**Etton Parish Council**

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Etton Parish Council – Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the **14th July 2025** at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

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| Present | |  |  | |
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| Cllr. David Heuck | | DH | Chairman | |
| Cllr. Stuart Bell | | SB | Vice Chairman | |
| Cllr. John Sleight | | JS | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Richard Yeo | | RY | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Gareth Williams | | GW | Councillor | |
| Cllr. Ian Napper | | IN | Councillor | |
| Cllr. John Holmes | | JH | Councillor | |
| **Officers** | |  |  | |
| Catherine Simpson | | CS | Clerk | |
| **Others** | |  |  | |
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|  | | 9 | Members of the public | |
|  |  | | | **Action** |
|  | WELCOME | | |  |
|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Recording Declaration. | | |  |
| **25/26-33** | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** | | |  |
|  | None. | | |  |
| **25/26-34** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** | | |  |
|  | **NOTES:**  *The following provides background information and was not part of the meeting:*  *Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman advised the Clerk that he wanted a dispensation granting to enable Cllr. Ian Napper to speak and vote on item 10. The Clerk advised that a request for a dispensation needed to be in writing and submitted prior to the start of the meeting. The Chairman stated that he would grant one. The Clerk advised that such dispensation should be granted by the Proper Officer and should he proceed in such a way she would need to minute that he was going against her advice.*  Cllr. Ian Napper declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda.  The Chairman allowed a vote to take place on whether Cllr. Napper should be allowed to contribute to item 10 and this was unanimously agreed. | | |  |
| **25/26-35** | **CO-OPTION** | | |  |
|  | **NOTES:**  *The Chairman skipped items 2-6 and began speaking on item 7. No motion was proposed to move items and this was queried by the Clerk.*  There has been no interest shown in the current councillor vacancies. | | |  |

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| **25/26-36** | **MINUTES** |  |
|  | 1. There were no observations from the minutes of the following meetings:   Annual Parish Meeting 12th May  Annual Meeting of Council 12th May  Ordinary Meeting 12th May  Extraordinary Meeting 9th June  Extraordinary Meeting 16th June   1. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the above meetings as a true record. |  |
| **25/26-37** | **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR** |  |
|  | The Chairman asked Cllr. Bell if he wished to resign as Vice Chairman and he confirmed this to be the case. The Clerk advised that she needed this in writing and Cllr. Bell duly obliged. Cllr. Bell was thanked for his years of service.  **RESOLVED:** to elect Cllr. Gareth Williams as Vice Chairman. |  |
| **25/26-38** | **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** that the meeting be temporarily suspended for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow for public participation during which members of the public may address Council on any matter affecting the village.  Members of the public raised concerns over noise emanating from the pub on an evening and ongoing parking issues caused by visitors to the pub. |  |
| **25/26-39** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** |  |
|  | There was no ward councillor presence. |  |
| **25/26-40** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | 1. **RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts to the end of June and sign the bank reconciliation. 2. **RESOLVED:** to approve the payments listed below:   P L Ford £291.75 – vegetation control   1. **RESOLVED:** to retain a balance of £1,000 in the current account to save administration time in transferring money. 2. The Clerk advised that the external auditor had stated that the Council may still claim exemption from audit despite the anomalies in the internal audit.   **RESOLVED:** to approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Exemption Certificate.  Cllr. Bell asked that consideration be given to an additional lighting column. This will be placed on the next agenda. |  |
| **25/26-41** | **ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE** |  |
|  | A discussion took place as to whether the former Light Dragoon pub should be registered as an Asset of Community Value.  The Clerk suggested that the Council may wish to gauge opinion from the residents of the village before a decision is made.  Cllr. Ian Napper did not vote.  **RESOLVED:** to proceed with the application to nominate the pub as an Asset of Community Value. The Clerk will complete the required paperwork. |  |
| **25/26-42** | **WEBSITE & EMAIL – MOVE TO A .GOV.UK DOMAIN** |  |
|  | This will be carried forward to the next meeting. |  |
| **25/26-43** | **STREET FURNITURE** |  |
|  | **RESOLVED:** to replace the planters at the war memorial with donated pots and to repaint the chain link fence.  Mr Trevor Bugg was thanked for his work in looking after the war memorial. |  |

Meeting finished at 20:30

Signature of Chairman:

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