

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); S Beecher; E Charlesworth; K Deffley; E Fisher; C Gare; C Harper; C Hunt; L Kirton; J Marsh; C Renwick and J.S. Ridgway.

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M Gazur (RFO) 5 members of the Public.

- 17/415 Apologies for Absence
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Austen (Holiday) Dye (Bereavement) Roberts and Tite (Work).
- 17/416 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Hunt and J Ridgway declared a personal interest in Minute Nos 17/432 Planning.
- 17/417 Members of the Public
A representative from Natural Eckington asked the Council to consider their grant application favourably.
A representative from Rainbows Playgroup asked the Council for short term financial support.
- 17/418 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 6th June 2017

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 17/398 – 17/414 of a Parish Council Meeting held 6th June 2017.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.
- 17/419 Funding
RESOLVED a) to note the Clerks report on funding applications b) to agree to provide NEDBD Ltd in advance the full appropriate level of funding to enable it to operate as a contributing third party for the Viridor funding application c) to agree that if the NEDB Leader Fund application is successful to contribute 20% out of reserves.
- 17/420 Marketing and Events
RESOLVED to note the Clerks Marketing & Events report and to accept the recommendations.
- 17/421 Equal Opportunity and Diversity Policy
RESOLVED to adopt an Equal Opportunity and Diversity Policy.
- 17/422 Equal Opportunity Policy
RESOLVED to agree and adopt the amendments to the Staff Equal Opportunity Policy.
- 17/423 Bus Shelter Fir Road, Eckington
RESOLVED to ask County Council to repair the bus shelter at Fir Road, Eckington.

- 17/424 NEDDC Town and Parish Conference
RESOLVED to note the next NEDDC Town and Parish Conference is to take place Tuesday 5th September at the District Council office.
- 17/425 Civic Centre Open Day
RESOLVED Clerk to invite Fire and Rescue and other organisations to provide public information at an Open Day at the Civic Centre. (Date to be confirmed)
- 17/426 Noticeboard
RESOLVED to approve cost and design of a noticeboard, Clerk to apply for planning permission to erect it on the front of the Civic Centre.
- 17/427 Garden Maintenance Equipment
RESOLVED to agree for the purchase of new mowers for the cemetery and a strimmer and hedge cutter for the handyman.
- 17/427 Grant Applications
RESOLVED to award £100 to Eckington Boys and Belles Junior Football Club.

RESOLVED to award £100 to Rainbows Playgroup.

RESOLVED to enter into a partnership with Natural Eckington to create a 2018 calendar of scenes from across Eckington parish. A photo competition will be arranged and the winning entries will be included in the calendar. Sponsorship of each month to be sought from local businesses. Councillor Brian Ridgway agreed to underwrite the project out of his County Council allowance.
- 17/428 Cemetery

The Council agreed to an application to install a headstone taller than the Council's policy because other headstones of this height have already been installed in this section of the cemetery. None will be allowed in the new section.

The Council refused a request for a nickname to be inscribed on the back of a headstone as the name was considered inappropriate.

RESOLVED to accept the donation of a tiered fountain and install it at the cemetery. To agree up to a maximum of £2,500 for the dismantle, transport and installation costs.
- 17/429 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 26th May - 5
Week ending 2nd June – 4
Week ending 9th June – 6
Week ending 16th June – 5
Week ending 23rd June - 4
- 17/430 Finance
RESOLVED to approve:
a) May 2017 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
b) May 2017 Receipts/Payment Schedule.

- c) May 2017 Accounts Overview.
- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- h) May 2017 Internal Audit, carried out by Councillors Hunt & B. Ridgway.

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Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 7th April 2017 – 4th July 2017.

Planning application CM4/0517/10 for a vertical hydrocarbon exploratory core well (County Matter) at Bramley Moor Lane Marsh Lane for INEOS Upstream Ltd. RESOLVED Council objects to this application. Councillors to submit their responses to the Clerk.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 7th April 2017 – 4th July 2017.