

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; K Deffley; C Gare; C Harper (arrived 7.45pm); C Hunt; L Kirton; J Marsh; J.S. Ridgway; and C Tite;

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M Gazur (RFO) 3 members of the Public and 1 member of the police.

- 17/358 Appointment of Chair
RESOLVED Councillor Brian Ridgway was appointed Chair.
- 17/359 Declaration of Office
RESOLVED Councillor Brian Ridgway signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
- 17/360 Apologies for Absence
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Dye, Fisher, Ibbotson and Renwick.
- 17/361 Appointment of Vice Chair
RESOLVED Councillor Gare was appointed Vice Chair.
- 17/362 Election of Open Spaces Committee
Members agreed that the Open Spaces Committee should meet on a quarterly basis RESOLVED Councillors Deffley, Dye, Gare, Hunt, Kirton, B Ridgway, J Ridgway, Roberts and Tite to remain on the Open Spaces Committee.
- 17/363 Election of the Community Hall & Premises Committee
Members agreed that the Community Hall & Premises Committee should meet on a quarterly basis RESOLVED Councillors Austen, Harper, Beecher, Charlesworth, Gare, Marsh, Renwick and B Ridgway to remain on the Community Hall & Premises Committee.
- 17/364 Appointment of cheque signatories
RESOLVED Austen, Gare, Harper, Harper, Hunt, Marsh and B Ridgway appointed as authorised cheque signatories.
- 17/365 Appointment of internal auditor
RESOLVED to appoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services as the Council's independent internal Auditors for 2017/18.
- 17/366 Standing Orders
RESOLVED to reaffirm the Standing Orders.
- 17/367 Financial Regulations
RESOLVED to reaffirm the Financial Regulations.
- 17/368 Clerks Delegated Powers
RESOLVED to reaffirm the Clerks Delegated Powers.

- 17/369 Model Publication Scheme
RESOLVED to reaffirm the Model Publication Scheme.
- 17/370 Health & Safety Policy
RESOLVED to review the Health & Safety Policy within the next twelve months.
- 17/371 Equal Opportunities Code of Practice
RESOLVED to review the Equal Opportunities Code of Practice within the next twelve months.
- 17/372 Complaints Procedure
RESOLVED to reaffirm the Complaints Procedure.
- 17/373 Community Engagement Strategy
RESOLVED to reaffirm the Community Engagement Strategy.
- 17/374 Allotment Strategy
RESOLVED to reaffirm the Allotment Strategy.
- 17/375 Digital Strategy
RESOLVED to approve and adopt the amendments of the Digital Strategy.
- 17/376 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, Hunt, J Ridgway and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute 17/397 Planning.

17/377 Members of the Public

Mr Bill Tomlinson, chair of the Derbyshire Children’s Holiday Centre thanked the Council for the grant awarded to their charity. The money will be used to enable children less fortunate than others to go on a residential holiday. He asked the Council if they could publicise the charities scheme. The Chair thanked Mr Tomlinson and the work of the charity.

Mr Wright reported on the proposal to hold a Comedy Night at the Civic Centre to raise funds for Bluebell Wood. He asked that the Council consider his grant request favourably.

Police

The police reported on the April crime figures for the Parish of Eckington. The figures were down by 25% compared to the previous month. Councillor Kirton informed the police that residents thought someone was poisoning dogs on the Barratt Estate. Councillor Brian Ridgway asked if the police would look into a report of criminal damage at Eckington Market. The Clerk informed the police that there is a group of up to twenty youths aged between 13 and 20 who are gathering near the Civic Centre, they do not appear to be doing anything wrong but it is intimidating to other members of the public. She asked the police to monitor the situation. She also informed them about a problem with vandalism on the play area at Ash Crescent and asked them to patrol the area.

- 17/378 Exempt Items
RESOLVED "In view of the confidential nature Minute 17/392 was moved to the exempt part of the meeting, the Press and Public were excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960. S1. In order to discuss the item".
- 17/379 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 4th April 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/337 – 17/357 of a Parish Council Meeting held 4th April 2017.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.
- 17/380 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 21st April 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/1 – 17/6 of the Annual Parish Meeting held 21st April 2017.
- 17/381 Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held 20th April 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 52/17 – 64/17 of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held 20th April 2017.
- 17/382 DALC Seminar
The Clerk reported on a DALC Seminar held on 27 April that she along with Councillor Austen attended. Clerk to add a DALC quiz about Councils to the next agenda.
- 17/383 Marketing and Events
Clerk informed members that the Easter Disco was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Children's Tribute Act event was cancelled due to the promoters lack of interest.

The Civic Centre Open Day which was arranged to showcase the buildings recent improvements was a great success. The centre received three confirmed bookings and four potential bookings. The Clerk worked in partnership with the Library, who provided story and rhyme sessions, a children's treasure hunt and a quiz about the buildings in the town centre for adults. It was estimated that around 480 people visited the centre. The wedding suite, sponsored by local supplier 'You Can Hire' was dressed to impress. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, Hardyal Dhindsa cut the ribbon at a ceremony to welcome the two decorative arches into the town centre. Photos have been placed on social media.
- 17/384 Funding
The Council's funding application to Viridor Credits to provide funding for the installation of solar panels and a new lighting system has got through to the next stage. On the 9th May a Liaison Officer is to visit the Civic Centre to inspect the building.

The Council's funding expression of interest to BNED Leader Fund to provide funding for further improvements to the Civic Centre has been approved. The Clerk and Councillor Austen are to attend a Master Class at the District Council

Offices on the 8th May for advice on completing the application form.
RESOLVED to enter into a Service Level of Agreement with North East Derbyshire Business Developments Ltd for the, third party contribution towards the project.

- 17/385 Parish Council Action Plan 201/18
RESOLVED To approve and adopt the amendments to the Action Plan for 2017/18.
- 17/386 Footpath from Bramley Road to Lightwood Road
Members considered an application for an Order to add a public right of way on the Definitive Map RESOLVED Clerk to send a letter in support of the application to add a footpath from Bramley Road to Lightwood Road on the right of way Definitive Map.
- 17/387 Online Booking System
RESOLVED to agree to the purchase of an online booking system. Clerk to apply for a free 90day trial to test the system and find out what software is required.
- 17/388 Electoral Review of North East Derbyshire: Draft Recommendations
RESOLVED to object to the name of the wards being changed and to recommend that the community identity names remain the same.
- 17/389 Naming of the rooms at Eckington Civic Centre
RESOLVED to put forward names for both rooms in the Civic Centre and ask visitors to the Summer Festival to vote on for their favourite.
- 17/390 Camms Board Trustee
RESOLVED to nominate Councillor Harper on the Camms Board of Trustees.
- 17/391 Floral displays
RESOLVED to allocate a £600 budget out of the reserves for a planting scheme at the Civic Centre.
- 17/392 Grant Application
RESOLVED to award £100 towards the cost of hiring the Civic Centre to Killa Comedy who are putting on a Comedy Show to raise funds for Bluebell Wood.

RESOLVED to defer an application received from Renishaw Forward tenants and residents group due to them not sending all the relevant information required.
- 17/393 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the May items for information were made available.
- 17/394 Cemetery Report
RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there was 2 new Memorials and 1 new graves.
- 17/395 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 31st March - 6

Week ending 7th April – 5
Week ending 14th April - Bank holiday
Week ending 21st April – 5

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Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) March 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
- b) March 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
- c) March 2017 Accounts Overview.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- h) March 2017 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt & B. Ridgway.
- i) Year End accounts as of 31st March 2017.
- j) Receipts and payments Summary for Year End 31st March 2017.
- k) Income and Expenditure Summary for Year End 31st March 2017.
- l) Creditors, Debtors, Receipts and Payments in advance as at 31st March 2017.
- m) Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement Nos 1-8 in the affirmative and confirm that 9 is not applicable in relation to the Year End 31st March 2017.
- n) Section 2 of the Accounting Statement as declared in the Annual Audit Return in relation to the Year End 31st March 2017.
- o) RESOLVED to receive the 31st March 2017 independent auditors report and to note its content
- p) RESOLVED to note the Notice of Date of Commencement of Period for the exercise of Public Rights Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2017. Any rights of inspection, objection and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days commencing on the 5th June 2017 and ending on the 16th July 2017.

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Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 5th April 2017 – 2nd May 2017.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 5th April 2017 – 2nd May 2017.

RESOLVED to note the response from the department of business, energy & institute strategy in response to the letter sent stating Eckington Parish Council's decision to oppose fracking. Clerk to add the letter to the website and social media pages.