

EMPINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL (EPC)

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Audit Hall On Wednesday 08 December 2021

The meeting commenced from 7pm, and finished at 8.05pm

1. PRESENT

Councillors: V. Pheasant (Chairman), J. Corby, H. Canham, D. Duffin, N. Newton, Ward Councillors K. Bool and G. Waller

No members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES (accepted)

The Clerk and Councillor P. Ecclestone.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2021

The draft minutes circulated by email were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING (not covered by other items)

None

7. FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

- a) Financial Report – The Clerk was sick and unable to attend or provide a financial report but advised that further to the report to the previous meeting, with only four further payments issued the estimated balance was £42,818.08. This was noted.
- b) Budget 2022/23 -- The Chairman provided a note detailing expenditure in 2016/17, 2017/18 2018/19 and expenditure on staff costs and other expenditure for years 2019/20 and 2020/21. The meeting noted that the precept for the current year, 2021/22, had been reduced to £5,000 (from £15,000) to take account of increased government grants received. Following a brief discussion EPC decided to defer consideration of the budget to the next meeting in early January 2022 when further more detailed information on expenditure should be available.

8. PLANNING

- a. **Decisions:** EPC noted the following decisions;
2021/1120/LBA; 2021/1066/DIS; 2021/0943/DIS
- b. **Planning Applications:**
2021/1364/CAT Prebendal House, Crocket Lane LE15 8PW; having sought and received further information from RCC, EPC agreed a response of 'no observations'.
2021/1368/OUT Land off Willoughby Drive; EPC considered the outcome of discussions last week and agreed it should object to the proposals on the grounds that the site was outside the Planned Limit for Development (PLD) for Empingham village in the current approved Local Plan. The Chairman will advise RCC accordingly.
- c. **Local Plan:** Ward Councillors advised that progress to prepare a new Draft Local Plan was slow due to staff constraints, and that there should soon be a 'call for sites' and parishes should be able comment on planned limits for development. No definite information was available about whether new housing at Quarry farm would count against Rutlands' requirement to provide new housing.

9. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

Cllr Canham reported that RCC has come back with reference to Highfields Close to have a feasibility study conducted. Fix My Street is still much hit and miss with communication and Cllr Canham is currently in communication with RCC Highways regarding some posts that have been on there for a few months with no action.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

October Crime Report.

BCTCOMMS NHS East Leicestershire and Rutland bulletin.

NHS West Leicestershire; report of findings of a public consultation.

BT phone exchange; progress enquiry from a Parish resident.

Letter to Councillors regarding Mallard Pass Solar Farm Development from Local MP.

NHS West Leicestershire; plans to invest in and improve the way adult mental health care is delivered across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Anglian Water; Rutland Water Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 January at Anglian Water Bird Watching Centre at Egleton, Oakham.

11. PLAYFIELD

Cllr H. Canham shared some possible options of replacement recycled heavy duty benches with the meeting and sent out to all councillors to see her vision to comment on. Cllr Canham will arrange a projection for cost of benches to be purchased.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting (to include the 2022/23 Precept) will be held at 7pm on 12 January 2022 at the Audit Hall.

Date:

Signed:

Chairman of Empingham Parish Council