

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; A Dye; E Fisher; C Gare; J Marsh; C Renwick; C Hunt; J Ridgway and C Tite arrived at 7.25pm.

Others: R Bullimore (Clerk) M Gazur (RFO) R Hill (Assistant Clerk)
12 members of the public.

17/507 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Deffley and Kirton (Illness) Charlesworth (Work).

17/508 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, Hunt, J Ridgway and B Ridgway declared a personal interest in Minute No 529 Planning they stayed in the room whilst the item was discussed.

17 /509 Members of the Public

The Chair presented cheques to the winners of the 2018 Eckington Calendar competition.

A representative from Eckington Town Team reported on the difficulties they were having getting power from the retailers for the Christmas lights. They asked the Council to work in partnership in 2018 with a number of projects.

17/510 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 7th November 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/477 – 17/504 of a Parish Council Meeting held 7th November 2017.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

17/511 Minutes of a Budget Review meeting held 16th November 2017.

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/505 – 17/506 of a Budget Review meeting held 16th November 2017.

17/512 Funding

RESOLVED to note:

The Council has received the final payment from Viridor Credits for the funding of the solar panels and LED lighting at the Civic Centre.

BNEF Leader Funding – The stage lighting and audio systems for the Derbyshire Suite and the Bluebell Suite have been installed. The remainder of the equipment and work will be purchased and completed in the new year.

The 'Awards for All' funding application has been approved. The new equipment will be installed at Darcy Road and Ridgeway play areas in 2018.

Ford Picnic Area Project – A meeting with the Clerk, Parish Councillors and District Council Officers took place on the 13th November. A public consultation is to take place to find out what people would like to see happen at this site.

- 17/513 Marketing and Events
RESOLVED to note the Assistant Clerks Marketing & Events report.
- 17/514 Finance Working Party
RESOLVED to create a Finance Working Party and to appoint representatives from the Open Spaces and Community Hall and Premises Committees.
- 17/515 Grant Applications
RESOLVED to award £200 to Eckington Bowls Club to help with costs of the maintenance of the green, fencing and floodlighting.
- RESOLVED to award £100 to Chesterfield Canal Trust towards the cost of publicity materials for a Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival to be held 15th to 23rd September 2018.
- 17/516 Derbyshire Lamp Post Poppy Campaign
Members considered a complaint about the number of poppies attached to the lamp posts in Eckington Parish as part of this year's Derbyshire Lamp Post Poppy Campaign. RESOLVED to approve the Clerks actions. 43 poppies were erected to street lighting columns that had a valid structural test certificate. RESOLVED to note the Killamarsh branch of the Royal British Legion congratulated the Council for the heart-warming tribute.
- 17/517 Marsh Lane B6056 Proposed 40 mph Speed Limit
Following a consultation into a proposal for a 40mph speed limit near Marsh Lane school, Derbyshire County Council having been unable to secure support from the police have decided not to go ahead with the speed reduction on this section of road. RESOLVED to note members are extremely disappointed with the decision not to reduce the speed limit in this area near Marsh Lane School. Clerk to write a letter to the County Council to inform them of the Councils grave concerns about the safety of the children crossing the road to and from school. A copy of the letter to be sent to the community safety team.
- 17/518 Funding Logos
RESOLVED to add Viridor Credits, BNED Leader Fund and 'Awards For All' logos to the Parish Council and Civic Centre websites and the Parish Council letterhead.
- 17/519 Eckington Town Team
Members considered a request from Eckington Town Team for the Parish Council to provide insurance cover for seven planters to be installed at the gateways to the villages in the parish of Eckington RESOLVED Clerk to contact the District Council to clarify whether insurance from a third party is acceptable. Clerk to meet with representatives from the Town Team in the new year to discuss partnership working.

The Council thanked the Town Team for the work they had done for the community.

- 17/520 DALC Grave Matters Training Session
RESOLVED to receive a report and to note that the Clerk and Councillor Kirton attended a DALC Grave Matters training session on 6th November 2017.
- 17/521 Fire Safety in Community Halls Training Session
RESOLVED to receive a report and to note that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk attended a Fire Training Session 7th November 2017. A Fire Safety procedure and risk assessment is to be introduced at the Civic Centre.
- 17/522 Fly Posting
Members considered an email from a resident concerned about the large amount of fly posting attached to railings and fences RESOLVED Clerk to ask Derbyshire County Council to monitor the area and to serve notice for the posters to be removed. Open Spaces Committee to investigate the possibility of installing an advertisement board on the grass next to the bus station at Eckington.
- 17/523 Staff Resignation
RESOLVED following the resignation of a member of staff Clerk to send a letter to thank her for her years of service.
- 17/524 Play Area Repairs
RESOLVED to accept a quotation from Streetscape for repairs to the wetpour at Ducksett Lane and to accept a quotation from Komplan for new cradle seat swings at Ducksett Lane and Ash Crescent.
- 17/525 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the November items for information were made available.
- 17/526 Cemetery
RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there were 2 new graves, 3 new Memorials.

RESOLVED the Council approved change of ownership of grave 1477, plot number NS1917.
- 17/527 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 20th October - 4
Week ending 27th October – 5
Week ending 3rd November – 4
Week ending 10th November –3
Week ending 17th November – 5
Week ending 24th November – 5
- 17/528 Finance
RESOLVED to approve:
a) October 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
b) October 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
c) October 2017 Accounts Overview.
d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
e) Cash Flow Projection.

- f) Budget Summary.
- h) October 2017 Internal Audit, carried out by Councillors Hunt and Brian Ridgway.
- i) To note and accept the internal auditors comments regarding the interim Internal Audit of accounts for the Financial Year ending March 2018. The books and records are well maintained and accurate. The Council thanked the auditor for the report.
- j) To approve the opening of an account with, and investing £85,000 in, the Cambridge Building society. The Chair and RFO to be the signatories of the account.
- k) RESOLVED to note the online banking is going well, a third of payments are going through the internet payment system.

17/529 Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 7th November 2017 – 5th December 2017.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 7th November 2017 – 5th December 2017.

RESOLVED to note the Street Naming and Numbering of a new property called Moss Valley Stables, Quarry Hill, Troway, Marsh Lane.

17/01224/FL Application to modify the S106 Agreement (08/00679/FL) by deletion of Sections 3.1 and 3.2 Broomhall Farm 125 - 127 High Street Eckington RESOLVED to object to the removal of section 106 for contribution to the play area at Landsbury Road. It is still valid and should not be removed. the play area is a large site and well used by children of all ages. There is a need for improvements and there is plenty of space for new equipment to provide facilities for mixed abilities.

17/00267/FL. Planning Appeal - Application for the construction of a building to accommodate four ground floor offices and four self-contained flats, Northgate House, Eckington. RESOLVED to object the development is inappropriate and in an unsuitable location. If it were to go ahead it would provide a poor environment for the future residents of the premises. 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. The design of the building is not beneficial to the Conservation Area.

Fracking - Ineos Press Statement re Bramley Moor Lane Core Well
RESOLVED Eckington Parish Council stand by their motion made at an Extraordinary Council meeting held 24th January 2017. Councillors passed a resolution

“This Parish Council will object in the future to any hydraulic drilling, exploration for gas and oil and fracking on any land in the Parish boundary”

This resolution reflects the concern felt throughout the Parish about the

proposed siting of an exploration well by INEOS Shale within the Parish. This proposed site is only 0.5 km from housing in the village of Marsh Lane.

The Parish Council is deeply disappointed that INEOS Shale has taken the decision to ask the Planning Inspectorate to intervene in a planning application for test drilling in Marsh Lane. There has been a measured level of consultation and upset caused by this planning application and unfortunately the company seems to think it is acceptable to ignore the resident's concerns and wishes. The local planning authority should be allowed enough time to deal with the application in the correct manner. RESOLVED Clerk to send a letter to the secretary of State and copy to Derbyshire County Planning Authority and Lee Rowley MP North East Derbyshire.