

# EXTON AND HORN PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 7pm Exton Village Hall

### MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors Tommy Cooper (Chairman), Terry Connolly, David Healey, Kiloran Heckels, Paul Taylor, Peter McNally, Harry Campden, June Fox, Parish Clerk.

- **Approval of absences:** The absence of Cllr. Cundy Jones was approved.
- **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Campden – playpark owner.
- **Public time:** There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
- **To approve the minutes of the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023:** These were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- **Matters arising from the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023:**

Bank Signatory – Cllr Healey will visit Lloyds to complete the mandate change.  
Cllr. Healey has planted 2 roses in the war memorial garden.

- **Clerk's report and Correspondence:**
- Fox & Hounds sign – RCC Planning Enforcement Officer advises that the sign currently erected would require both Listed Building and Advertising consent. Neither have been sought and the Conservation officer further advises that such applications would not be supported. A smaller sign may be considered. The owner has been contacted to remove the sign forthwith and to submit an application for a smaller sign.
- Parish Council elections – Rutland County Council have advised that the cost of an uncontested Parish Council election will be £317.69 and a contested election £1632.39.
- Highways & Transport Working Group schedule of ITCP reports for Exton – RCC have provided a list of ITCPs submitted and results. Currently all are 'no work required' or 'closed'.
- ITCP 2022/36 response – the Parish Council raised a concern regarding the speed of vehicles (60mph limit) along the A606, incorporating junctions entering and exiting Rutland Hall Hotel and Barnsdale Lodge. The expansion plans of each should merit a speed reduction to 40mph to improve safety. RCC have responded that after the initial assessment of this area, no action is required. Cllr. Fox has committed to take the matter up further with RCC Highways.
- Flooding at The Brookes – Cllr. Healey has obtained a quotation for work required £760. It was agreed that the quotation be accepted, and the work completed.

- **King's Coronation:**

It was agreed that a commemorative tree will be planted, in the autumn, in the little green near Barham Court.

- **Playpark:**

Refurbishment work is now complete. An official opening of the park will be co-ordinated in due course. Repairs to the zip wire have also been completed. The skateboard half pipe requires either extensive repair or removal. A quotation for repairs has been received. Cllr. Fox will find out the cost of the recently installed skateboard ramp in Greetham. The Parish Council will decide on repair, removal, or replacement at the next meeting.

- **Finance:**

The financial summary and bank reconciliation were circulated and approved.

Payments since the last meeting:

Colemans of Oundle £59.98

Leicestershire Footpath Association £6

The following payments were approved:

2 Commune £372 (website hosting)

OLP £285.60 (zip wire repairs)

OPL £32622.60 (playpark refurbishment)

HMRC PAYE Q4 £213.80

D Healey £39.98 war memorial rose x 2

- **Planning:**

a) Decisions received from RCC since last meeting:

2023/0043/FUL 15 The Green. Removal & replacement of existing window with a new double door. Addition of new window at first floor level (south facing gable). Removal of one modern internal partition. Granted 20/02/23.

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2022/0890/FUL Land West of Empingham Road. Erection of one dwelling. Refused 10/02/23.

b) To consider planning application 2023/0139/FUL Tower House Farm, The Avenue. Creation of silage clamp to store preserved grass and maize.

No objections.

- **AOB:**

- Cllr. Heckels reported that some bins appear not to have been emptied and are overflowing. The clerk will report this to RCC. Requested replacement of bins at The Green, Stamford Road and Top Street has not been completed. The clerk will chase this up with the RCC Street Scene Officer.
- Cllr. Fox reported that the decision by RCC to close Catmose Sports Centre has been reversed with a 2-year extension.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Next Meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023