

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.172 – held on Monday 26th June 2017 at 7:30pm

PRESENT : Chairman Rob Jefferis

Councillors John Westbury, John Symonds, Peter Moore, Pete Ellyard, Richard Gorton

CLERK: Charlotte Gurney

1. **Apologies Received:** Apologies were received from John Symonds
2. **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:** None were made.
3. **Report from Ward Councillor:** Cllr Versallion was not in attendance. No update received.
4. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting 171:** Held on 10th April 2017. Amendments required:
 - a) Development referred to is known as Clipstone Park - not Clipstone Brook.
 - b) Cllr Westbury had proposed that the Parish Council should be prepared to make a payment annually to the Village hall for the electricity supplied for the Defibrillator.
 - c) Josh Carne is the full name of person updating EPC on BT Broadband work.Agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Westbury and seconded by Cllr Ellyard.
5. **Matters arising from those Minutes:** None

6. **Financial Report:** Acting as RFO, Cllr Westbury reported the current financial situation as:-

Current Account	£ 8,148.67
Deposit Account	£12,264.85
Total	£20,413.52

The RFO sought approval to pay the outstanding invoices:

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| a) Clerk | £174.34 |
| b) Village Hall | £ 24.00 |

Adoption of the accounts (as at 26th June 2017) and authorisation to pay the outstanding invoices was proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Gorton. Unanimously agreed.

RFO advised Cllrs of a letter from Royal Mail asking for payment for PO box to be set up as direct debit. Other postal options were considered, as was the need for the PO Box. It was agreed that it still the best option. RFO will set up a new payment for 2018/9.

7. **Planning and Development:** Cllrs considered the following:-

Hawthorns: Cllrs examined the plans and agreed that works would not be so different from what was there now, and therefore had no comments on the application.

Thornham House: Cllrs noted the enforcement notice, its investigation, and the conclusion.
8. **Updates from Cllrs on Village Matters:**

Play Equipment: Clerk advised she had made enquiries regarding safety inspection of the equipment, possible replacement of goal posts and will look into replacement of all equipment on a like-for-like basis if so advised.

Cllr Moore: Speeding had once again been mentioned within the village. Clerk advised that Michelle Plummer had volunteered to do Speedwatch training, and that she would request some training dates. Cllrs discussed the need for traffic calming within the village, such as speed bumps and physical barriers to stop speeding. Cllr Westbury advised that part of reason for the Council's current Business Saver Account total was "saving for traffic calming measures for the village." No conclusion was reached as to what should be done.

Clerk's "Bible": Cllr Westbury had ordered an electronic copy, and was currently converting it to a 'smaller' format. Cllrs Moore, Ellyard, and Gorton asked a PDF version: Cllr Jefferis said the ePub version was fine for him.

Cllr Jefferis raised the question as to whether EPC should be responsible for cutting the grass in the churchyard. Cllr Westbury stated that this had historical origins, and advised that a s.137 grant permits only a limited amount per elector. In conclusion, Cllrs Gorton, Moore and Westbury felt it was the correct thing to continue to cut churchyard, and did not wish that to stop. It was then suggested that perhaps next year we discuss making a grant to the PCC, such that the PCC could maintain the grass in the churchyard, rather than EPC be responsible for cutting it.

9. **To discuss Grass-cutting Contract:** Cllrs reviewed quotations provided by "Ed's Maintenance" and Reynolds. Cllrs agreed to award contract to Ed's until the end of the year, effectively putting

them on a trial until the end of October (end of the year's growing season) and then obtain prices update for next year. If we are happy with it, the contract could be extended into next year. It was requested that a first cut be made immediately (for the entire specified areas) and then future cuts to be at suggested intervals - as advised in the quote. The Recreation ground cuttings should to be collected on first cut but not thereafter, and same with the churchyard. Proposed by Cllr Moore and seconded by Cllr Westbury. All in agreement.

10. Clerk's Update: Clerk provided update to Councillors on various correspondence and crime statistics for May.

11. Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 4th September 2017, in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 2055 (8:55pm).

This is true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: *R. Jefferis* (Chairman) Date: 4th September 2017