

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ECTON HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2020, AT 7.30PM. THE MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE VIA THE ZOOM APP – DUE TO COVID-19 LOCK DOWN RESTRICTIONS

PRESENT: Mrs S Jones (Chair), Mr N Bond, Mr B Brophy, Mr D Dicks, Mr P Godby, Mr M Hope , Mike Littlewood and Mr A McCarter

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Wong – Clerk and Borough Councillor Clive Hallam

738/2020 To Receive Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Mr T Moffet who was unable to attend. Borough Councillor Jennie Bone and County Councillor Rob Gough were also unable to attend due to other commitments.

739/2020 To invite declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda

No Declarations of interest were received.

740/2020 To sign and approve minutes of the General Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 22nd September 2020

It was **Resolved** the Minutes of the General Meeting of Parish Council held on the 22nd September 2020 as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed by the Chair Mrs S Jones as a correct record of account. To be given to the Clerk.

741/2020 Progress any matters arising from the previous minutes not covered by agenda items

No matters arising.

742/2020 To receive a report from Borough and County Councillors

No Borough or County Councillors in attendance.

743/2020 To discuss any correspondence received

Tesco bags for help have made contact and would like a current update on the playing field.

744/2020 Financial matters

a. Review Financial Statement as at 24/11/2020 and propose payments and sign cheques

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a balance sheet as at 24th November 2020 and cheques raised listing. The current Parish Council funds stand at £25,955.27 as reconciled against the current bank statement. This is broken down into £3,878.53 David Cross funds, -£495.54 Playing Field Funds and £22,472.01 Parish Council Funds.

Monies must be paid out only in pursuance of statutory powers (SP) vested in the Parish Council.

Resolved that the balances as presented be accepted. **Resolved** the following accounts be paid.

Chq Number	Amount	Inc VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
666	558.00	93.00	Hayeswood Landscapes	Grass Cutting October and apply weed killer	Open Spaces Act
667	26.30	1.23	Southern Electric	Electricity Standing Charges	Highways Act

e. Discuss and review any comments made from the 2nd quarter internal financial audit
Parish Councillor Mr A McCarter recently carried out the 2nd quarter internal financial inspection on the 20th October 2020 and found all record keeping to be in order. No comments were made.

745/2020 Village Services

a. Receive any update reports on the Playing Field

The new slide has now been installed in the play area and is being used by local children and children attending the Ecton Primary school.

b. Discuss any updates on Highways matters

The pot holes that have been marked up in Church View are still outstanding their repair. **Action:** The Clerk to continue to contact Highways to chase up the outstanding repairs.

c. Receive updates and discuss any village maintenance matters including hedging at the shrine.

The Prickly bush at the shrine needs trimming back. Councillors McCarter and Dicks will investigate if they are able to trim back the bush in the first instance.

d. Covid-19 – Discuss and agree any measures the PC need to carry out.

The Parish Council have met their obligations with the Play Area, a risk assessment was carried out at the start of lock down, signs were put up etc. There are no other areas that need managing.

e. Discuss any reducing the Carbon Footprint ideas – Alistair McCarter

Alistair McCarter spoke about a recent Acre seminar he attended and ideas presented at the seminar. It was agreed to add “Electric Car Charging Points” to the agenda later in the year.

746/2020 Discuss any planning related matters including those not yet determined

WP/20/00753/FUL – 3 High Street, Ecton and WP/20/00754 – Listed Building Consent for the enlargement of existing bedroom within existing roof space and the installation of 3 conservation style roof lights to front elevation and new dormer style window to rear elevation. The Council has no comments to make at this time.

747/2020 Date of next meetings –Tuesday 26th January 2021

Resolved to hold the next General Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7.30pm at Ecton Village Hall or via the online Zoom App if Covid-19 restrictions are still in place.

Close: The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

Signed by**Date**

Appendix : Budget for 2021/2022

ECTON PARISH COUNCIL - BUDGET SETTING FOR 2021/22						
24th November 2020						
INCOME	1.4.20 TO 31.3.21					
FUNDS AS 1.4.20	21,204.46					
PRECEPT	12,335.00					
GRASS MOWING GRANT	152.97					
VAT REFUND 2018/2019	1,091.47					
BANK INTEREST	5.84					
TOTAL INCOME	34,789.74					
EXPENSES	COSTS FROM 1.4.20 TO 24.11.20	ANTICIPATED COSTS TO 31.3.21	TOTAL TO 31.3.20	BUDGETED FOR 2020/21	ACTUAL DIFFERENCE IN BUDGET	BUDGETED FOR 2021/22
CLERKS SALARY & HMRC	2,532.62	1,150.00	3,682.62	4,100.00	417.38	4,000.00
STREET LIGHTING INC CONVERSIONS	2,517.72	1,190.00	3,707.72	4,250.00	542.28	4,000.00
INSURANCE	580.12	0.00	580.12	800.00	219.88	800.00
VERGE MOWING	2,280.00	175.00	2,455.00	2,450.00	-5.00	2,450.00
INTERNAL AUDIT FEES	180.00	0.00	180.00	222.00	42.00	222.00
EXTERNAL AUDIT FEES	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
NCALC SUBSCRIPTON	303.91	0.00	303.91	301.71	-2.20	310.00
DONATION - CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE	1,090.00	0.00	1,090.00	500.00	-590.00	1,000.00
DONATION - PARISH MAGAZINE	750.00	0.00	750.00	500.00	-250.00	750.00
S137 WREATH	22.00	0.00	22.00	25.00	3.00	25.00
DATA PROTECTION RENEWAL	0.00	35.00	35.00	40.00	5.00	40.00
HIRE OF MEETING ROOM 2017	0.00	144.00	144.00	150.00	6.00	150.00
TRAINING	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
STATIONERY / TONER	48.99	40.00	88.99	180.00	91.01	180.00
NEWSLETTER WEBHOSTING	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTANCY	550.00	0.00	550.00	1,000.00	450.00	450.00
PLAY EQUIP INSPECTION	120.00	0.00	120.00	110.00	-10.00	120.00
ELECTION 2020 COSTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	420.00	0.00	420.00
VAT	1,462.27	124.78	1,587.05	1,200.00	-387.05	1,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,437.63	3,058.78	15,496.41	16,668.71	752.30	16,817.00

NOTES		
TOTAL INCOME 2020 / 2021	34,789.74	
LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURE 20 / 2021	15,496.41	
PARISH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2020/21		<u>19,293.33</u>
BUDGET FOR 2020/21	16,817.00	
PLUS 10% CONTINGENCY	1,681.70	
TOTAL		<u>18,498.70</u>
PC FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD TO 2020/21	19,293.33	
ANTICIPATED VAT REFUND TO 31.3.20	1,587.05	<u>20,880.38</u>
LESS BUDGETED COSTS	18,498.70	
LEAVES SURPLUS FUNDS FOR PROJECTS		<u>2,381.68</u>
IF WE KEEP THE PRECEPT THE SAME	12,335.00	
PLUS SURPLUS FUNDS FOR PROJECTS	2,381.68	
WOULD GIVE A TOTAL SURPLUS OF FOR 2021/2022		<u>14,716.68</u>