

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B Ridgway (Chair); J Austen; A Dye; K Deffley; C Gare; C Harper; C Hunt; J Ibbotson and L Kirton.

Others: R Bullimore (Clerk) M Gazur (RFO) R Hill (Assistant Clerk)
1 member of the police and 2 members of the public.

- 18/659 Apologies for Absence
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors E Charlesworth (Work) E Fisher and J Marsh (Family issue) C Renwick and J Ridgway (Another appointment).
- 18/660 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, Hunt, Kirton, B Ridgway and C Tite declared a personal interest in Minute No 693 Planning they stayed in the room whilst the item was discussed.
- 18/661 Members of the Public

Representatives from Eckington Town Team updated the Council on recent events. They asked the Council for on an update from the findings of the Scrutiny meeting.

The police reported on the May crime figures.
- 18/662 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 1st May 2018

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 18/621 – 17/658 of a Parish Council Meeting held 1st May 2018.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.
- 18/663 Minutes of an Open Spaces meeting held 26th April 2018
RESOLVED to approve and adopt recommendations Minutes 11/18 – 21/18 of an Open Spaces meeting held 26th April 2018.
- 18/664 Minutes of a Finance Working Party meeting held 30th April 2018
RESOLVED to approve and adopt recommendations Minutes 6/18 – 8/18 of a Finance Working Party Committee meeting held 30th April 2018.
- 18/665 Minutes of a Staff Working Party meeting held 29th May 2018
RESOLVED to approve and adopt recommendations Minutes 22/18 – 29/18 of a Staff Working party meeting held 29th May 2018.
- 18/666 Funding Report
RESOLVED to receive the Clerk's funding report.
- 18/667 District Council Community Fund
County Councillor B Ridgway asked the Council to consider managing his proportion of the District Council Community Fund RESOLVED to place £20,000 with the Parish Council and invite local groups to apply for the funding.
- 18/668 Marketing and Events
RESOLVED to receive the Assistant Clerks Marketing & Events report. Assistant Clerk to report on why some of the events are failing.

- 18/669 Standing Orders
RESOLVED to adopt the amendments of the Standing Orders.
- 18/670 Health and Safety Policy
RESOLVED to adopt the amendments to the Health and Safety policy, Clerk to be the safety officer.
- 18/671 Inclusion Policy
RESOLVED to adopt amendments to the Inclusion Policy subject to adding how the Council will achieve their aims.
- 18/672 Equality and Diversity Policy
RESOLVED to adopt the amendments to the Equality and Diversity Policy.
- 18/673 Asset Management Policy.
RESOLVED to update the register of assets and bring the policy to the July Council meeting for approval.
- 18/674 Complaint Procedure
RESOLVED to receive the Complaint Procedure with no amendments.
- 18/675 Freedom of Information Model Publication Scheme
RESOLVED to include the definition of a request, the timescale for dealing with a request and the name of the person who deals with the request.
- 18/676 Press and Media Policy
RESOLVED to receive the Press and Media policy with no amendments.
- 18/677 Community Engagement Policy
RESOLVED Communications Committee to review the Community Engagement Policy and make recommendations to Council.
- 18/678 Retention of Documents Policy
RESOLVED to adopt a retention policy with the addition of the retention of electronic documents.
- 18/679 Grant Applications
RESOLVED to approve the District Council Chairs Charity free room hire grant application and to donate £100 towards the Chairs chosen charity a distraction unit at Chesterfield Royal Hospital. RESOLVED to invite the Chair to promote her charity at a Health and Wellbeing event to be held in the Civic Centre in Autumn.
- 18680 Ridgeway Picnic Area Consultation
The Council received 20 responses to the Ridgeway picnic area consultation. The majority of the respondents live in the parish of Eckington and mainly use the area for walks and picnics. RESOLVED Communications Group to go ahead with talks with partners and identify funding to improve the area.
- 18/681 Bolsover District Local Plan
RESOLVED to note a consultation on the Bolsover District Local Plan is available for comments.
- 18/682 Councillor Vacancy
Due to the resignation of Councillor Beecher there is one vacancy in the North Ward of Eckington. The Council would like to thank him for the work he has carried out in the parish during his term of office in particular the work on the arches project and the help given with renovation of the Civic Centre. RESOLVED Clerk to start the democratic process to advertise the vacancy.

There is one vacancy in the Renishaw and Spinkhill Ward.

- 18/683 Staff Working Party
RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Dye and Marsh onto the Staff Working Party Committee.
- 18/684 Planters
Request received from Eckington Town Team for the Parish Council to water the planters at the gateway to the villages in the parish of Eckington. RESOLVED Clerk bring the cost implications to the next Council meeting.
- 18685 Eckington Town Team Consultation on Improvements for Eckington
RESOLVED to note the list of potential improvements required in Eckington town centre. The Council thanked the town team for worthwhile consultation and will ask the relevant authority to implement them as soon as finance is available.
- 18/686 Communications Committee
RESOLVED to adopt the terms of reference for the Communications Committee.
- 18/687 Replacement Vehicle
RESOLVED delegated power given to Councillor Dye to bring proposals for the replacement of the Council vehicle back to the Council for consideration.
- 18/688 Accessible doors
RESOLVED Clerk to obtain quotes for automatic doors to be installed at the entrance of the Civic Centre.
- 18/689 Chair
RESOLVED to note Councillor B Ridgway resigned as Chair of the Council due to personal reasons. Members thanked Councillor Ridgway for his years of dedication and service to the Council as Chair.
- 18/689 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the May items for information were made available.
- 18/690 Cemetery
RESOLVED to note there have been four new memorials, three new graves and one new inscription.

Following continuous complaints about the concrete plinth the Chair made a decision to have it removed. RESOLVED to note the plinth has been removed and letters of apology have been sent to the four families affected.

Members considered an application for the siting of a bench in the cemetery from a family who have previously applied and been refused. In 2016 the Council brought in a new policy that each application is to be considered on merit RESOLVED to refuse the application.

RESOLVED Council agreed to repurchase ashes plot 111.

RESOLVED to note a letter of gratitude and praise of the staff at the cemetery from Co-op Funeral Care.

The fountain has been installed at the cemetery and is ready for planting up.

- 18/691 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 27th April –2

Week ending 4th May – 6
Week ending 11th May – 5
Week ending 18th May – 6
Week ending 25th May – No traders due to weather conditions

18/692

Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) April 2018 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
- b) April 2018 Accounts Overview.
- c) To note cheque/Bacs payments since the last meeting.
- d) Budget Summary.
- e) April 2018 Internal Audit, carried out by Councillors Hunt and B Ridgway.

18/693

Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 1st May 2018 – 12th June 2018.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 1st May 2018 – 12th June 2018.

RESOLVED 18/00512/RM Application to amend condition 24 and vary condition 25 of 14/00562/OL (Conservation area) at Land to the South of Allotments at Ducksett Lane Accessed from Staveley Lane Eckington RESOLVED conditions to remain until gas supply has been installed and the damaged culvert on Ducksett allotments has been repaired.

18/00556/TPO Application to fell one Horse Chestnut tree covered by NEDDC Tree Preservation Order No 3 (W1) | Land on the south east corner of Church Street and Rectory Close Eckington RESOLVED to note maintenance to reduce the crown has been carried out.

18/00409/OL Outline application (all matters reserved) for a proposed mixed use development including 5 dwellings and 9 commercial units (Major Development/Departure from Development Plan) Site B Roman Road Systems Rotherside Road Eckington RESOLVED delegated power given to the Clerk to create a response on behalf the Parish Council.

North East Derbyshire Local Plan

To note the North east Derbyshire Plan has been formally submitted for approval.

Neighbourhood Planning

Councillor Austen and Deffley to bring a discussion paper to the next Council meeting.

Fracking

A Public enquiry which is open to the public will start on 19th June 2018.