

# EXTON AND HORN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting **EXTON & HORN Parish Council** held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at **7 pm** in the Village Hall

1. **Present** : Derek Palmer, [Chairman], Mick Bell, Harry Campden, Terry Connolly, Tommy Cooper, David Healey, Paul Taylor

2. **Apologies**: John Pitts, Vice Chairman

In attendance: Annette Oliver, Clerk, June Fox County Councillor, and a member of public

3. **Declarations of Interest**: None

**Member of the public present** raising concerns regarding building works at neighbouring property i.e. 11 Oakham Road, Exton. Clerk had provided information from web site, photograph supplied. Chairman confirmed Clerk's advice that issues should be raised with RCC Planning dept. Cllr Fox will further the complaint. .

4. **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 confirmed

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes** [not on the agenda]: play park in good order, warden to begin grass cutting next month; payment will be in two halves

6. **Correspondence** : **a]** Health Bus information; new facility proposed; PC suggested two parking sites would be preferred to allow for easy access of residents; more information when available to be publicised in newsletter and website. **b]** Barclays Uppingham branch closing **c]** Bus Users Group – meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March, suggestions are: discreet bus stop near Fox & Hounds and timetable on own board if pub in agreement. Do not wish village green to be used for such publicity. **d]** Community Lincs insurers now changing to Zurich Insurance plc **e]** public document pack RCC Conduct committee – Clerk advised by RCC attendance not required as would be closed discussion **f]** Superfast Broadband – digital Rutland leaflet – copy passed to Village Hall Chairman

**Parish Forum**: Chairman reported on discussions regarding financial status of RCC, increased council taxes and Rutland's comparative position to other Councils; government expectations for local social housing, special needs schools, social care all of which impede heavily on costings. Rep from LRALC advised on need for Parish Councils to conform to all the current legal obligations with regard to elections, transparency, accounts, noting name of internal Auditor should be formally appointed within minutes of a parish council meeting. Noted many PCs do not have web site.

7. **Result of Survey re Street lighting** Exton so far – [closes March 10<sup>th</sup>] – currently 19 Yes – 29 No to having lights off at night. Clerk detailed concerns of a number of 'No' votes.....final result to be announced in newsletter

8. **Highways**:

**A] Western power** Empingham Road/Stamford Road: Clerk received complaints from residents not advised of work and need to park elsewhere: Careless treatment of their fences with equipment being leant upon them. Clerk contacted Western Power who said they had done letter drop. This was disputed. A letter drop was done after this conversation. Work nearly complete

**B] Highways: Accidents Junction Avenue/Private Road to Exton Estate** – scheme request form completed by Clerk on behalf of PC received 10<sup>th</sup> Jan will be considered at Highways and Transport Working Group March 5<sup>th</sup>, parish to be kept informed of progress.

**C] Highways: Coach Road** : Ongoing correspondence - RCC suggesting Exton Estate provide land, parking place and payment machine: management and upkeep of this is not feasible for Estate; charging for parking will likely encourage even more parking on verges not less. Possible danger that site would become used for inappropriate activities. As with item 8B] nobody wishes to see a fatal accident acting as an incentive for the RCC to be more proactive. Exton Estate happy to provide small area of land at nominal rent provided RCC manage the site and activity. Cllr Fox advised new Director of Places in situ at RCC who may be able to consider a different approach.

9. **Spinney update:** Cllr Healey thanked again for work done, he advised next task is grass seed and wild flowers. Ladies Circle offering small donation for seeds. Another suggested allowing grass to grow first then purchasing plugs of wild flowers. Discussion regarding benefits of both schemes. Via newsletter encourage donations of any suitable 'wild' type shrubs such as buddleia to encourage butterflies – noted 'domestic' garden plants not needed – area to be kept as easy natural management.

**Resolved: allowance of approximately £214 for seed/grass/flowers**

10. **Town pump update:** Skillingtons still not visited site to take sample of brickwork; Clerk spoke this evening just prior to meeting - still in their diary to do so. Suggestion made Bowmans [Bob] if working at Exton Hall meanwhile be asked to take sample brick from pillar if speedier option. Clerk to liaise with H Campden. The AIA grant application by Clerk had not been progressed as preliminary application had resulted in advice from their scrutineer that as there is no actual pump in existence, merely the housing, the project would not be considered feasible for funding. This may apparently be the view of other funding groups.

#### 11. **Planning:**

**2018/1297/FUL** Paddock Land North Springfield Barn, The Avenue, Exton – menege **PC app –RCC app**

**2018/0783/FUL** - Construction of gabion supportive terrace in relation to the stabilisation of the north side of Cuckoo Farm. [**originally PC against RCC app**]... Revised plans received **PC app**

12. **Election:** Clerk had contacted RCC for timeframe of duties involved as this was first election for her: not replied as yet but other sources provided information 'purdah' begins 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Reminder:

Parish and Council Elections - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: followed by

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#### 13. **Payments:**

Post Office: Clerks salary 544.27

Ashley Meeks Spinney including extra day £441.51

Abacus Hire - Spinney £318.49

RCC Street lighting recharge [2<sup>nd</sup> inv in this financial year] £573.571

Leics & Rutland Playing Fields Assoc memb £30

2Commune Licence to 18th April 2020 £342.00

Leics Footpath Assoc 2019 £5

Clerk @ £3 pw personal admin address £156

Colemans £59.18

#### 14. **Any Other Business**

Disturbance by Hunt through the village Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, hounds running across green, gardens, damaged fences, Clerk to write to Master of Foxhounds Andrew Osbourne, Wymondham, regarding inconsiderate behaviour.

April Meeting – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Cllrs Connolly, Campden and Healey indicated their absence Election?, End of Year [31<sup>st</sup> March] Accounts, Name of Internal Auditor to be approved in April Minutes of PC

