

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors- J Austen, K Deffley, E Fisher, C Gare, J Kenyon, L Kirton, C Renwick, B Ridgway and J Ridgway

Others- M Gazur (RFO), R Bullimore (Clerk), R Hill (Assistant Clerk) 3 members of public

18/812 Apologies for absence

A Dye (illness) C Hunt (family issue) and C Harper (work).

18/813 Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED to discuss item 17D after public speaking.

18/814 To Receive Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, Kirton, B Ridgway and J Ridgway declared a personal interest in Minute No 838 Planning they stayed in the room whilst the item was discussed.

18/815 Members of the Public

A member of S21 Live, a local group who teach ages ranging from 2 and a half to 72 year olds how to play musical instruments asked the Council to consider their grant application favourably.

Residents affected by a planning application asked for the Councils support in opposing the application.

No police figures available

18/816 Minutes of a Parish Council held 6th November 2018

RESOLVED Minutes 18/782 – 18/811 of a Council Meeting held 6 November 2018 received and approved

The Chair duly signed minutes.

18/817 Minutes of Finance Working Party meetings held 12th and 26th November 2018.

RESOLVED Minutes 13/18 – 26/18 of Finance Working Party meetings held 12th and 26th November 2018 received and recommendations adopted.

18/818 Minutes of a Staff Working Party Meeting held 22 November 2018

RESOLVED Minutes 42/18 – 45/18 of a Staff Working Party meeting held 22nd November 2018 received and recommendations adopted.

- 18/819 Meeting to Discuss Eckington Market
RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported on a meeting held 15th November to discuss ways to improve Eckington Market. It was suggested that the weekly market be opened up to car boot sales on the first Friday of the month, starting in April 2019. A Food, Real Ale and Craft Festival to be held in June 2019. Banners and Advertising boards to be purchased to promote the market. RESOLVED Clerk to arrange a meeting for Councillors to discuss the Food Festival in more detail.
- 18/820 Funding
RESOLVED to note the Clerks funding report. RESOLVED to apply for funding to install defibrillators in locked cabinets at Ravencar, Green Lawns and at Eckington Civic Centre.
- 18/821 Grant Application
RESOLVED to award £200 to S21 Live, the payment is to be deferred until the Clerk has seen a copy of their bank statement.
Derbyshire County Councillor Brian Ridgway agreed to donate £200 to S21 Live out of his community fund allowance.
- 18/822 Debt Management Policy
REOLVED to adopt a Debt Management Policy.
- 18/823 Roaming Farm Animals
RESOLVED to note a letter from a resident about cows roaming freely around Eckington Comprehensive School and in the playing fields.
- 18/824 Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre and Citizens Advice Bureau
RESOLVED to note the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre and Citizens Advice Bureau Eckington residents' attendance and support figures for the previous year.
- 18/825 Universal Credit
RESOLVED Councillor Fisher reported on the public event held at Eckington Civic Centre in November about the roll out of Universal Credit. She expressed her disappointment on the low number of Councillors who attended. Councillor Renwick asked for details of where to sign post people to help them get practical support. RESOLVED Universal Credit be added to be a permanent item on the agenda
- 18/826 County Council Modification Order footpath
RESOLVED to note the County Council Modification Order footpath Bramley Road to Lightwood Road, Marsh Lane consultation is open for

comments. The footpath had been previously missed off the map and it has now been included.

18/827 Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall car park.

Clerk reported on the recent problem with hate crime and criminal damage at Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall. RESOLVED to note the police have been very proactive. A letter to be sent to the police inviting them to attend any future incidents on the Parish land without prior approval from the Council. Clerk to liaise with Councillor Ridgway and the police to find a solution.

18/828 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 -A6135 junction 30 M1

RESOLVED to note a proposal to make a new order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the A6135 at junction 30 of the M1.

18/829 Derbyshire County Council 2019/20 Budget consultation

RESOLVED to note Derbyshire County Council 2019/20 Budget consultation is available for comments.

18/830 Bromehead Trust Charity Constitution.

Members considered a letter from the Trustees of the Bromehead General Trust explaining why they had changed their constitution, the letter invites the Council to appoint a Councillor representative onto the Trust RESOLVED a Councillor will be appointed if the Trustees amend their Constitution to include a Parish Councillor.

18/831 Silhouette Soldiers

RESOLVED Clerk to contact the churches in the parish to ask if they would like to display the silhouette soldiers in their churches until they are required by the Parish Council.

18/832 Gleadless Allotments

The Clerk informed Members that the resident who lives at the access to Gleadless allotments has no objection to lawful access. He would like to install a gate or barrier and issue the allotment tenants with a key to prevent unlawful access. Gates and barriers have been installed before by the allotment association and there were continuous problems with the locks being cut off and keys having to be replaced. RESOLVED the problem is to be continued to be monitored, Clerk to send required documents to the solicitor.

18/833 Marsh Lane Community Hall Management Committee

The Chair, Clerk, Councillor Dye and Chair of the Community Hall Premises met with the Chair of Marsh Lane Community Hall Management Committee to outline and discuss the content of a letter from a user group at Marsh Lane Community Hall. RESOLVED Chair

of the Community Hall and Premises Committee to be invited to all Committee meetings and a copy of the Minutes of all meeting to be sent to the Council for information.

18/834 Items for information

RESOLVED to note the November items for information were made available.

18/835 Cemetery report

There have been 1 internment, 2 new memorials and 1 inscription.

18/836 Market Report

RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 26th October 4 stalls
Week ending 2nd November 2 stalls
Week ending 9th November 3 stalls
Week ending 16th November 4 stalls

18/837 Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) November 2018 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
- b) November 2018 Accounts Overview.
- c) To note cheque/Bacs payments since the last meeting.
- d) Budget Summary.
- e) November 2018 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors B Ridgway and J Ridgway.
- f) Cemetery Management Accounts
- g) Civic Centre Management Accounts
- h) To approve the budget including drawing on the reserves)
- i) Approve virement between reserve fund headings (as indicated)
- j) To approve a precept figure of £274,000 for 2019/20.
- k) To acknowledge approval and acceptance of the annual return for 2017/2018 and the external auditor's certification. To acknowledge that there were no matters raised by the external auditor.
- l) To ratify donation of a raffle prize in aid of Bluebell Wood from the Chairs allowance.
- h) To make a donation to Rainbows Nursery of two event tickets for a raffle prize.
- m) To approve staff Christmas box of £120 for full time staff and £60 for part-time staff.
- n) To approve a maximum budget of £500 for team building event.

18/838 Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received
7th November 2018 – 4th December 2018.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received
November 2018 – 4th December 2018.

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18/01091/FL Land to The North West of Ford Valley Farm Ford Road Marsh Lane Change of use and alteration to agricultural buildings to stables and ancillary storage use (Conservation Area) (Private Drainage System) (Affecting Public Right of Way) RESOLVED to note the Council are concerned about the two public footpaths on this land and to ask that the application does not cause any obstruction or diversion to these public right of ways.

18/01116/FL and 18/01117/LB Conversion of Traditional Buildings to B1(a) Office Use, A3 Cafe and D1 Museum/Function Room; Conversion of Farm Building to B1(c) Joiners Workshop; Demolition of Existing Agricultural Buildings and the Provision of Car Parking (Conservation Area/Listed Building/Resubmission of 17/01251/FL) Renishaw Hall Renishaw Park Renishaw. The loss of these buildings would only leave arable farming and this without dairy side of the farming would be unsustainable. RESOLVED To object to the application as this is an over development it will affect the aspect and be detrimental to the conservation area. The threshing barn is a listed building and still in use. The land is Green Belt and there would need to be special circumstances to justify development in this area. This is a viable farm and its demise would have an impact on up to 170 people. It is one of the last working farms in the district and a part of Eckington's heritage and the home of one of the top ten dairy herds in the country. This farming business supports the wildlife and the habitat and home to a protective species of bats. Removing some of the current buildings would only leave the arable side of the business. To enable the farm to be sustainable and traceable the business needs dairy, beef and arable farming.

Value of Community Asset

RESOLVED to note a Community Right to Bid has been registered with the District Council for the Duke of York Public House at Eckington. The nomination will be reviewed and be determined by 18th January 2019. A student from Sheffield University is to interview Councillors and create an article "local community tries to bring new life into pub"