

## Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

### Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; E Charlesworth; E Fisher; C Hunt; L Kirton; J.S. Ridgway; G Roberts (arrived at 7.45)

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M Gazur (RFO) 2 members of the Public and 1 member of the police.

### 17/398 Minutes Silence

A minute's silence was observed in honour of the victims of the recent Manchester and London Bridge terrorist attacks.

### 17/399 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Dye and Deffley (Family issue) Gare (Holiday) Harper (Work).

### 17/400 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, Hunt and J Ridgway declared a personal interest in Minute Nos 17/414 Planning and 17/409 Maintenance contract.

### 17/401 Police

The police reported on the May crime figures for the Parish of Eckington. Three new PCSO's are to be appointed for this area. The Police and the Mat Team as in previous years are to provide a varied programme of local events for the younger people of Eckington and neighbouring villages during the summer holidays.

RESOLVED to note PCSO James Land had sent his best wishes to the Council. He has left the Safer Neighbourhood Team and has started working on a new project within the police force.

### 17/402 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/358 – 17/397 of a Parish Council Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

### 17/403 Committee Meeting Recommendations

Clerk asked the Council to consider the employment of an Assistant Clerk  
RESOLVED Clerk and Councillors Charlesworth, Fisher and J Ridgway to determine the job description, terms & conditions and timescales, and to assist with interviews.

### 17/404 Marketing and Events

The Clerk informed members that 40 people attended the Robbie Williams tribute act event. It was a disappointing turn out, however the event was very

well received and everyone enjoyed it. Future events include a Soul & Motown event 14<sup>th</sup> July, a play 29<sup>th</sup> July, a children's disco in 5<sup>th</sup> August and a wrestling event 21<sup>st</sup> October.

17/405

#### Funding

##### Viridor Credit

The Council's funding application to Viridor Credits has been successful. £28,101.64 has been awarded for the installation of solar panels and a new LED lighting system. The Council will need to raise £2,810.16, a 10% contribution before any of the funding is released. The project must be started within 6 months and completed within 12 months. RESOLVED payment for the works will be met out of reserves and Viridor will refund the payment within 10 working days.

A Liaison Officer will visit the site during the installation and at the end of the project. Compliance inspections will be carried out at 3,5 or 10 year intervals. A plaque to recognise the Viridor funding award to be installed at the Civic Centre. Viridor to be invited to all events to mark the completion of the works. Clerk suggested that the grant award is publicised at the Summer Festival and that a Civic Centre Open Day is arranged to mark the completion of the project.

With the installation of solar panels, LED lighting and a new energy supplier the Civic Centres' current annual £8,000 electricity bill will be either reduced or totally eliminated RESOLVED to note any income from the solar panels must be reinvested into the Civic Centre.

The Clerk thanked Councillors Austen and Beecher for their assistance with the application.

##### BNEF Leader Fund

The Council's funding expression of interest to BNEF Leader Fund has been approved. The full application is to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. If the application is successful funding will be used to make additional improvements to the Civic Centre: modernisation of the disabled toilet, the installation of a baby changing unit, the renovation of the back office and the artist room, a new audio and lighting system, an online booking system, a card reader, presentation equipment and the refit of the kitchen.

17/406

##### DALC Parish/Town Council Quiz

Members completed the DALC Parish/Town Council quiz.

17/407

##### Grant Application

RESOLVED to approve the Derbyshire Police grant application, to award £1,000 towards the cost of providing diversion activities for the young people in the parish of Eckington during the summer holidays.

17/408

##### Ducksett Lane Allotments

The Council has received a further complaint about cats causing a nuisance at Ducksett Lane allotments. Clerk informed Members that she has spoken to the owner of the cats and asked him to trap and rehome them. The owner has caught and rehomed 3 out of the 4 cats and will rehome the cat number 4 when he has caught it.

- 17/409      Grounds Maintenance Contract 2017/18  
 Members considered the 2017/18 grounds maintenance contract. Clerk to clarify with the District Council whether the football posts were installed and the pitch marked out at Lansbury Road in 2016/17. RESOLVED to accept the quotation with an adjustment if there is a reduction to the service agreed.
- 17/410      Items for Information  
 RESOLVED to note the June items for information were made available.
- 17/411      Cemetery Report  
 RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there were 4 new Memorials.
- The Council considered a request from a member of the public to install a memorial stone on grave 340 in Eckington Cemetery. The lease for this plot has expired. RESOLVED to approve the request subject to Clerk checking with the relative that the maiden name corresponds with the councils' records.
- Clerk reported on repairs to the lawn mowers RESOLVED Clerk to seek advice from the District Council, other parishes and an ex Councillor Mr Speed on what type of lawn mowers are used to maintain cemeteries.
- 17/412      Market Attendance  
 RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;  
 Week ending 28th April – 6  
 Week ending 5<sup>th</sup> May - 5  
 Week ending 12<sup>th</sup> May – 4  
 Week ending 19<sup>th</sup> May - 3
- 17/413      Finance  
 RESOLVED to approve:
- a) April 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
  - b) April 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
  - c) April 2017 Accounts Overview.
  - d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
  - e) Cash Flow Projection.
  - f) Budget Summary.
  - h) April 2017 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt & B. Ridgway.
  - i) £2,000 donation to Derbyshire Unemployed Workers.
- 17/414      Planning  
 RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017. 17/00411/FLH Proposed extension to existing garage (amended plans) 11 Fernbank Drive, Eckington. Councillors Harper and Tite to inform the Clerk of their objections. 17/00592/FL Change of use of land from pathway to drive 42, Ash Crescent, Eckington. Councillors to submit their comments to the Clerk.
- RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Fracking

RESOLVED to note a planning application has been submitted for a vertical hydrocarbon exploratory core well (County Matter) at Bramley Moor Lane Marsh Lane for INEOS Upstream Ltd. The Council will comment on this application at their Council meeting in July.