

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors:- B. Ridgway (Chair); C.A. Gare (Vice–Chair) J. Austen; S. Beecher; K. Deffley; C. Harper; C. Hunt; L. Kirton; J.S. Ridgway; G. Roberts; J. Woodruff.

Others:- P.Staniforth; M. Gazur(RFO).

+ 2 members of the public

15/166 Public Participation and Speaking

A representative of the Town Team thanked B. Ridgway for his help in putting on the Science and Space Planetarium Event.

The representative also asked if the Civic Centre would be given free of charge or if future free days could being granted.

It was suggested that the town team fill in a grant aid application.

15/167 Apologies for Absence.

E. Charlesworth; A.S. Dye; J. C. Marsh; C. Tite; J Ibbotson.

15/168 To elect a Councillor to the Community Halls Committee

K. Deffley was duly elected.

15/169 Variation of Order of Business

Business not varied

15/170 Declaration of Members Interests

Members were reminded to declare any interest in the book or at the point on the agenda.

15/171 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded

15/172 Police Report

There was no Police representative present.

15/173 Minutes

a. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 1st September 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record after adding the following alterations:-

Page 1. 15/150 add Liz Kirton to the list of apologies.

Page 2. 15/154 a. 2nd line replace “there” with “their”

Page 2. 15/154 a. add after Appendix 1 15/144

Page 2. 15/158 b. replace “Southgate” for “Station Road”

b. The draft Minutes of the Community Halls Committee 10th September 2015 were received.

c. The draft Minutes of the Community Halls Committee 30th September 2015 were received.

15/174 The Chair duly signed and dated the Minutes the Parish Council Minutes of the 1st September 2015.

15/175 Cemetery

It was reported that there were 5 new graves and 4 new memorials.

It was also reported that an illegal monument had been installed on a "desk top" burial ashes plot.

It was agreed that this shouldn't be allowed and that the funeral director be told to inform the bereaved relatives accordingly.

Councillor Woodruff placed on record his thanks to the Cemetery Staff for their kind attentions at his wife's recent funeral.

15/176 UFI

- a. G. Roberts reported that UFI were busy trying to recruit new members
- b. G. Roberts reported that the grit project was continuing this winter.
- c. G. Roberts reported that the arrangements for next years Summer Festival was already on going.

15/177 Items for decision and information (White Enclosures)

1. E- mail from DCC re: 20MPH speed limit response by EPC.-received
2. Letter from DALC –are DALC delivering. Clerk to respond with Councillor's views and Clerks view
3. Letter from NEDDC re District & Parish Liaison Forum – Clerk to respond with that it should be called 'Forum' and that it should take place 3 times a year .
4. Email from DCC re. Snow Wardens Scheme.-Clerk to ask which Parish Councils are already participating.
5. Letter from Royal British Legion re. Annual Parade - received
7. Email from DCC re: Public Footpaths and bridleways.- Clerk to ask DCC to cut back as bridleways and footpaths were already overgrown. These routes need to be safe for children and adults to walk and cycle on safely.
DCC asked to respond.

John Woodruff left the Meeting at 8-05 pm.

15/178 DALC Circulars

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

15/179 Finance

- a. Account/Bank Reconciliation August 2015 – approved
- b. Receipts/Payments August 2015- approved
- c. Accounts Overview August 2015- approved
- d. Payments by cheque since the last meeting - approved
- e. Cash Flow Projection- approved
- f Budget Summary 2015/2016 – approved
- g. Internal Audit August Accounts audited by Councillors Hunt and B. Ridgway

15/180 To consider resolutions notified by Members/Committees

European Refugee Crisis – presented by K. Deffley.

Agreed to refer to crisis on the web site and the newsletter. Also agreed that individuals could raise issues /fundraise at schools/market

15/181 To discuss matters notified by the Members/Clerk/RFO or brought over from last meeting.

1. Action Log – received
2. Market :- It was reported that the Macmillan Day raised £93-00.
3. Filming of PC's Meetings –deferred to next Meeting
4. To discuss the changes to the 252 bus route. DCC states that no changes are proposed Clerk to write to SYPTE for clarification

15/182 Planning

No objections raised

15/183 To resolve to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Agreed to exclude the Public and Press.

15/184 To discuss any item for which the press and public have excluded.

Civic Centre roof replacement- agree that Councillors Dye and Hunt open the tenders at the Architects and that authority to select the appropriate tender be given to the RFO.

Meeting Closed at 8-55pm