

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); H Charlesworth; A Dye, C Gare; C. Harper, C Hunt, J Ibbotson; L Kirton; J Marsh, J.S. Ridgway; C Renwick, G Roberts; C Tite.

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO) C. 98 members of the Public and a reporter from the Derbyshire Times.

17/290 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Austen, Gare and Hunt.

17/291 Declarations of Members Interest

Councillors Dye and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute 16/292 Fracking. They reserved the right to speak on the subject, they did not vote.

17/292 Fracking

Parish Councillors debated the proposed application by INEOS to drill an exploratory well in the Marsh Lane area.

RESOLVED This parish council will object in the future to any hydronic drilling, exploration for gas and oil and fracking on any land in the Parish Boundary.

The Chair asked for two senior people in the Eckington Against Fracking (EAF) organisation to be nominated to liaise with the Clerk to create a clear line of communication with the Parish Council.

17/293 Members of the Public

Members of the public thanked the Council for organising tonight's meeting and for their support in opposing fracking. EAF action group informed the Council that they have formed a committee and regular meetings are to take place.

An eight year, old child read out a letter he had written to the Prime Minister to ask if he could see her to explain how worried he and his family are about fracking.