

**MINUTES OF THE EGGLESTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 19:00 AT EGGLESTON VILLAGE HALL**

Item 1. Attendees:

Cllr R Hutchinson; Cllr W. Greenfield (chairman); Cllr L. Oxby; Cllr M. Souter; Cllr S. Gillard; Ms D Charlton (parish clerk and minute taker)

Item 2. Accepted Apologies:

Cllr J. Donald (working), Cllr E Henderson (prior engagement)

Item 3. Declaration of interest:

None

Item 4. Minutes of 2nd October 2019 for acceptance and signature:

Minutes of October 2019 proposed as correct by Cllr L. Oxby after corrections: Month was September not October; seconded by Cllr R. Hutchinson

Signed by Chair Cllr W Greenfield.

Item 5. Action Points and matters arising:

Discharged as actioned: dead trees on village green

Tax exempt properties discharged

Item 6. Finance:

- Budgets: E-mail from Christine
 - a. Parish community **To be confirmed**
 - b. Active saver **to be confirmed**
 - c. Recreation Park active save: **Christine asked was a £400 budget was allocated for maintenance?** If so then more than this has been spent but only by a small amount and transfers will need to be made between bank accounts.
 - d. Final year variant's on target. Accounts healthy
- The Chairman reminded those who sign cheques of the need to be clear about cross checking the stubs/cheques and invoices to ensure all tally.
- The Council needs to send out tenders for grass cutting to start in April 2020. Proposed Cllr R. Hutchinson; seconder Cllr L. Oxby
- In January 2020 windows Microsoft will stop supporting windows 2007 so the Council computer will need updating to Windows
- Councillors were asked to agree to set money aside for updating the 2020/2021 forecast

Item 7. Planning:

Conewood, Folly Top. Plans are with DCC planning department and are likely to arrive for comment between meetings. The chairman gave an outline as known. Councillors had no objections in principle.

Item 8. Feedback from Meetings

Cllr Greenfield had been contacted by ITB Solicitors with regard to wayleave and ownership of the Pinfold, which required a personal meeting. The Pinfold is not part of the Village Green but is owned by the Parish

Council (since 1800 with a 2010 Possession Order). It would appear that part of the Chapel school room (in place since 1830's) was built on part of the village green. New owner of the chapel wants access to the rear. The options are either to give an easement or sell a clear meter of land to new owner.

It was suggested that to sell a meter of land was possibly best way forward. The Parish would still have the pinfold and with the money from sale we could do work on Pinfold. The land needs to be professionally valued. Cllr Hutchinson suggested we use George White at Wolsingham. Cllr M. Souter proposed to sell a meter of the Pinfold land to the new owner of the chapel. Seconded: by Cllr R. Hutchinson. All in agreement. The Parish council would arrange for the dividing wall to be built. There is also the question of the drains from the Chapel which go under the Pinfold.

Pinfold is an asset that has not been registered as it was thought it was part of the village green

ACTION: The Parish Clerk is to arrange for a survey of the Pinfold requiring a quote for price to sell a metre and a quote for the remainder as an asset to the Parish. Fee for drains needs to be assessed

Cllr Greenfield requested payment towards 60 miles travel to the Solicitors at Wynward . All agreed

Item 9. Parish Action for Climate change

This is a national initiative which needs to be discussed. Simon Bowens, Yorkshire and Humber NE Campaigner, Friends of Earth, sent information which had been circulated. As a council we can make little impact. However, there may be an ability to encourage the village hall to be more environmentally friendly. Parish Clerk is willing to assist putting in a bid for solar panelling if this was a way forward. To put an electric charge point in village was not viable until chargers have a universal charging socket Steve Rag (DCC) had sent information on a workshop **ACTION:** clerk to send out information

Item 10. Lanyard

This was presented by Cllr L. Oxby– Not all disabilities are visible. She had seen on the internet a lanyard with a sunflower on to indicate that people wearing it can be recognised as having a disability. This is a worthwhile cause. **ACTION:** It was agreed that Cllr Oxby would hand out information to business in the area, and encourage business in the parish to be aware & use them.

Item 11. RLB poppy appeal-wreath: payment& Laying

The Chairman reminded councillors of the need to donate to RBL for a wreath. Proposed: Cllr Souter. Seconded: Cllr Gillard. All agreed. Wreath laying on behalf of the council Cllr Souter

Item 12. Clerk issues

- **New Clerk payment.** It was agreed to pay 4 hours a week for the first 4 weeks, then 3 hours a week for 3 weeks a month and 4 hours on the week of the monthly council meeting. At Scale 15.
- **Hours worked RFO Mrs Christine Bell.** This would be 1 hour a week for 52 weeks a year. At scale 19. Proposed: Cllr Hutchinson Seconded: Cllr Souter. All agreed
- Mrs Bell had already worked at least 8 hours on the accounts. Payment for this time was proposed by Cllr Souter. Seconded Cllr Gillard All Agreed
- **Correspondence:**
National tree week funds available up to £150. To bear in mind for next year.
- **Future Meetings:** On Cllr Greenfield's request it was agreed to start the December meeting at 6pm The first Wednesday in January 2020 is the 1st. Agree to move meeting to Wednesday 8th January.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm