: Cllr Rudge to write a piece for the next newsletter. A note to be put on Facebook, village website and notice-board when more information is available.

22/07. To discuss grip maintenance in the village

A vote of thanks was given to Thomas and Rebekah Arniboldi who have helped with grip maintenance work on various roads around the village as part of their Duke of Edinburgh and Scouting Awards.

22/08. To discuss the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June 2022

Councillors discussed good ideas from previous celebrations including beacon lighting and games on the field. A barbecue could be held at the Pavilion on the 4th June and a village tea on 5th June. A sample Jubilee mug has been received which could be purchased for each household.

Action: Cllr Rudge to discuss plans at the next village hall meeting in February. An appeal for volunteers, to help organise the village Jubilee celebrations will be published in the Epwell Echo.

22/10. To receive an update on planning

- 21/04007/F, Demolition of existing rear extension, erection of single storey front and rear extensions and raise roof of existing chalet bungalow by 1.5 to include dormer windows and a rooflight to form two-storey dwelling at Stonecroft, Back Lane. The owners were invited to the meeting. The work will be in keeping with other properties in the village. There has been no negative feedback from neighbours. The stone wall at the front may be removed temporarily to help with parking whilst work is being done. The parking issue was reiterated. Councillors agreed they had no objections to the work. The owners left the meeting.

Action: The Parish Clerk to reply to CDC.

22/09. Financial Report

The Chair thanked Cllr Hurst for running the accounts during the transitional period and working with the bank. HSBC are now charging for cheque activity and monthly account maintenance. Current charges are £9.00.

Action: The Parish Clerk will look at the option of changing banks to Natwest.

The updated cash book and bank reconciliation were presented at the meeting. There was £11,407.88 in the bank as at 13TH January 2022.

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£398.40 to N Prickett (grass cutting)

£6.00 to OALC (Training Course for Clerk)

£228.56 to P Rogers (battery and pads for defibrillator)

£110.00 to G Lloyd-Thomas (Christmas tree)

To set the precept for 2022/23

A draft budget sheet for the new financial year had been produced. Estimated expenditure is £5088.87 and receipts £5847.00 leaving a balance of £759.00. Additional expenses incurred in 2021 were considered and potential additional expenses in the next financial year. It was agreed to set the precept at £5485.00. All Councillors agreed.

Action: The Parish Clerk to notify CDC.

22/11. To receive Councillors Reports

Two villagers are looking at the habitat and swift boxes in the churchyard. They are talking to Tysoe about it.

The Chair confirmed that the CDC Governance boundary review has been withdrawn.

A donation of £100.00 was received for the playing field from a resident of Brailles.

Thanks was given to Mr Rogers for purchasing the new battery for the defibrillator.

22/12. To note next meeting date and time

Monday 14th March 2022 at 8pm

Meeting closed at 7.15pm