

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

### Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; K Deffley; C Gare; C. Harper; C Hunt; L Kirton; C Renwick; J.S. Ridgway;

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO) C. 4 members of the Public and 2 members of the police.

### 17/294 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Tite and Dye (illness) Charlesworth, Marsh and Roberts (work).

### 17/295 Declarations of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, Hunt and J Ridgway declared a personal interest in Minute 17/314 Planning applications they stayed in the room whilst this item was discussed.

### 17/296 Members of the Public

A member of the public raised concerns on the accessibility into Eckington from Station Road. Councillor Brian Ridgway advised the gentleman that the County Council are considering installing a refuge island to help pedestrians cross this busy road, however the island may not be wide enough to accommodate mobility scooters. Clerk to write to the County Council to fully support a scheme to assist pedestrians to cross Station Road safely.

A member of the public said it is a problem for people in wheelchairs when refuse bins are on the pavements. The gentleman was advised to speak to the Renishaw tenants and residents group.

A member of the Ridgeway in Bloom Committee asked the Council to support their grant application to enable the village planting schemes to continue. The Council agreed that the initiative brings a lot of people together and pride to their village.

Mr Parker, the Eckington Group Scout Leader informed the Council that the lease for the scout hut expires in March 2018. The scouts have contacted the landlord to ask for the lease to be extended but they have not received a response. There is outline planning permission in the area but this should not have any effect on the scout hut. If the lease is not renewed the scouts are worried that they may have to pay back the lottery grant. Mr Parker was asked to keep the Council informed with any developments.

The Chairman presented a cheque to a representative from Unite awarded from the Parish Council Grant Scheme. The grant will be used to provide a free community showing of the 'I Daniel Blake'.

### Police

There was a total of 25 reported crimes during January 2017 and 17 Anti-Social Behaviour calls for service.

There has been an increase in criminal damage on Market Street, Eckington, if the damage is ignored it will attract more vandalism. The Council were asked if they had any plans to improve the area. The Community Safety team are to meet with Rykeneld Homes and the District Council to try and encourage businesses to carry out the necessary repairs.

A proposal of a permanent ANPR system in the parish was discussed. Several Councillors volunteered to speed watch outside the schools in the parish.

17/297 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 16/275 – 16/289 of a Parish Council Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 subject to the removal of Councillor Hunt's apologies, he attended the meeting. Councillors approved Minutes 17/290 – 17/293 of an Extraordinary Council meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 subject to the omission of Councillors Renwick and Deffley's attendance.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

17/298 Minutes of an Open Spaces Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

RESOLVED to note the Council received Minutes 42/17 – 51/17 of an Open Spaces Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

17/299 Marketing and Events

Clerk informed members of the events programme, a DJ has been booked for one Saturday in every month until December 2017. There is a film showing in February, a Soul & Motown event in March, a tribute act in May and plans for children's discos in August. The other themes will be confirmed following feedback from the 18<sup>th</sup> February 70's disco.

17/300 Councillor Vacancy

RESOLVED to note there has been no applications received for the Councillor Vacancy.

17/301 Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED to move the Annual Parish meeting to the 21<sup>st</sup> April to coincide with the proposed Civic Centre Open Day.

17/302 Civic Centre

Renovations

Clerk reported on the renovation work completed and the jobs to be carried out. Funding is to be sought for the upgrade of the disabled toilet, decoration of the back office and artist room.

Energy

RESOLVED to approve in principle to a new LED lighting system and the installation of solar panels to create a greener building at the Civic Centre. Funding options to be investigated.

### Bookings

RESOLVED To form a temporary Civic Centre Committee to review the working practices, procedures and policies of the Civic Centre RESOLVED the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Hall & Premises Committee and one invited Councillor dependent on their expertise to form a Civic Centre Committee.

### Events

A DJ has been booked to compère at events, one Saturday in every month until December 2017. The themes will be confirmed when the results from a survey to be carried out following the 70's event in February is known. Councillors were requested to assist with the promotion of the events.

- 17/303 2017/18 Action Plan  
Members considered the Council's plans for 2017/18 RESOLVED Clerk to add the plan to the website, Councillors to review the plan on a quarterly basis.
- 17/304 North East District Council Draft Local Plan  
RESOLVED to note there is a public consultation on the North East District Council Draft Local Plan to be held at 4pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at Eckington Civic Centre. The Council will have the opportunity to comment on the plans at a separate meeting.
- 17/305 Chesterfield Borough Council Draft Local Plan  
RESOLVED to note the public consultation on the Chesterfield Draft Local Plan is available for comments.
- 17/306 Memorial  
Eckington Focus group are considering the installation of a Memorial to local Miners and have invited the Council to work in partnership with the project. RESOLVED the Council's Town Centre group to discuss details of the project with members of the Focus Group. Proposals to be considered by Full Council.
- 17/307 Marketing & Events Coordinator  
RESOLVED to note the resignation of the marketing Events Coordinator. The Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair are to review the job description and bring a recommendation to Full Council.
- 17/308 Council Vehicle  
RESOLVED to note the hire vehicle return excess charge. Clerk to dispute the charge for the vehicle not being serviced. Advice from Peugeot garage was that the vehicle was not due for a service.
- 17/309 Grant Applications  
RESOLVED to award a grant of £1,100 to the Annual Eckington Festival.  
  
RESOLVED to award £100 to Ridgeway Gardening Club to help towards the cost of planting and the maintenance of flower beds in the village of Ridgeway.
- 17/310 Items for Information  
RESOLVED to note the February items for information were made available.

- 17/311 Cemetery Report  
RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there was 2 new Memorials and 4 new graves.
- 17/312 Market Attendance  
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;  
Week ending 6<sup>th</sup> January - 3  
Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> January – No Market  
Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> January – 5  
Week ending 27<sup>th</sup> January – 3
- 17/313 Finance  
RESOLVED to approve:
- a) December 2016 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
  - b) December 2016 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
  - c) December 2016 Accounts Overview.
  - d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
  - e) Cash Flow Projection.
  - f) Budget Summary.
  - g) December 2016 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt & B. Ridgway.
  - h) Internal Independent audit arrangements.
  - i) Operational Risk Assessment with the inclusion that the Committee Minutes are approved throughout the year.
- 17/314 Planning  
RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- Application 17/00049/FL new 4 bedroom dormer bungalow with detached garage at Land West of 3 Curlew Avenue, Eckington. Objection, it is an overdevelopment in the area and it is not in keeping with street scene. The proposed bungalow is too close to the extraction units on the shops.
- Application 17/00125/CATPO Pruning works to Rowan and removal of 1 Acacia tree within the Moss Valley Conservation Area at 32 Church Lane, Ridgeway. Objection, to the removal of the Acacia tree, the tree is healthy and it is in a conservation area.
- RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- Fracking  
RESOLVED to attach an 'Eckington Against Fracking' banner to Eckington Civic Centre.