

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; K Deffley; A Dye; E Fisher; C Gare; C Harper; C Hunt; J Marsh and C Tite.

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

18/551 Apologies for Absence
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Kirton and J Ridgway (Illness).

18/552 Declaration of Members Interest
Councillors Austen, Hunt, B Ridgway and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute No 574 Planning they stayed in the room whilst the item was discussed.

18/553 Members of the Public
The Chair presented a cheque to representatives from The Summer Festival and the LGBT youth group awarded from the Parish Community Grant scheme.

Councillor B Ridgway invited a student from Stonelow Junior School who is doing a project on Councils to sit at the table and listen to the Council meeting.

A member of the public raised concerns about the lack street parking available for residents on High Street and Henry Street, Eckington. She asked the Council to support a designated permit parking scheme in this area.

A representative from Eckington Town Team updated the Council on the project to site planters at the gateway to the villages in the parish and the installation of advertisement boards near the bus depot and on Station Road, Eckington. During a visit to the town centre businesses she received a number of complaints about litter, dog fouling, inconsiderate parking and poor street lighting. The Town Team would like a meeting with the Parish Council, Eckington Development Company and the District Council to discuss the issues. A request was made that handyman be asked to avoid cutting the grass around the war memorials where the Rotary Club had planted crocuses. The purple crocus is a symbol of Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio.

Two members of the public made representation about why they would like to be considered for the Councillor vacancy.

A representative from Eckington Colliery reported on the plans for their plans for the future. There are three years of work left in the mine and they are going to apply for planning permission to extend the mine to the south which should provide an extra three years work for the forty people that are employed there. He offered Members a tour of the inside of the mine.

District Councillor B Ridgway informed Members about the planning meeting held at County Offices yesterday where discussion about Ineos's second planning application was considered. There was a strong presence from members of the public who were opposed to the application. The application was declined.

18/554 Public Exclusion
RESOLVED to discuss agenda item 8 Minutes of an Open Spaces meeting and agenda item 9 Minutes of a Community Hall & Premises meeting with the public

excluded. "In view of the confidential nature of item ... to consider a resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960. S1. In order to discuss the items".

18/555 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 9th January 2018

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/530 – 17/550 of a Parish Council Meeting held 9th January 2018. Subject to the removal of the word Kirton in minute number 540.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

18/556 Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee meeting held 18th January 2018

RESOLVED to approve and adopt recommendations Minutes 89/18 – 98/18 of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held 18 January 2018.

18/557 Minutes of a Community Hall & Premises meeting held 1st February 2018

RESOLVED to approve and adopt recommendations Minutes 89/18 – 98/18 of the Community Hall and Premises meeting 1 February 2018.

18/558 Funding Report

RESOLVED to receive the Clerk's funding report.

18/559 Marketing and Events

RESOLVED to receive the Assistant Clerks Marketing & Events report.

18/560 Councillor Vacancy

Members considered two applications for the Renishaw and Spinkhill Councillor Vacancy RESOLVED to defer the co-option, the Parish Council would prefer someone with a connection to the community of Renishaw and Spinkhill to fill the vacancy.

18/561 Grant Applications

RESOLVED to award £100 to the Freedom Community Project. The grant will be used to support a free café based at Renishaw Methodist Church to provide an opportunity for residents to socialise and to offer advice.

RESOLVED to award £100 to Truffle Pig to help with room hire fees for an antifracking initiative.

18/562 UFI Blue Grit Initiative

The Blue Grit initiative was set up by young people using the old blue recycling boxes. The scheme was set up for residents living in social housing bungalows. The youngsters have now moved on and Councillor Marsh is working with the school to try and get pupils interested in working in their community. The grit is now being put into bags which is a lot easier to handle. RESOLVED Eckington Parish Council to manage the blue grit scheme until a group of young people are willing to take it over. Clerk and Councillor Marsh to recommend the terms of the scheme to Council.

18/563 Grant Funding Strategy

RESOLVED to change the date of the Vegetarian Society to year 2019/20 and to adopt the 2018-2020 grant funding strategy.

18/564 Eckington Summer Festival

RESOLVED to note the correspondence from the Eckington Summer Festival Committee.

RESOLVED Councillors Marsh and B Ridgway appointed as representatives of the Parish Council onto the Summer Festival Committee.

RESOLVED Parish Council to have a stall at Eckington Summer Festival.

- 18/565 Finance Working Party
RESOLVED to set up a Finance Working Party to monitor and review the income and expenditure of the Councils budget. Councillors Austen and Beecher representatives from the Community Hall and Premises Committee, Councillors Gare and Dye representatives from the Open Spaces Committee and the Chair of the Council Councillor B Ridgway appointed onto the Committee.
- 18/566 Staff Working Party
Clerk reported on staffing issues RESOLVED to pay for additional HR advice and to appoint Councillors Harper, Fisher and Hunt onto a Staff Working Party.
- 18/566 Floral Displays
Clerk asked Members to increase the number of hanging baskets for 2018 RESOLVED to erect a basket next to the war memorial at Ridgeway, erect one near Green Lawns at Marsh Lane, erect an extra one on Carr Wood Road Renishaw and erect 5 additional ones on High Street Eckington.
- 18/567 Play Areas
RESOLVED to approve the Clerks recommendations for a different supplier to carry out the installation of the cradle swings at Ducksett Lane and Ash Crescent play areas.
- Discussion took place about what could be done to prevent flooding issues at Ducksett Lane play area RESOLVED to note there may be some section 106 monies available from planning application 17/01224/FL.
- 18/568 2018/19 Calendar
The Calendar project was a good idea, improvements will be made to help increase sales for the next one. RESOLVED to note there was a shortfall of £95 of the sale of the 2018/19 Calendar.
- 18/569 Parish Newsletter
RESOLVED to help increase circulation the Parish Newsletter is to be delivered by a private company as a trial at Ridgeway and Renishaw.
- 18/570 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the December items for information were made available.
- 18/571 Cemetery
There have been four new memorials.
- RESOLVED to approve an application for a memorial above the regulated height to be placed on grave 2471.
- RESOLVED to relocate the soil compound next to the parking bay near the entrance of the cemetery at a maximum cost of £1,000.
- Clerk reported on an attempted break in at the cemetery. RESOLVED to note security measures have been increased.
- 18/572 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 15th December - 5
Week ending 22nd December - Free (Christmas)
Week ending 29th December - No Market
Week ending 5th January – No Market
Week ending 12th January – 3
Week ending 19th January - 3

Week ending 26th January – 3

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Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) December 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
- b) December 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
- c) December 2017 Accounts Overview.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- h) December 2017 Internal Audit, carried out by Councillors Hunt and B Ridgway.
- k) RESOLVED to approve payment of the 2016/17 and 2017/18 contributions to Derbyshire Citizens Advice
- l) RESOLVED to approve payments of future budgeted contributions to Derbyshire Citizens Advice.
- m) RESOLVED to approve payment of the 2017/18 contributions to Derbyshire Unemployed Workers.
- n) RESOLVED to approve payments of future budgeted contributions to Derbyshire Unemployed Workers.

18/574

Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 10th January 2018 – 6th February 2018.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 10th January 2018 – 6th February 2018.

17/00680/FL Application for new access and driveway to dwelling and an additional access to the opposite field (Amended Plan) Handley Rose Nurseries, Lightwood Lane, Marsh Lane. RESOLVED to object to the application as an overdevelopment in a green belt area.

RESOLVED to note 17/01301/LB and 17/01251/FL Application for the conversion of stables to B1(A) office use, conversion of farm buildings to B1(C) light industrial and B8 Storage. Demolition of agricultural buildings and provision of car parking (Listed Building/ Conservation area) Renishaw Hall Renishaw Park Renishaw Sheffield S21 3WB has been withdrawn.

Fracking to note the DCC Planning Committee met on 29 January 2018 and agreed to decline to determine the second INEOS application for planning permission.

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Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED to suspend standing orders at 9pm the meeting continued until 9.30pm