

**East Donyland Parish Council**  
Full Parish Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
St Lawrence School, Rectory Rd, Rowhedge starting 7.00pm.

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Phil George, Richard Helliwell, Anna Appleyard, Doug Clay, Nina Crouchman, Peter Case, Tracie Guy & Dave Myers; Clerk Elizabeth Nelson-Hayes and 9 members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil George, opened the meeting at 7pm and proposed an additional agenda item “To discuss ongoing issues around conflict of use of the community recreation ground and agree a way forward” – all agreed.

**147/19 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences:** All present

**148/19 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda:** D Myers & P George – pecuniary, item 152/19

**149/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** PG proposed the minutes to be correct, RH 2nd; – all agreed.

**150/19 Have your say! The Chairman will allocate a max.15 minutes to ask members of the public to speak (max. 3 minutes each) on any matters relevant to parish business:**

- Vehicles are using the adjoining roads at the hills development where the footpath is, to manoeuvre, which is a danger as well spoiling the landscaping, could a letter be written to the developer asking for a more permanent solution, there is an interim measure of bollards to deter drivers. Cllr Scordis lends his support to writing a letter with our request.
- Heath Rd, the lack of maintenance makes the area look untidy. Maintenance committee have agreed to have the area tidied.
- Fingerpost; will the council try their best to make sure that ECC do not leave it years before they fix the broken fingerpost on Weir Lane triangle. – *Action the Clerk*
- 20mph consultation; please confirm or find out why Rectory Rd & Head St do not meet the criteria as they are PR1 & PR2 roads. Although the Spine Rd as well as the entire new development is unadopted surely it should be included as it will be eventually, please ask ECC the long-term plans for the road and if it can be included. Suggestions for reducing the speed on Rowhedge Rd include a gateway, could something be done on entry into the village? Legally should there be chevrons on the turning circle please check – *Action the Clerk*
- Towpath; now the path is almost completed, please can a backed bench be installed between the first kissing gate at the end of the moorings and the Lagoon. To find out-*Action the Clerk*

**151/19 To receive and note reports from:**

- i) **County Councillor, Kevin Bentley:** absent, no report.
- ii) **CBC Ward Councillors, Lee Scordis;** A brief explanation as in previous month about the foul smell, Bloor development are using septic tanks as they are not connected up to main sewerage yet and the company at the Hythe has put a lid on a container- the smell should be dramatically reduced, if you do smell it please inform the ward councillors. Cllr Fox has a locality budget & has awarded £1000 to the Rowhedge Youth Group, RHT have requested funds to do a viability study on purchasing the pump house.  
EDPC thanked the Councillors for their reports and attending our meetings.
- iii) **The Clerk:** report noted.

**152/19 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Appleyard & Clay:**

Cllr Myers & George left the meeting for this item. NC proposed the list be approved, TG 2<sup>nd</sup> – all agreed. More detail in invoices is required, to have a proper breakdown of costs to help with the audit trail and also for budgetary control. DM & PG then re-joined the meeting. *Action – the Clerk*

**153/19 To note the draft minutes from the Maintenance meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December:** noted

**154/19 To agree the budget and parish precept request for 2020-21** it was noted that the precept has stayed the same for yet another year. PG proposed & AA 2<sup>nd</sup> the precept figures & the budget for 2020-21-all agreed– *Action the Clerk*

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**155/19 To decide if the Council would like to support the Local Electricity Bill;** After a short discussion where it was thought that local businesses could provide electricity for local residents and there be a choice of local provider, RH proposed & AA 2<sup>nd</sup> to issue EDPC's support for this bill – all agreed. – *Action the Clerk*

**156/19 To receive and update on the High St/bottom of Albion St parking problem;** The Clerk read part of an email from Jon Simmons at ECC who recommends more enforcement of the yellow lines as barriers are not recommended in the area. The yellow lines need to be repainted. Disappointment was expressed from the Council about the barrier solution not being viable.

**157/19 To agree the extra expenditure of £680 for work & decide which inspection by Wicksteed is appropriate in the play area;** RH proposed the extra expenditure for the extra work required in the area as well as an accompanied inspection. TG 2<sup>nd</sup> – all agreed. – *Action the Clerk*

**157/19(a) To discuss ongoing issues around conflict of use of the community recreation ground and agree a way forward;** The Chairman had an altercation with the groundsman & corrected misinformation about where dogs can go on the rec. There have been ongoing reports of residents feeling unwelcome walking their dogs on the recreation ground, confrontations have taken place, local organisations have had “run-ins” also. The perception of the Football club is that it is unwelcoming. The football club is an asset and should play an integral role within the village. Bad press reflects badly on the Parish Council as landlords of the rec, at no time should a representative of the football club be displaying intimidating behaviour towards anyone. A meeting has been called for next week, PG proposed that if the complaints continue to be logged then the lease between EDPC and the Football Club could be withdrawn -all agreed

**158/19 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda (refer attached Action List):** The action list was reviewed and the following noted:

- Remove initials of previous clerk from action points

**159/19 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed: *Action – the Clerk***  
i) **Planning application 193044 & 193031, 32 Albion Street; Internal works and single storey extension & removal of trees to facilitate proposed extension.** Noted that the garage is in Stephen Cranfield Close. PG proposed no comment -all agreed.

**Part 2 – Closed to the press and public due to the sensitivity of the item under discussion.**

**160/19 To agree the honorarium for the post of Water Bailiff;** Excellent proactive work by the water bailiff since he has been in post. PG proposed to keep the rate the same as last year (£160) plus a token of appreciation at a modest cost- all agreed – *Action the Clerk*

**The meeting closed at 8.04pm.**

Agreed as a true record.

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Chairman