

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

Attendance

Councillors: - B Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; E Fisher; C Gare; C Harper; C Hunt; L Kirton; C Renwick (left the meeting at 8.20pm) and J Ridgway.

Others: R Bullimore (Clerk) M Gazur (RFO) R Hill (Assistant Clerk)
7 members of the public and 2 members of the police.

18/576 Apologies for Absence
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors A Dye, J Marsh and J Ibbotson (Illness) S Beecher, C Tite and K Deffley (work).

18/577 Declaration of Members Interest
Councillors Austen, Hunt, Kirton, B Ridgway and J Ridgway declared a personal interest in Minute No 598 Planning they stayed in the room whilst the item was discussed.

18/578 Members of the Public
The Chair presented a cheque to representatives from Truffle Pig and Eckington Bowling Club awarded from the Parish Community Grant scheme.
A representative from Eckington Town Team informed the Council that the litter pick in Eckington scheduled to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean was cancelled due to the weather conditions. A new date is to be arranged. A plea was made for the Council to agree to sponsor a curling tournament in the Civic Centre. The Council were asked if a photograph exhibition could be displayed in the Civic Centre whilst the kitchen refit was taking place.

A member of the public raised concerns about the potential loss of conservation status areas in the parish. He was advised to submit any specific issues to the planning department. It was suggested that articles be placed in the Town Team and Parish newsletters to explain where in the parish the conservation areas are.

A member of the public commented on the withdrawal of land for the allocation of houses in Renishaw from the Local Plan. He asked why Eckington's allocation of houses had not been removed from the Local Plan.

18/579 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 6th February 2018
RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/551 – 17/575 of a Parish Council Meeting held 6th February 2018.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

18/580 Minutes of a Finance Working Party meeting held 26th February 2018
RESOLVED to approve and adopt recommendations Minutes 1/18 – 4/18 of the Finance Working Party meeting held 26th February 2018.

18/581 Funding Report
RESOLVED to receive the Clerk's funding report.

18/582 Marketing and Events
RESOLVED to receive the Assistant Clerks Marketing & Events report.

- 18/583 Grant Applications
RESOLVED to approve Eckington Swimming Club Civic Centre free room hire grant application.
- 18/584 Local Government Ethical Standards Stakeholder Consultation
RESOLVED Clerk and the Chair delegated to make comments on the local government ethical standards stakeholder consultation.
- 18/585 UFI Blue Grit initiative
RESOLVED to defer this item until a written report has been received.
- 18/586 Council Free Christmas Dinner Initiative
RESOLVED to defer this item until a written report is received.
- 18/587 Parking issue on the High Street and Henry Street, Eckington
RESOLVED to note that due to the amount of congestion on High Street and Henry Street at Eckington, it would be very unlikely that the Highways authority would be able introduce parking restrictions.
- 18/588 DALC Employment Training Session
RESOLVED to note the DALC Employment Training Session report. All recommendations to go to the staff working party.
- 18/589 SLCC Practitioners Conference
RESOLVED to note the SLCC Practitioners, Conference report.
- 18/590 Curling Tournament
RESOLVED to approve use of the Civic Centre for a curling tournament and to use the Chairs allowance to sponsor the trophy.
- 18/591 Newsletter
RESOLVED Clerk to arrange for a private company to deliver the newsletter to Renishaw and Ridgeway as a trial.
- 18/592 Tree Maintenance
RESOLVED Clerk to arrange for maintenance work to be carried out on a tree on the Golden Ball field, Renishaw.
- 18/593 Staff
RESOLVED to note Clerks report regarding a staff member. RESOLVED to amend the contracted hours for the Assistant Clerk.
- 18/594 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the February items for information were made available.
- 18/595 Cemetery
RESOLVED to note there have been four new memorials.
- 18/596 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 4th February - 3
Week ending 11th February – 4
Week ending 18th February - 4
Week ending 25th February – 2

RESOLVED Open Spaces Committee to look at organising more markets.

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Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) January 2018 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
- b) January 2018 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
- c) January 2018 Accounts Overview.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- h) January 2018 Internal Audit, carried out by Councillors Hunt and B Ridgway.
- k) RESOLVED to approve Pay Awards 2018/2019 effective 1st April 2018 by implementation of statutory increase in Living Wage, Living Wage Foundation increase, National Joint Council agreement*.
- l) RESOLVED to approve Financial Operational Risk Assessment and 2017/2018 Audit Arrangements.
- m) RESOLVED to approve the Renishaw Sports Pavilion, Allotment and Burial scale of charges with effect from 1st April 2018. RESOLVED Open Spaces Committee to review amendments to the scale charges and bring recommendations to full council.

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Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 7th February 2018 – 6th March 2018.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 7th February 2018 – 6th March 2018.

RESOLVED to note the draft North East Derbyshire Local Plan consultation is available for comments.

RESOLVED to note Chesterfield Borough Local Plan consultation on potential Gypsy and Traveller Sites is available for comments.