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Etton Parish Council – Minutes of the meeting held on the **10th March 2025** at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

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| Present |  |  |
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| Cllr. John Holmes | JH | Chairman |
| Cllr. John Sleight | JS | Councillor |
| Cllr. David Heuck | DH | Councillor |
| Cllr. Richard Yeo | RY | Councillor |
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| **Officers** |  |   |
| Catherine Simpson | CS | Clerk |
| **Others** |  |  |
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| Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock | JW | Ward Councillor |
| 4 |  | Members of the public |
|  |  | **Action** |
|  | WELCOME |  |
|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Clerk read the Recording Declaration.  |  |
|  | PUBLIC OPEN FORUM |  |
|  | RESOLVED: that the meeting be temporarily suspended for a period of up to 15 minutes for a period of public participation during which members of the public may address the Council on any matter affecting the parish. The following issues were raised:1. Concerns over the planning application for the Light Dragoon site
2. Fly tipping
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| **12/25** | APOLOGIES |  |
|  | Apologies were received from Cllr. Gareth Williams and Cllr. Stuart Bell and the reasons approved. |  |
| **12/26** | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST |  |
|  | None. |  |
| **12/27** | **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)** |  |
|  | 1. **RESOLVED:** to adopt the minutes of the following meetings:

Ordinary meeting 13th January 2025 (RY/DH) |  |
| **12/28** | **WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE** |  |
|  | Cllr. Jeremy Wilcock updated Council on the following issues: |  |
|  | * ERYC has set its budget for 2025/26
* Council tax is increasing by 5%
* There is an ongoing boundary review and a public consultation
* Following the unfortunate incident of a another dog injuring itself by jumping from an old railway bridge along the Hudson Way, ERYC has as a gesture of goodwill agreed to install railings and signage. It is stressed, however, that the onus is on dog owners to ensure that they keep their animals under control at all times.
* The Do it for East Yorkshire grant scheme has reopened for small community projects.
* Improvement to broadband in the region are currently being undertaken
* ERYC has called on the Government to stop installing solar farms on productive farmland.
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| **12/29** | **FINANCE** |  |
|  | 1. The following payments were approved:

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| ERNLLCA | £310.26 | Membership fee |
| Zurich | £394.80 | Insurance |
| Defibrillator Supplies | £408.00 | Battery & pads |
| ERYC | £5331.44 | Lighting column |

1. The accounts to the end of February were approved and the bank reconciliation signed by the Chairman.
2. Business debit card: the Clerk advised that it is not recommended that personal debit cards be used.

**RESOLVED:** to approve an application for a business debit card to be used by the Clerk. |  |
| **12/30** | **PLANNING** |  |
|  | The following application was discussed:25/00355/PLF – Land East of the Light Dragoon**RESOLVED:** that the application be approved in principle but noting the following concerns to be addressed by ERYC:* Over development
* Potentially inadequate drainage and sewage systems
* Height of the proposed dwellings
* Access for pub deliveries
* Parking & access to and from the site
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| **12/31** | **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** |  |
|  | 1. Pest Control: a contract between the Council and ERYC in respect of pest control at the pond would cost £256.44 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED:** to carry this item over to the next meeting pending feedback on the current situation with the rats. |  |
| **12/32** | **EXTERNAL MEETINGS** |  |
|  | None. |  |

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| **12/33** | **PROJECTS & EVENTS** |  |
|  | 1. VE Day 80 – the grant has been applied for from ERYC and the fish and chip van booked. It has previously been agreed that there will be no firework display.

Cllr. Holmes to speak to the person who can give permission to light the beacon & hold a street party.1. Village picnic – there are two potential dates which are the 1st or the 15th June and the actual date is to be confirmed.
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| **12/34** | **ADMINISTRATION** |  |
|  | 1. Payroll: the Clerk has advised that it is best practise to outsource payroll.

**RESOLVED:** to outsource the payroll to Kaye Middleton in Pocklington.1. Internal auditor: the Clerk has advised that it is best practise to engage a specialist local government auditor.

**RESOLVED:** to employ the services of Richard Dixon of Public Sector Audit.1. Insurance: the Schedule of cover has been circulated. The Clerk advised that the current policy is a specialist one for local authorities and gave an outline of the cover in provided.

**RESOLVED:** to renew the policy with Zurich.1. Annual Parish Meeting: the Clerk suggested that Council might want to invite a guest speaker to this year’s meeting, however, it was agreed to revisit this idea in 2026.
2. Delivery of meeting papers: due to the increase in postage costs and the improvements in modern technology the Clerk suggested that Council refrain from sending meeting papers through the post and more use is made of email.

**RESOLVED:** to stop sending meeting papers via Royal Mail. Members should print their own copies or bring their own device to meetings. The Clerk will continue to fetch a few copies of the agenda to future meetings for members of the public. |  |
| **12/35** | **EXTERNAL MEETINGS** |  |
|  | Nothing to report. |  |
| **12/36** | **CORRESPONDENCE** |  |
|  | All relevant emails have been circulated. |  |
| **12/37** | **COUNCILLORS EXCHANGE & AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | An extraordinary meeting will need to be arranged to discuss the latest planning application for the Light Dragoon. |  |
| **12/38** | **NEXT MEETING** |  |
|  | The next scheduled meeting will take place on the 12th May in the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Meeting of Council. A date for the extraordinary meeting is to be agreed. |  |

Meeting finished at 21:10

Signature of Chairman:

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