

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

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

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO) C. Mitchell (Marketing)
3 members of the police and 3 members of the public.

16/102 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors K. Deffley (Illness), J Marsh (Work) and J Ibbotson.

16/103 Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED a) to receive the Market Report b) Due to the confidential nature of the item to discuss item 10f appointment of a building inspector during the exempt part of the meeting
c) To defer agenda item 10g tender report for Civic Centre renovation work.

16/104 Declarations of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, B Ridgway, J Ridgway and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute Nos 16/113, 16/116 and 16/129 they stayed in the meeting whilst the items were discussed.

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Councillor Hunt declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No 16/129 he left the meeting whilst the item was discussed.

16/105 Members of the Public

A Member of the public asked why the District Council were spending money on gym equipment at Eckington Swimming baths when the outside and inside of the building needed redecorating. Councillor B Ridgway said that the District Council have held discussions about cosmetic improvements to the inside and outside of the building. The District Council have agreed to invest in the gym as this will have a good financial return.

A member of the public gave information on a WW1 project in support of his groups grant application. He made a plea for the Council to agree to install welcome signs at the gateways to Renishaw village.

Police

PCSO Land 4513 informed Members that the April crime figures for the Parish of Eckington had increased by 75%, the detection rate had reduced by 2% and the antisocial behaviour figures were down by 20%. The crimes are not happening in a particular area in the Parish and there appears to be no set pattern. There tends to be peaks and troughs, maybe people are reporting more incidents. Unfortunately, sometimes there is no evidence to investigate

the crimes.

Councillor Kirton asked the police what the estimated response time is when someone has reported crime. PCSO Lance said there was no set timescale.

Councillor Austen asked if the police were aware of the recent vandalism at the cemetery and asked if the increased crime figures had any effect on the reduced detection rates. She asked if the speed cameras were still in use. PCSO Land agreed to send details of the speed reduction initiatives. The Council asked the police to support any applications to reduce the speed limits and installation of speed aware signs in the Parish.

16/106 Minutes of an Annual Parish Council Meeting held 5th April 2016

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 16/079 – 16/101 of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 3rd May 2016 subject to the following amendments. To amend the title to 'Annual' Parish Meeting. 16/085 To include '& Premises' to the Community Hall heading and text. 16/086 the dog bin is on Wolfric Road not as recorded in the Minute at Staniforth Avenue.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

16/107 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20 April 2016

RESOLVED to receive the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 20th April 2016 subject to the following amendments. a) Chairman's report item, remove 'is to' from the text and add that the report is to be included in the next Council Newsletter. b) The Bromehead Charity report was not available at the meeting, however Councillor Kirton read out the report during the meeting.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes

16/108 Calendar of Meetings

RESOLVED to accept the calendar of meetings presented at the meeting with the addition of meeting dates for the Communications Group, Community Hall & Premises Committee, Asset Management meeting and Budget Review.

16/109 Council Grant Application Form

Members considered amendments to the Council grant application form
RESOLVED Communications Group to make further amendments to try to make the form easier for the applicants to complete.

16/110 Staff Working Party

Members considered the Clerks request for the creation of a Staff Working Party
RESOLVED all Councillors to be involved with Staffing issues. Clerk to invite any number of Councillors to meetings to discuss staffing issues. The details and recommendations are to be brought back to Council for approval.

16/111 Gateways to the Parish

Members considered requests from members of the public for decorative entrance signs/features to be installed at the gateways to the villages of the Parish. RESOLVED Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss designs and location options in more detail.

16/112 Civic Centre

Members considered the refurbishment plans and tender details for the Civic Centre. RESOLVED to ask for the roofing text to be removed from the tender details and to amend the plans ;

Remove the proposed door in the office glass panel and fit one in the partition wall section of the office.

Remove the proposed doorway through the solid brick wall leading from the proposed ceremony area leading into the office.

Salvage the original entrance doors and fit them in the opening between the meeting room leading into the bar area.

RESOLVED to appoint BCN Consultancy to carry out the Building Inspections.

16/113 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Members considered details of a North East Derbyshire District Council contract to maintain the Council's play areas and open spaces. RESOLVED Clerk to ask for the maintenance of the shrub beds at Warren Crescent to be removed from the maintenance schedule. The Parish Council will take on the maintenance of these beds, which will make a saving of £585.10 per annum.

16/114 Derbyshire & Derby Minerals Local Plan

RESOLVED to note additional papers in the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan consultation are available for comments until 12th June 2016.

16/115 Eckington Summer Festival

The Clerk reported on initiatives suggested by Members of the Communications group to promote the Parish Council during the Eckington Summer Festival. RESOLVED The Council approved the proposals and agreed a budget of up to £1,000 for the purchase of presentation boards, banners and branded items.

16/116 District & Parish Council Liaison Group

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Brian Ridgway as the Council's representative on the District and Parish Council Liaison group, all remaining Councillors appointed as substitute representatives. Members are invited to a Liaison Group meeting at the District Council Offices Friday 1st July from 9.30am until 3.35pm.

16/117 Grant Applications

Members considered a Non Standard grant application from St Mathews Church WWI Group. RESOLVED to defer the item until the Council have seen a copy of their constitution.

RESOLVED to award a grant of £70 to the Rainbows Playgroup to cover the subscription fee for an online learning system.

16/118 Gritting & Snow Warden Scheme

A residents request for Castle Hill Close to be included in the gritting schedule has been rejected by the County Council. The County Council grit the lower section of the road up to the ambulance service station and the section leading up to the elderly resident's home is to be gritted by a local farmer. RESOLVED Clerk to send a letter to the County Council to ask them if they will reconsider the request as the elderly resident's complex is only a little further up the road from the ambulance service station. In the Parish Council's opinion if their section of the road is not included in the County Council's gritting schedule it will leave the elderly residents isolated and vulnerable.

Members to consider joining the County Council's Snow Warden Scheme in September.

16/119 Fibre Broadband

RESOLVED to note details of the roll out of fibre broadband in the Eckington area were received.

16/120 Renishaw Post Office

RESOLVED to note Renishaw post office is to be relocated at Select and Save, Main Road, Renishaw.

16/121 Allotments

The Clerk informed Members about complaints received from several tenants regarding an unpleasant smell coming from one of the plots at School Street allotments. RESOLVED Clerk to speak to the offending tenant to try and resolve the issue.

16/122 Items for information

RESOLVED items for information were available at the meeting.

16/123 Cemetery Report

RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there was 7 New Graves and 4 New Memorials.

The Council considered a request from Eckington & District Preservation & Historical Society, with regard to supplying and fixing a memorial to mark the first grave in Eckington cemetery. Daynes Monumental Ltd have offered to

donate a memorial and fix free of charge. RESOLVED to approve the request. Council to approve the siting of the memorial.

16/124 Market Attendance

RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;

Week ending 29th April – 3

Week ending 6th May – 7

Week ending 13 May - 6

Week ending 20 May – 7

Week ending 27 May – 8

Week ending 3 June – 7

16/125 Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED to suspend standing orders at 9pm and to continue with the meeting.

16/126 Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) April 2016 Account/Bank reconciliation, subject to the 2015 heading to be amended to 2016.
- b) April 2016 Receipts and Payments Schedule.
- c) April 2016 Accounts Overview, Treasurer to send details of the play area repairs carried out at Ridgway to Councillor Dye.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection subject to the 2015/2016 heading to be amended to 2016/17.
- f) 2016/17 Budget Summary.
- g) April 2016 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt and Marsh.

16/127 Action Log

RESOLVED to note the Action Log.

15/16 (1) Councillor Beecher informed Members that the District Council License fee for the Archways will be £1 per annum. The Chair and Clerk signed the Licence witnessed by Mr Michael Gazur. In order for the licence to be completed the reference from the planning application is required by the County Council.

16/128 Planning

- a) RESOLVED to object to the following applications;
16/00375/FL Proposed development to form one shop, dwelling house and car parking amenity. To object to a development on this site as it would severely compromise the aims of the regeneration of the town centre contained in the Supplementary Planning Document. It would restrict access into the town centre and would encroach on the hard standing area for pedestrians.
16/00384/FL proposed conversion and extension of existing garage to form an annex. To object it is an over development in an urban setting.
16/00500 Application for change of use of part of domestic garden to beer

garden/play area in association with adjacent Renishaw Miners Welfare. To object, the Council has concerns about noise, loud music and the loss of a domestic garden associated with a house.

16/00398/FL Proposed demolition of garden centre buildings and form 3 ECO dwellings. To the rear of the Fieldings Greenway Northridge and Four Winds, High Lane, Ridgway. To object it is an over development in a conservation area.

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b) RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions presented at the meeting.

16/129

Pension Scheme

RESOLVED to approve a member of staff's request to join the Local Government Pension scheme.

16/130

Van Lease

RESOLVED to accept a settlement offer from the van lease hire company.

16/131

Renishaw Community Hall

RESOLVED to note Councillor B Ridgway declared an interest and he left the room, Councillor Gare took the Chair.

RESOLVED to approve the actions carried out to remedy the problems that had arisen at Renishaw Community Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 10.00 pm