

**MINUTES OF THE EGGLESTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5th April 2023 AT 19:00 in the Village Hall.**

Item 1. Attendees

Cllr. J. Donald (Vice Chair), Cllr. W. Greenfield, Cllr. E. Henderson, Cllr. Hutchinson and Cllr. L. Stenson

C. Wake, Parish Clerk and minute taker.

Village residents:

Paula Fraser

Item 2. Accepted Apologies

Cllr. L. Oxby due to Holiday

Absent

Cllr. M. Souter

Item 3. Declaration of Interest

None declared.

Item 4. Acceptance and signature of minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st March 2023

Minutes of 1st March 2023 were proposed by Cllr. W. Greenfield seconded by Cllr. Hutchinson. All councillors in agreement. These to be displayed on the Parish Council notice board and website.

Item 5. Action Points and Matters Arising

Item 6. Financial

a. Financial Update

The accounts for the last financial year have balanced and reconciled to the bank. Results are as follows:

Total Income: £11360.26

Total expenditure: £14996.06

Loss: £3635.80

Main reasons are:

Reduction in Leekworth income	£ 200
Increase in salaries	£287
Jubilee coins	£333
Recreation park payment	£2500
Purchase of laptop	£240

Opening balances were £8530.70, closing balances are £4894.90. If recreation park accounts are excluded this means that reserves are at 41% of precept which is very low, the Council have previously kept reserves of between 80 - 90 %.

It was agreed that £2500.00 from the pinfold sale will be used to replenish the reserves account as discussed last year. Proposed by Cllr. J. Donald seconded by Cllr. E. Henderson all councillors in agreement.

In recognition for all the work and support Christine Bell has done for the Parish Council over several years it was proposed Thank You flowers and card would be sent to Mrs. Bell. The value to be about £30.00. Proposed by Cllr. W. Greenfield seconded by Cllr. J. Donald all councillors in agreement.

In order to facilitate a smooth handover and transition of the role of RFO to the Parish Clerk it was agreed that for the next 8 weeks the Parish Clerks working hours will increase by 1 hour to cover a total of 6 hours per week. Proposed by Cllr. J. Donald seconded by Cllr. E. Henderson all councillors in agreement.

Actions:

- Cllr. W. Greenfield to discuss with bank on change of mandate details to include The Parish Clerk.
- Cllr. W. Greenfield will organise Thank You flowers and card.

Item 7. Planning

Planning Application DM/23/00752/FPA

No planning objection to the above application.

Item 8. Coronation Weekend

Cllr. W. Greenfield briefed the meeting on the coordination of activities between various groups in the village from the 6th to 8th May 2023. The Parish Council's activities with a total budget of £200.00 will cover raffle tickets, a Coronation themed prize, seeds and summer bulbs. Tickets to be sold at the various Coronation events. Draw will take place at the Picnic on The Green/Tea Party. Raffle tickets to be sold at £1.00 per ticket. Seeds will be collected

and scattered at the end of the coffee morning. Proposed by Cllr. W. Greenfield seconded by Cllr. J. Donald all councillors in agreement.

Action:

- Cllr. Hutchinson to organise grass cutting ready for the coronation weekend.
- Cllr. W. Greenfield to purchase bulbs/seeds and raffle tickets.
- Cllr. Oxby to purchase a Coronation themed prize.

Item 9. Setting a date for next Annual Meeting and Village Meeting

It was agreed that the next Annual Meeting will take place on the 17th of May 2023 at 6:30pm followed by the Village Meeting at 7pm at the Village Hall. Proposed by Cllr. E. Henderson seconded by Cllr. J. Donald all councillors in agreement.

Item 10. Feedback from Meetings

No meetings to report on.

Item 11. Clerk's Issues and Correspondence

- Hours worked – 16 hours worked in March.
- Next meeting 2nd May 2023.
- This meeting was closed on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 8:20pm.