

**Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 2014 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington.**

Attendance Councillors:- B. Ridgway(Chair); J. Woodruff ( Vice Chair)  
J.S. Ridgway; J. Austen; K. Deffley; C.A. Gare; C.Tite .  
Others:- P.Staniforth (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO);  
Sgt. Stones (Police); S. Wolstenholme (UFI); G. Roberts (UFI)  
+ 4 members of the public

14/187 Public Participation and Speaking

- a) A member of the public expressed concern over the tidiness of the shops on the precinct (Market Street).  
The member of the public was advised that the shops were owned by a number of people and that Marytn Handley NEDDC may be able to help.
- b) Eckington Town Team reported :-
  - (i) Japanese Knot Weed was in situ at the rear of the Old Post Office in the Car park. It was pointed out that it was no longer a 'reportable plant'. NEDDC should be advised.
  - (ii) EPC were asked if they were putting up Christmas Lights. They Stated that there were no plans to but were happy to lend Christmas lights to Town Team if required.
  - (iii) The Town Team asked EPC if they would donate £500 to enable the Town Team to purchase gifts to present to children. EPC pointed out that there had been no application and there was insufficient time to deal with this matter before Christmas.
- c) (i) Ridgeway in Bloom asked if the flowerbed at Geer Lane could be repaired. Agreed that EPC would look into the matter.  
(ii) Asked if EPC could pay for the hanging baskets at Ridgeway (currently 25 No) EPC to look at this at the Budget Meeting in November 2014.
- d) S21 Music Group gave a vote of thanks to the EPC for it's assistance in setting up Music Lessons in Renishaw. They also stated that if they could assist EPC with issues at Renishaw they would b e happy to help.

14/188 Apologies

J.C. Marsh; C. Hunt; S. Pickering; C. Poxton; A.S. Dye;  
J. Ibbotson.

14/189 Variation of Order of Business

Business not varied

14/190 Declaration of Members Interest

J. Austen declared an interest in Planning & Citizens Advice Bureau. C. Tite declared an interest in Planning.

14/191 To identify items for which the Press and Public may be excluded

Item 13(g) To approve Christmas Gratuity for Staff.

14/192 Police Report

Sgt. Stones gave a report on the latest crime figures. EPC asked if Sgt. Stones was concerned over the rise in violence, he stated that an action plan had been put in place in the last 6 weeks and this was proving to be successful.

It was agreed to donate a maximum of £300 as a contribution to wards the Speed Meter.

14/193 Minutes

The Minutes of the EPC Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record after the following alterations:- PAGE 3 14/179(9) delete "how is it to be used ?" add "additional information to be obtained from Derbyshire Constabulary" 14/179(13) add " also agreed to discuss provision of hanging baskets at a future meeting" PAGE 4.14/182 add :-

"(1) Purchase of 5 Notice Boards."

"(2) Approval of new information sheet and form for grant aid on website, printed copies held by Clerk."

"(3) Adoption of Digital Strategy"

14/194 The Chair duly signed and dated the Minutes.

14/195 Cemetery

No report given.

14/196 UFI

1) UFI reported that the cost of renting the Youth Club at Renishaw was £11 per week. UFI hoped EPC would be prepared to support a future grant aid application.

2) UFI reported that a Grant Application for the Summer Festival to be submitted.

3) UFI to complete the play areas survey and to collect the rock-salt from the Cemetery 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2014.

14/197 Items for Decision and Information

1) Grant Aid Application from Patient Participation Group Practice . Agreed to donate £50.

2) Letter from British Legion-Armistice Day Parade – received

3) E-mail from DCC re temporary closure of un-numbered footpath-received.

14/198 DALC Circulars

Councillors were reminded that DALC Circulars were available on line or could be read in the folder.

14/199 Finance

- a. Account/Bank Reconciliation August 2014 :- approved
- b. Receipts/Payments August 2014:- approved
- c. Accounts Overview:- approved
- d. Payments by Cheque since last Meeting:- approved
- e. Cash Flow Projection:-approved:- approved
- f. Budget Summary 2014//2015:- approved
- g. Grant Funding to NED Citizens Advice Bureau –Agreed to bring issue back to next meeting.
- h. Audit of accounts since last meeting carried out by Councillors J.S. Ridgway and S Pickering.

14/200 To consider any Resolutions notified by Member / Committee

1. Actions from Review Group Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 :- agreed.
2. It was agreed in principle, to a Town Centre Presence for the Parish Council, a facility for dealing with issues across all levels of local government and related bodies.  
Also agreed that a business plan be prepared by the Review Group and presented to the Parish Council when completed.
3. It was agreed to adopt the Staff Appraisal Policy presented.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order to complete the Meeting

14/201 To discuss matters notified by Members/Clerk/RFO or brought over from last Meeting

1. Action Log :- It was commented on by some Councillors that Action Log was not thorough enough and that updates were required for the And that up dates were required for the following:-
  - a. 34 Church Street – valuation completed .
  - b. Eckington Cricket Club – invited to a meeting
  - c. Grant Aid Application Form – new form completed to appear on web site shortly.
  - d. Ridgeway Hanging Baskets :- to be discussed at Special Budget Meeting.
  - e. Eckington Woods :- to be discussed at Special Budget Meeting
  - f. Town Centre Donation to be put back on Action Log /Agenda .
  - g. Digital Strategy – referred to Communications Group
  - h. Meeting re. Affordable Housing Ridgeway , 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – awaiting date confirmation.
2. Market. Figures w/e 3/10=12; w/e 10/10=9; w/e17/10 =10;  
w/e 24/10 = 8

3. Openness of Local Govt. Bodies Regs. 2014- bring back to next Meeting.
4. Quality Parish Council Update to be brought back to EPC Meeting in February 2015.
5. To consider support for Chair of NEDDC's Charity Quiz Night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the Civic Centre Eckington. Agreed to donate £200 to Chair's Charity (Fair Play Charity). Clerk to liaise with Claire Shacklady NEDDC.
6. Report from NALC sponsored course – Standards. Agreed to support recommendations.
7. Report from Eckington Town Team 16/9/2014- received.
8. Report from DALC Employment Training Workshop 21/10/2014- rec'd,

14/202 Planning - Received:- Councillors to notify Clerk of any objections.

14/203 To resolve to exclude the Press and Public due to the confidential Nature of the business to be resolved

14/204 to discuss any item(s) for which the Press and Public have been Excluded

Agreed to award £120 for full time staff and £60 to part time staff as a Christmas Gratitude. The awards are to be for eligible staff only.

Meeting Closed at 9-32pm.