

## **Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington**

### Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J. Austen; S. Beecher; E Charlesworth; K. Deffley; A.S. Dye; C Gare; C. Harper; C. Hunt; J Ibbotson; L. Kirton; J Marsh; J.S. Ridgway.

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO) C. Mitchell (Marketing)  
2 members of the police and 5 members of the public.

### 16/079 Election of Chair

RESOLVED Councillor Brian Ridgway was appointed Chairman.

### 16/080 Declaration of Office

RESOLVED Councillor Brian Ridgway signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

### 16/081 Co-option

The Council retired from the meeting to another room to consider an application from a candidate for Co-option to Councillor. Councillors returned to the meeting and took a vote on the suitability of the candidate. RESOLVED Carolyn Renwick appointed Councillor to the Marsh Lane and Ridgeway Ward.

Councillor Renwick signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

### 16/082 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Roberts and Tite.

### 16/083 Election of Vice chair

RESOLVED Councillor Gare was appointed Vice Chair.

### 16/084 Election of Open Spaces Committee

Members agreed that the Open Spaces Committee should meet on a quarterly basis. RESOLVED Councillors Deffley, Dye, Gare, Hunt, Kirton, B Ridgway, J S Ridgway, Roberts and Tite appointed on the Open Spaces Committee.

### 16/085 Community Hall Committee

Members agreed that the Community Halls Committee should meet on a regular basis to move the Civic Centre Project forward. RESOLVED Councillors Austen, Beecher, Charlesworth, Harper, Herring, Gare, Marsh, Renwick and Ridgway appointed on the Community Halls Committee.

16/086 Public Participation and Speaking

Margaret Fry, Chairman of the Eckington Town Team thanked the Council for the grant that had been awarded to team to enable them to provide a Christmas event. At the Town Team Annual General Meeting the committee members were reappointed. Volunteers from the Town Team have agreed to help with the Eckington Summer Festival, Saturday 2 July 2016. Margaret agreed to send details about an overgrown footpath to the Clerk. The Council thanked Margaret for the work she has carried out in the community.

The owner of Canada Fields in Eckington Woods informed Members of the problems him and his staff had experienced with off road motorbikes. There has been an assault and property damage. He reported that members of the public are being intimidated and suggested a Friends Group could be formed to try to combat the issues.

A member of the public asked the Council to address a smell problem at School Street allotments and asked when 12a allotment will be rented out. He asked if the Council would place a dog bin on Back Lane and for the damaged dog bin at Staniforth Avenue to be replaced.

16/087 Variation of Order of Business

None.

16/088 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillor Marsh declared a personal interest in Minute No 16/096 Derbyshire Police grant request she stayed in the meeting whilst the item was discussed. Councillor Hunt declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No 16/101 Planning he left the meeting whilst the item was discussed.

16/089 Police Report

PC Land informed Members that the crime figures had increased compared to April 2015.

5 House Burglaries, 2 violent crimes, 6 unacceptable behaviour contracts and the issue of ASBOs has gone up by 26%.

Three people have been named for the arson attack to one of the Council owned benches. The perpetrators have accepted Restorative Justice and agreed to meet the cost to replace the bench. At Councillor Austen's request PC Land agreed to make arrangements for the perpetrators to apologise in person to the Council.

Councillor Brian Ridgway thanked the police for their quick response in dealing with a fatal incident that had happened near the cross roads on Renishaw Hill.

16/090 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 16/061 – 16/078 of a Parish Council Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 subject to the following amendments. 16/061 spelling

mistake public lie to read public, 16/067 Minutes of a 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 meeting were approved not 2016, 16/072 b) the Council agreed to pay the lower rate subscription to DALC not the local rate.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

16/091 Draft Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

RESOLVED to receive the Draft Minutes of an Open Spaces Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Councillor Gare agreed to supply the Clerk with some omissions from the Minutes.

16/092 Cemetery Report

RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there was 2 New Graves and 2 New Memorials. RESOLVED to note the Council has received a request for a kerb to be added to one of the existing headstones which according to the cemetery rules this is not allowed. The application will be reconsidered after it has been amended.

16/093 Grant Aid

Members considered a standard grant aid request from St Mathews Church WWI Group. RESOLVED Clerk to advise the group that if they want the grant to be considered they will need to agree to supply the Council with details of how the grant has been used.

Members considered a project grant aid request from Derbyshire Police. RESOLVED to provide £1,000 towards the cost of providing a programme of local events for youth summer diversion activities for the young people of Eckington, Dronfield and Killamarsh.

16/094 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Members considered details of a North East Derbyshire contract to maintain the Council's play areas and open spaces. Members agreed to furnish the Clerk with details of maintenance work that has not been carried out. Clerk suggested that the handyman took on the maintenance of the shrub beds at Warren Crescent. RESOLVED Clerk to ask for the shrub beds and any items that Councillors believe are not being completed done to be removed from the quotation before approving.

16/095 Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) March 2016 Account/Bank reconciliation.
- b) March 2016 Receipts and Payments Schedule.
- c) 2016/17 Budget Summary.
- d) March 2016 Accounts Overview.
- e) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- f) Cash Flow Projection.
- g) March 2016 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors J. S. Ridgway and B. Ridgway.

- h) Year End Bank Account reconciliation for yearend 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- i) Receipts and Payments Summary for Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- j) Income and Expenditure Summary for Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- k) Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement Nos 1 – 8 in the affirmative and confirm that statement 9 is not applicable in relation to the Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- l) Section 2 of the Accounting Statement as declared in the Annual Audit Return in relation to the Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
  
- m) RESOLVED to receive section 4 of the Annual Internal Audit Report as annotated by the Independent Auditor as part of the Annual Return in relation to Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
  
- n) RESOLVED to confirm authorise signatories Councillors; Austen, Gare, Harper, Hunt, Marsh, B Ridgway, J.S. Ridgway and RFO (M. Gazur).
  
- o) RESOLVED to receive the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 Independent Auditors Report and to note its contents.
  
- p) RESOLVED to reappoint Yorkshire Internal Audit Services as the Councils Independent Internal Auditors for 2016/17.
  
- q) RESOLVED to note the Notice of Date of Commencement of Period for the exercise of Public Rights Accounts for the Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days commencing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 and ending on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

16/096      Suspension of Standing Orders

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

16/097      DALC Spring Seminar

RESOLVED to note a report received from Councillors Austen and Gare following their attendance at the DALC Spring Seminar held 11th April 2016.

16/098      Action Log

RESOLVED to note the Action Log.

15/16 (1) Councillor Beecher informed Members that the calculations for the archways for the Town Centre project have been passed. The County Council's legal department have not dealt with anything like this application before and the Parish Council will need to apply for a licence. He suggested that the sub group meet with the Clerk and the Marketing Co-ordinator to discuss how to improve Eckington Market.

15/128 Councillor Kirton advised the Council that she is to meet with the Countryside Warden to discuss the overgrown bridleways and public footpaths.

16/099 Market Attendance

RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;  
Week ending 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – 7  
Week ending 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – 7  
Week ending 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – 6  
Week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 – 8

16/100 Civic Centre Renovation Project

Clerk reported on a meeting she had held with the architect on the design of the Parish Office. She suggested that the doorway was moved, a secondary lighting system was installed and a storage area was made in the wedding room for the storage of round tables.

RESOLVED The Chair and Clerk to have a meeting with the architect to discuss the cost implications.

16/101 Planning

RESOLVED to object to application 16/00376/FL Proposed development to form three terraced houses and car parking at Northgate House, Market Street. The development is inappropriate it would have an impact on the amenity of residents and local businesses. It is contrary to Eckington Town Frame Work Document. A residential development on this site would severely compromise the aims of the regeneration of the town centre contained in the Supplementary Planning Document.

Councillors were asked to comment in a personal capacity to an application from The Craft Union Pub Company Limited for a variance of a premises licence for the Duke of York, 37 Market Street.

The Meeting Closed at 9-45 pm