

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; E Charlesworth; K Deffley; A Dye; C Harper; L Kirton; C Renwick; J.S. Ridgway; and C Tite;

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M Gazur (RFO) 7 members of the Public and 1 member of the police.

17/337 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Gare and Hunt (illness) Marsh (work).

17/338 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, J Ridgway and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute 17/357 Planning.

17/339 Members of the Public

The Chair presented a cheque to a representative from Ridgeway Village in Bloom awarded from the Parish Community Grant Scheme.

Police

The police reported on the latest crime figures for the Parish of Eckington. Councillor Dye asked for the police to investigate parking issues in Ridgeway.

17/340 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 7th March 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/315 – 17/336 of a Parish Council Meeting held 7th March 2017.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

17/341 Civic Centre

Renovations

Clerk informed the Council that an application to fund the installation of LED lighting and solar panels has been sent to Viridor Credit. A contribution of 10% of the amount awarded is required from a contributing third party. RESOLVED to agree to organise fundraising events to raise the 10% contribution.

A Leader Fund application for improvements to the disabled toilet, back office, artist room, kitchen and an online booking system has been assessed and has been chosen to go to the next stage.

Committee

The Council accept the Civic Centre Committee's recommendations. Clerk and the Chair to meet with the Civic Centre staff to inform them of the changes to their working practices.

- 17/342 Marketing and Events
Clerk informed members that ticket sales for the Easter Disco is very slow.

Plans are in place for the Civic Centre Open Day, Local supplier 'You Can Hire' has agreed to sponsor the wedding suite.
- 17/343 Finance Committee
RESOLVED to appoint a Finance Scrutiny Committee to review the Civic Centre profit and loss figures. Members to include the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Hall & Premises Committee, Councillor Renwick and two other Councillors.
- 17/344 Calendar of Meetings
RESOLVED To approve the calendar of meetings for 2017/18.
- 17/345 Co-option of Councillor
Members considered an application for Co-option to the Parish Council
RESOLVED Esther Fisher appointed as Councillor to the South Ward of Eckington.
- 17/346 DALC Membership
RESOLVED to renew DALC basic membership subscriptions.
- 17/347 SLCC Membership
RESOLVED to renew SLCC membership subscriptions.
- 17/348 Over 60s Club
Members considered a copy of a letter sent to the Over 60s Club regarding a ruling that prevents members who have moved out of the parish due to illness and or necessity from attending the club RESOLVED the Chair of the club to be invited to a meeting with the Clerk and the Chair of the Parish Council to discuss their constitution and the use of the Civic Centre.
- 17/349 Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire 2017 Voluntary Section Awards
Nominations for the 2017 Voluntary Section Awards are open, with a closing date of Friday 8th September RESOLVED Councillors to send nominations to the Clerk.
- 17/350 Redundant Electric Organ
RESOLVED to donate an electric organ that is currently in storage to St Winifred's. Clerk to inform them that it may need repairs and it does not have a valid portable appliance test certificate.
- 17/351 Grant Application
Members considered a grant application from Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre, who provide holidays for disadvantaged children RESOLVED to award £1,00 towards the cost to fund holidays for children living in the parish of Eckington.
- 17/352 10K Project
RESOLVED Open Spaces to recommend a project for the balance remaining in the 10K project budget.

- 17/353 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the April items for information were made available.
- 17/354 Cemetery Report
RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there was 6 new Memorials and 3 new graves.
- 17/355 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 3rd March - 2
Week ending 10th March – 5
Week ending 17th March –4
Week ending 24th March – 5
- 17/356 Finance
RESOLVED to approve:
a) February 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
b) February 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
c) February 2017 Accounts Overview.
d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
e) Cash Flow Projection.
f) Budget Summary.
h) February 2017 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt & B. Ridgway.

Unity Trust Bank plc

RESOLVED

1. The Council wishes to open an account with Unity Trust Bank plc (the Bank) and produced to the meeting a copy of the Banks Terms and Conditions for operating the account.
2. The Banks Terms and Conditions are approved and we appoint the Bank as its Bankers.
3. The Banks Terms and Conditions may vary from time to time and we agree to be bound by them.
4. The Mandate for the operation of the bank account(s), payment instructions and banking services be approved and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the bank procedures.
5. The Bank is entitled to rely upon this Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it.

- 17/357 Planning
RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 8th March 2017 – 4th April 2017.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 8th March 2017 – 4th April 2017.

RESOLVED

17/00277/TPO application to crown reduce 1 beech tree 31 Main Road, Renishaw. Tree not to be felled only to be reduced.

17/00267/FL Application for the construction of a building to accommodate four ground floor offices and four self contained flats, Northgate House, Market Street, Eckington. Objection – The development is inappropriate it would have an impact on the amenity of residents and local businesses. It is contrary to Eckington Town Framework Document. A residential development on this site would severely compromise the aims of the regeneration of the town centre contained in the Supplementary Planning Document.

Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED to suspend standing orders at 9pm and to continue with the meeting.

Fracking

RESOLVED to note a letter received from a resident registering her objection to any fracking at Marsh Lane.

RESOLVED to minute a residents' objection to an INEOS fracking meeting being held at Marsh Lane Community Hall.