

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

Attendance

Councillors: - C. Gare (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; K Deffley; A Dye; C Harper; C Hunt; C Renwick.

Others: M Gazur (RFO and acting Clerk of the meeting) 11 members of the Public.
Police (Arrived at 7.45pm)

17/432 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Brian and Jacqueline Ridgway (Holiday) Kirton and Ibbotson (Illness) Fisher (Family issue) Tite (Work).

RESOLVED six month dispensation for authorised absence awarded to Councillor Ibbotson due to illness.

17/433 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Hunt and Austen declared a personal interest in Minute No 453 Planning.

17/434 Members of the Public Presentations

The Chair presented cheques to representatives from Rainbows Nursery, Eckington Boys and Belles Junior Football Club and Eckington Town Team awarded from the Parish Community Grant scheme.

The police reported on the crime figures for August and September 2017.

17/435 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 4th July 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/415 – 17/431 of a Parish Council Meeting held 4th July 2017.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

17/436 Minutes of a Community Hall and Premises Meeting held 29th June 2017

RESOLVED to note and adopt the recommendations of the Minutes of a Community Hall and Premises Meeting held 29th June 2017.

17/437 Minutes of an Open Spaces Meeting held 20th July 2017

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17/438 Funding

RESOLVED a) to note the Clerks report on funding applications.

17/439 Marketing and Events

RESOLVED to note the Clerks Marketing & Events report.

17/440 Appointment of Assistant Clerk

RESOLVED Rosanna Hill has been appointed Assistant Clerk and will commence employment Monday 2nd October.

17/441 Committee Meeting Start Times
RESOLVED to change the start time of Committee Meetings to 6.30pm.

17/442 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
RESOLVED to join the Derbyshire 'Lamp Post poppy' campaign, Clerk to order a poppy for each of the street lighting columns that have been tested.

17/443 Tree Maintenance
RESOLVED to identify all the trees that are in the parish that the Council is responsible for. Costs for tree maintenance works and a tree maintenance programme to be brought back to Council for consideration.

17/444 Bird Ring and Monitoring
The Council considered a request from a member of the public who is a volunteer with the British Trust for Ornithology for permission to monitor and ring birds in the cemetery. RESOLVED to grant permission for the birds to be caught in mist nets or in nest boxes in order for them to have a ring placed on their leg. The rings have a unique number and this will be entered onto BTO database.

17/445 Lee Rowley MP
RESOLVED to invite Lee Rowley MP for North East Derbyshire to a Council meeting.

17/446 Bus Shelter Repairs
RESOLVED to add metal mesh to the bus shelter at Fir Road, Eckington.

17/447 Cemetery House
RESOLVED to defer discussion regarding the use of the house at the cemetery until a later meeting.

17/448 Christmas Celebration
RESOLVED to defer until the October meeting.

17/449 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the September items for information were made available.

17/450 Cemetery
The Cemetery Report was not available.

RESOLVED to accepted a request for the nickname Chopp to be added to a headstone.

17/451 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 30th June – 4
Week ending 7th July – 3
Week ending 14th July – 4

Week ending 21st July – 4
Week ending 28th July – 6
Week ending 4th August -5
Week ending 11th August -4
Week ending 18th August -4
Week ending 25th August -4

Discussion took place on how to revive the market.

17/452

Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) June 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
- b) June 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
- c) June 2017 Accounts Overview.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- h) June 2017 Internal Audit, carried out by Councillors Hunt & Marsh.
- i) The Financial Regulations were amended in order to mitigate against the unavailability of the RFO.
- j) The increases to the 2017/18 burial fees were accepted. There will be no charge for children of the parish less than sixteen years of age.

17/453

Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 4th July 2017 – 29th August 2017.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 4th July 2017 – 29th August 2017.