

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.208 – held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Chairman Rob Jefferis
Councillors Charlotte Gurney, Martine Tournay, Kerry Gorton

GUESTS: None

CLERK: Claire Martin

PARISHIONERS: None

1. To receive apologies for absence:

None were made.

2. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

None were made.

3. Standing Orders:

None were made.

4. To confirm Minutes of Meeting 207:

Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record. It was Proposed and Seconded. Unanimously agreed.

5. Financial Report:

(a) Current financial situation;

Current Account	£ 37,447.11
Deposit Account	£ 12,325.99
Total	£ 49,773.10

(b) Payments since last meeting

a) Payment Clerk	£ 188.24
b) MW Agri Ltd	£ 156.00
c) BATPC	£ 93.00
d) Garden Services	£ 480.00

(c) Invoices awaiting payment;

a) Eyelid (website)	£ 100.00
b) MW Agri Ltd	£ 468.00
c) Microsoft	£ 400.71

Action: Cllr Gurney to confirm precept payment.

Accounts submitted and accepted by the Parish Council. Unanimously agreed.

6. Planning and Development:

New Solar Farm proposal at Grounds Farm, Hockliffe: Cllr Jefferis updated that a meeting with Hockliffe PC, Mark Versallion and the applicant has been arranged for Friday 7th May.

White House Cottage: Installation of oil tank, no objections raised.

Manor Cottage: Awaiting appeal decision, Clerk to confirm parish council's objections have been received by Central Beds and to note concerns re boundary on plans.

Curry Garden: Change of use from function room to B&B. Cllr Jefferis reported that he has emailed the planning officer to share the parish council's support for enhancements to the business but raise concerns regarding possible future conversion to residential use, awaiting response.

10. Updates from Cllrs on Village Matters:

Park Equipment: Discussions took place regarding the purchase of new equipment for the park. It was agreed by all councillors present to purchase an additional picnic bench. Action: Cllr Jefferis to order and Cllr Gorton to treat with timber treatment on arrival. Cllr Jefferis to also seek quotes for new fencing for park/allotments. The possibility of purchasing a storage box to be kept under the climbing frame containing play equipment, eg football/croquet set was discussed. The option of reducing the football pitch in size, to

create a small area for croquet and boules was also discussed, Cllr Jefferis to research.

Cllr Jefferis also volunteered to re-treat existing benches and picnic tables with timber treatment.

Cllr Jefferis: Raised concerns regarding recent increase in speeding through village. Cllr Gurney advised that she believed, due to covid restrictions, Speed Watch can not be resumed until July. It was agreed Cllr Jefferis to email Peter Moore to collect Speed Watch equipment in preparation to gather data.

Cllr Gurney: Advised that parish councils will be allowed to meet in person for their next meeting, with any guests registering before hand to allow for social distancing measures to be met. Cllr Tournay advised that there is a track and trace QR code in place at the village hall.

Crime Stats: 1 crime reported in the parish of Eggington – assault with intent to cause serious harm.

Cllr Gurney: Updated that she had started composing text for upcoming newsletter.

Cllr Jefferis: Reported he has emailed Anglian Water re smells from drains, will keep chasing.

Cllr Jefferis: To sign and return contract for purchase of phonebox.

Close of Parish Council Meeting: Next meeting 3rd June 2021

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 20.46 (08:46pm).

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(chairman)

Date: 3rd June 2021