

## Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

### Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; E Fisher; C Harper J.S. Ridgway; and C Tite;

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); R Hill (Assistant Clerk) 15 members of the Public.

18/1 Apologies for Absence  
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Renwick, Deffley and Dye (other appointments) Gare (illness) Hunt (family illness).

18/2 Chairs Announcement  
The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting and explained what would be covered at the meeting

18/3 Chairs Report  
The Chair delivered his Annual Report which is to be published on the Parish website.

18/4 2017/18 Grant Recipients

### **Verbal reports were received from recipients of the Parish Council Grant award scheme during 2017/18**

Eckington Town Team thanked the Council for the £200 grant awarded to support their Christmas event. It was used for a DJ and the Woodhouse Prize band. The Town Team have published a consultation in their newsletter to ask residents what improvements they would like to see in Eckington town centre. They are working in partnership with the Parish Council with a planter project these should be installed and planted up in time for the summer at the gateways to the villages in the parish. There is to be a curling tournament in the Civic Centre 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Nine teams will be competing a winners' trophy was provided by the Parish Council.

Eckington Bowling Club thanked the Council for their grant award which has been used to buy paint and provide seating to improve the visual impact of the grounds. The club which has been running for 100 years would like to welcome new members.

Freedom Community Church thanked the Council for their grant which is being used to provide free refreshments at a community café in Renishaw Thursday mornings. The charity provides help and support in the community for people in need. They will be at Renishaw Annual Open Day 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 showcasing what support they can provide.

Eckington Summer Festival thanked the Council for their continued support, the festival is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year. This free event for the whole family which attracts around 2,000 visitors.

Rainbows Play Group thanked the Council for the grant awarded, it was used to pay for mobile wifi in their new premises.

LBGT which was set up last year to support young people who may be struggling in the LBGT community thanked the Council for the financial support which has enabled them to set up a youth centre and activities for teenagers in the area.

18/4 Bromehead Charity Report

Councillor Beecher one of the Council's representative of the Bromehead Charity explained about the ethos of the charity. The charity was started in 1881 to support the poor and vulnerable. Over £6,000 has been provided to community groups in Eckington this year.

18/5 Camms School Report

The Chair explained that the Camms Charity ethos is of the similar vein as the Bromehead Trust Charity.

18/6 Fracking

Campaigners who are against Fracking reported on the work that they have been involved with to object to exploratory drilling at Marsh Lane and other areas in England.