

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J. Austen; S. Beecher; K Deffley, A Dye, C Gare; C. Harper; C Hunt, J Marsh (left at 7.15pm), C Renwick; J.S. Ridgway; C Tite.

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO) C. Mitchell (Marketing) 10 members of the Public and 2 Police representatives.

16/228 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillor L Kirton (Family issue)
Councillor G Roberts (Work) Councillor J Ibbotson (Illness) .

16/229 Declarations of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, Hunt, B Ridgway, J Ridgway and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute 16/243 Planning applications they stayed in the room whilst these items were discussed.

16/230 Members of the Public

A member of the public asked the Council for advice and guidance on how to find out whether fracking will take place in the Parish. He also asked if the Council had any information about four wells in the Parish that may have been blocked up.

Several Councillors have attended meetings and seminars about fracking. They are to prepare a report for the December Council meeting and this will be circulated to interested parties. None of the Councillors are aware or have any information about any wells in the Parish. The Council have been informed that several land owners have been approached by fracking companies and offered money to carry out tests on their land. The Council said they will discuss their position regarding fracking if and when they receive any planning applications.

16/231 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 11th October 2016

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 16/204 – 16/227 of a Parish Council Meeting held 11th October 2016.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

16/232 Update on the Civic Centre

Clerk reported on the progress of the renovation work at the Civic Centre.

16/233 Marketing and Events

The Clerk informed the Council that the Social Media sites had gained further interest. Both the Parish Council and Civic Centre websites are increasing in popularity. Stalls have been booked for the Christmas Sing along event, posters have been created and published on social media and will be displayed in the shops next week.

40 tickets were sold for the Michael Buble tribute act. Visitors who attended the tribute event requested more tribute acts and a 70's and 80's disco. The

events will be evaluated to see how viable they are.

Invitations for the Wedding Showcase are to be hand delivered to local businesses. The marketing and event co-ordinator is waiting for the renovation work to be completed before a mock wedding can be photographed and used for publicity material.

Councillor Austen asked Councillors to promote the events by social media and by word of mouth to help to make the events successful.

- 16/234 Chesterfield Borough Council Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
RESOLVED to note the Chesterfield Borough Council Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report is available for comments.
- 16/235 Rainbows Nursery
RESOLVED to note Rainbows Nursery subject to the signing of a Service Level of Agreement and approval from Ofsted are to relocate into the Youth Club when the repairs to the building have been completed.
- 16/236 Bench at Wren Park Close, Ridgeway
The Council has received a complaint about the removal and replacement of a bench at Wren Park Close, Ridgeway. RESOLVED to note that the wooden slats on the old bench were perished. The Council's preferred recycled, sustainable style of bench has been installed in place of the old one. This bench needs little or no maintenance and is identical to one installed near the school a little further down the road. To improve the street scene and to add colour to the area a planter is to be placed at the side of the bench. The Parish Council will plant up the planter with seasonal plants throughout the year.
- 16/237 Cemetery Report
RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there were 6 new graves and 1 new Memorial.
- 16/238 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 7th October - 6
Week ending 14th October - 6
Week ending 21st October - 8
- 16/239 UFI Report
No report available, Clerk to write to the group to ask them to send a report for the December meeting. Clerk to find out how much grit salt the Council has and let Councillor Marsh know.
- 16/240 Derbyshire County Council Local Government Pension Scheme
From 1st April 2017, several of the Council's employees who are not already in a pension scheme will be auto enrolled to pay pension contributions. If the employees want to opt-out they have to approach their pension provider and ask to opt-out. RESOLVED to approve that eligible employees can apply to join Derbyshire County Councils Local Government Pension Scheme. Clerk to issue staff with all the facts to enable them to decide whether to join the pension scheme or not.

16/241 Staff Hours
Clerk reported on staff job descriptions and contracts.

16/242 Finance
RESOLVED to approve:

- a) September 2016 Account/Bank reconciliation.
- b) September 2016 Receipts and Payments Schedule.
- c) September 2016 Accounts Overview.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- g) September 2016 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt & B. Ridgway.
- h) To note and accept the internal auditors comments regarding the interim Internal Audit of accounts for the Financial Year ending March 2017. There were no significant issues arising, the auditor discussed a number of minor issues with the Treasurer. The Council thanked the Treasurer for his preparation and assistance regarding the internal audit.

16/243 Planning
RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 12th October 2016 – 1 November 2016.

RESOLVED to support the Clerks actions in supporting planning application 16/00995/FL improvements to the exterior of Eckington Swimming Baths.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 12th October 2016 – 1st November 2016.