

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

Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; S Beecher; E Charlesworth; A Dye; C Gare; C. Harper; C Hunt; L Kirton; C Renwick; J.S. Ridgway; G Roberts (left at 8.05pm) and C Tite;

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO) 3 members of the Public and 2 members of the police.

- 17/315 Apologies for Absence
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Ibbotson and Deffley, (illness) Marsh (work).
- 17/316 Declarations of Members Interest
Councillors Austen, Hunt, B Ridgway, J Ridgway and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute 17/336 Planning, Councillor Roberts declared an interest in Minute 17/324 Eckington Summer Festival applications they stayed in the room whilst this item was discussed.
- 17/317 Members of the Public

The Chair presented a cheque to a representative from Eckington Festival awarded from the Parish Community Grant scheme.
- Police
The police reported on the latest crime figures for the Parish of Eckington. They advised the Council that if anyone intended to arrange a protest march the police must be notified.
- 17/318 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 7th February 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/294 – 17/314 of a Parish Council Meeting held 7th February 2017. Minute 17/306 Councillor Kirton informed the Council that the Eckington & Tenants Residents Focus Group are to go ahead with the Miners Memorial without the help from anyone else. Minute 17/308 Clerk informed the Council that the vehicle hire company has agreed to refund £200 of the excess charge.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.
- 17/319 Minutes of a Community Hall & Premises Meeting held 16th February 2017

RESOLVED to note the Council received Minutes 48/17 – 54/17 of a Community Hall & Premises Meeting held 16th February 2017.
- 17/320 UFI

RESOLVED to defer discussion about UFI until Councillor Dye has spoken with the Head at Eckington School.

17/321 Civic Centre

Renovations

Clerk informed the Council that the renovation work has been completed. Funding is to be sought for additional enhancements of the building.

Committee

The Council accept the Civic Centre Committee's recommendations. Clerk and the Chair to inform the Civic Centre manager of the changes to working practices.

17/322 Marketing and Events

Clerk informed members that 180 people came to watch the film showing of 'I Daniel Blake'. Clerk to investigate the possibility of further film screenings for adults and children.

80 tickets have been sold for the Soul & Motown event taking place on the 18th March.

Civic Centre Open Day, Friday 21st April, an application to close Market Street has been applied for. The Clerk is working in partnership with Eckington Library who are going to organise a children's treasure hunt and some story and rhyme sessions. There will be children's rides, a bouncy castle, face painting and a balloon artist plus other attractions. Local groups and businesses have been invited. The Clerk suggested that a ribbon is cut to mark the completion of the arches and Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Hardyal Dhindsa be invited to cut the ribbon.

17/323 Grant Applications

RESOLVED to award a grant of £200 to the Town Teams Christmas event. Payment to be made in September.

17/324 Council Stall at Eckington Summer Festival

- Invite members of the public to suggest a name for the main hall and annexe room in the Civic Centre. Ask local restaurants if they will sponsor the initiative.
- Promote the Council's events.
- Ask for feedback of what other type of events people would like.
- Display before and after pictures of the Civic Centre renovation project.
- Invite Marsh Lane Community Hall and Renishaw and Spinkhill Committee members to share the stall.

17/325 Eckington Parish Council Risk Assessment Policy

RESOLVED To approve and adopt the Risk Assessment Policy and add to the Council website.

17/326 Eckington Parish Council Business Continuity Plan and Map

RESOLVED To approve and adopt the Business Continuity Plan and Map and add to the Council website.

17/327 Communities Scrutiny Review

This year the Communities Scrutiny Committee of North East Derbyshire District Council has chosen to review the impact of town centre environments on community safety. The Council were asked for their views.

The Councillors feel reasonably safe in the town centre during the day, however they feel less safe in the evening. The Council are not aware of any work being undertaken to support improvement of community safety. The Council would like to see an improvement to shop frontages, more regeneration of the town centre, a highway safety crossing, CCTV, better lighting, enforcement of no vehicles driving on the precinct except for deliveries.

17/328 Hire Vehicle

Clerk informed the Council about an act of vandalism to the company vehicle and the cost of the insurance excess.

17/329 Speeding Offence

Clerk informed the Council about a speeding offence and the possible effect on the Council's insurance.

17/330 ANPR

The Council considered a proposal to fund their own ANPR camera. RESOLVED not to fund any cameras.

17/331 Clerks Hours

The Council reviewed the Clerks hours RESOLVED a) Clerks core hours to remain 25 hours per month and to review in six months b) to pay any additional hours worked by the Clerk monthly.

17/332 Items for Information

RESOLVED to note the March items for information were made available.

17/333 Cemetery Report

RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there was 5 new Memorials and 6 new graves.

17/334 Market Attendance

RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 3rd February - 4
Week ending 10th February – 2
Week ending 17th February –3
Week ending 24th February – 3

17/335 Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) January 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.

- b) January 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.
- c) January 2017 Accounts Overview.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- g) Renishaw Sports Pavilion, Allotment fees for 2018/2019, Eckington Cemetery scale of charges excluding child burial fees. Child burial fees to be deferred to Open Spaces Committee.
- h) January 2017 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt & B. Ridgway.
- i) Pay wage increases from 1st April 2017 and incremental rises.

17/336

Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 7th February 2017 – 7th March 2017.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 7th February 2017 – 7th March 2017.

North East Derbyshire Local Plan 2011-2033

Councillor Austen urged all Councillors to look at what is being proposed in the Local Plan. There are significant changes that will affect the parish in housing and social terms. There is a public consultation to be held at the Civic Centre 23rd March 4pm until 6pm.

To note comments received from a member of the public on planning application number 17/00064/RM.

Fracking

400 people attended a protest march against fracking Saturday 25th February. 'Eckington Against Fracking' banners have been attached to Council owned community buildings at Eckington, Marsh Lane and Renishaw.

The Council received correspondence from Dronfield Town Council about their stance against fracking and copies of letters sent to Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP. RESOLVED Eckington Parish Council to support Dronfield Town Council's actions and to write to the MP's stating Eckington Parish Council's decision to oppose fracking.

The Council received correspondence from Whitwell Parish Council about their decision to oppose fracking. Clerk to contact Whitwell Parish Council and Dronfield Town Council to arrange a joint meeting to discuss fracking and to share information. Clerk to contact Marsh Lane against fracking group to ask if they will talk to Whitwell Parish Council.