

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday 21st April 2017 at 6pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

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

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); 6 members of the Public.

17/1 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Deffley, Dye (family commitments) Kirton (illness).

17/2 Chairs Announcement

The Chair welcomed Councillor Esther Fisher onto the Council as South Ward to Eckington. Councillor Fisher introduced herself to the Council, gave a brief description of her background and said she was really looking forward to working with the Council.

The Chair thanked Councillor Beecher for the work on the Arches Project.

17/3 Chairs Report

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

17/4 Members of the Public

Leader Programme Officer Mr Richard Madin gave a presentation about the BNED Leader programme 2014 – 2020 to encourage people to apply for a grant before the UK exit Brexit. European funding is available for businesses in rural areas to expand and employ more staff.

Verbal Reports were received from recipients of the Parish Council grant award scheme during 2016/17;

Chair of North East Derbyshire District Council, Councillor Stephen Peters, the grant from the Parish Council is to go to Western Park Cancer Hospital. During his term of office he has currently raised over £8,000 and he is hoping to raise a total amount of £10,000.

Councillor Gare said Marsh Lane TARA used their grant to pay for public liability insurance. The play area at Marsh Lane was not being used as much as they thought it should have been. When they asked people why, they said it was because it was very dark and uninviting because of the over grown hedge. Two Councillors, volunteers and staff from Rykneld Homes reduced the height of the hedge by layering it. The Parish Council collected and removed the waste from the site and it is now a much more welcoming play area.

Esther Fisher used the grant to put on a film showing of I Daniel Blake as part of UNITE which enabled 180 people to watch the film for free. Not as many

young people has she would have liked watched the film so she is going to visit local schools to see if she can arrange for the film to be shown to year 10 and 11 students. People donated food and toiletries for New Hope Food Bank and in addition £233 was raised during the showing which will be given to the food bank.

The Over 60s Club started 35 years ago and provides a lifeline for the elderly residents living in the parish. The club, run by volunteers is very successful and makes a good profit. It provides weekly lunches, bingo, raffles, day trips, holidays, theatre trips. The Parish Council subsidises the room hire charge for this group.

The Clerk read out reports received from grant recipients;

Rainbows play group, used the grant to buy an online children's record keeping system. The staff have found the system saves time and helps them to better understand and educate children.

St Mathews church, the grant is to go towards a war memorial at Renishaw

Acorn Toddler group, the grant was used to purchase new toys and craft materials. The children were very excited to play with the new toys and enjoyed their craft activities – the messier the better!

Eckington Town Team, the grant was used to pay Woodhouse Prize Band and for a DJ at their Christmas event. Both bookings proved very successful and added to the family atmosphere and enjoyment of everyone who attended.

17/5 Camms School Report

The trustees spent £1001.78 last year, leaving a balance of £42,664.28. The objectives of the Trust are to provide money to children living in the parish who are in financial need. Grants are provided for training, clothing, tools, books and other items.

17/6 Bromehead Charity Report

The Bromehead Charity was started by Reverend Bromehead in 1881 to support the poor and vulnerable. There is £102,000 in an investment fund available to donate anyone in need who live in the parish of Eckington. There are three Trustees of the charity, Councillor Beecher, Councillor Kirton and Reverend Andrew Walker. They are reviewing how the trust is managed and intend to promote the charity.