

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.221 – held on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Chairman Rob Jefferis
Councillors Martine Tournay, Kerry Gorton, Simon King, David Parkinson

GUESTS: None

CLERK: Cllr Charlotte Gurney (Acting as Clerk)

PARISHIONERS: Michelle Plummer, Jayne Green and Radoslaw Charan

Michelle asked the Parish Council about the position of defibrillator. Cllr Jefferis provided an update on the work that has been undertaken on assessing location of the equipment. There are two possible locations identified for one end of the village, second location at opposite end of village not yet identified. The Parish Council are also looking to recruit a new Clerk who will progress this area of work in 2023. Action: Cllr Tournay will progress the purchase and installation of defibrillator.

1. To receive apologies for absence:

None.

2. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

None.

3. Standing Orders:

None were made.

4. Update from Ward Cllr Mark Versallion

No apologies received.

5. To confirm Minutes of Meeting 220

Agreed as a true and accurate record. Outstanding action for minutes of 219 to be circulated and for Cllr Gurney to attend bank to obtain log in details. Action: Charlotte to prepare and circulate.

6. Budget Setting for 2023/24

Budget setting for 2023/24 discussed and agreed. Total budget set of £32,350 of which £11,000 savings will be used towards speed cameras to collect evidence for further traffic calming measures in the village.

7. Precept for 2023/24

The precept collection is based on the budget above and will be £21,350. This is collected across a tax base of 965 residents and will mean precept request £22.12. This will be received in April 2023.

8. Financial Report:

(a) Current financial situation;

Current Account	£ 8,251.08
Deposit Account	£ 52,377.83
Total	£ 60,628.91

(b) Payments due before next meeting, amounts and balance will be verified at Februarys meeting

- a) Purchase of laptop
- b) Grass cutting payment to MW Agri Ltd
- c) Payment for financial services (audit)

9. Updates from Cllrs on Village Matters:

Clipstone Park: Cllr King provided an update on the pathways; further work is agreed for Spring 2023. Cllr King will be raising further connections with the consortium that haven't been made and will also be raising issues of developer rubbish that is left in finished areas. Pathway across field Eggington/Clipstone is part of a wider review of pathway connections across Leighton Buzzard area.

Allotments: Cllr King has spoken to National Allotment Association, on recommendations on how best to run them and also to developers/CBC who confirm allotments will not be ready till end of 2023 and therefore no costs this year.

Pumping Station: Smell in village due to repair works to pipe for pumping station. Work has been completed and the smell is no longer evident.

New Clerk: Cllr Tournay advised that a Parishioner has expressed an interest in the clerk position. Cllr Gurney will discuss it further with them outside of the meeting.

Close of Parish Council Meeting: Next meeting 1st February 2023

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 21.05 (09.05pm).

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(chairman)

Date: 8th February 2022