

Minutes of the Meeting of Eckington Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th July 2016 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - B. Ridgway (Chair); J. Austen; S. Beecher; K. Deffley; C Gare; C. Harper; C. Hunt; L. Kirton; C Renwick, J.S. Ridgway.

Others: R. Bullimore (Clerk); M. Gazur (RFO) C. Mitchell (Marketing)
2 members of the police and 1 member of the public.

16/132 Chair

Councillor B Ridgway left the meeting to deal with a personal matter
RESOLVED Councillor Gare took the Chair.

16/133 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors E Charlesworth (Work), A.S Dye (Family illness).

16/134 Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED to consider a Cultivation Licence Application.

16/135 Declarations of Members Interest

Councillor Kirton declared a personal interest in Minute No 16/139, Councillors Austen and Hunt declared a personal interest in Minute No 16/142 they stayed in the room whilst these items were discussed. Councillors B Ridgway and J Ridgway declared a personal interest in Minute No 16/143 they left the meeting whilst the item was discussed.

16/136 Members of the Public

A Member of the public reported on a number of County Council issues. Councillor Gare informed the resident that the County Council have already been informed about the issues he has raised.

Police

An officer of the Safer Neighbourhood Team informed the Council that the crime figures have increased by 46.2%. There were no serious crimes reported. The perception by Members was that the crime figures had grown following the closure of the police unit in Eckington. Councillor Austen suggested that PCSO Land contact the Clerk to see if there is any area in the Civic Centre for the police to use as a surgery. RESOLVED to note members of the public can pass on information in the Library.

16/137 Chair

Councillor B. Ridgway took the Chair.

16/138 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 14th June 2016

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 16/102 – 16/132 of a Parish Council Meeting held 14th June 2016

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

16/139 Gosber Road

The Council considered a request of support from members of the Focus Group for Gosber Road to be designated as one way. RESOLVED to support the proposal in principal. The Council suggested that the traffic situation be investigated and requested that they are included in any site visits.

16/140 Bromehead General Charity

Councillor Herring, the Council's representative on the Bromehead Charity has been unable to attend any of their meetings due to a long term illness. The charity has asked the Council to consider appointing a reserve and or replacement to attend the meetings. RESOLVED Councillor Kirton to explain to Councillor Harper what Bromehead Charity does and to explain what would be expected of him should he agree to become the Council representative of the charity.

16/141 Social Media

RESOLVED Members agreed to adopt the Social Media Policy prepared by the Clerk subject to minor changes of the wording.

16/142 Grant Applications

Members considered a Standard Grant application from NED Councillor Stephen Peter's RESOLVED to award £50 to Councillor Peter's nominated charity 'Western Park Hospital Cancer Charity'. The charity to be offered the Civic Centre for a fund raising event and a stall at Eckington Market at any number of markets throughout the year free of charge.

Members considered a Non Standard Grant application from St Mathews Church WWI Group RESOLVED to award a double grant of £100. The grant will go toward the costs of the creation of a publication to be based on the servicemen and women who fought in the WW1, those that lost their lives and people who remained at home producing goods needed for the war effort.

16/143 Cultivation Licence

RESOLVED to note the Council received notification of an application to cultivate the highway verge at 95 Carrwood Road, Renishaw. The Council made no comment.

16/144 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, gifts and branded items.

16/145 Civic Centre

Members considered a proposed budget for associated works and purchases required for the Civic Centre renovation project. RESOLVED to allocate £31,00 from 2016/17 budget for stage 1. To allow a contingency of £10,000 for stages 1 and 2 out of reserves and allocate £10,000 out of reserves for stage 2. RESOLVED Members of the Community Hall and Premises to recommend the details of the works and purchases for the Full Council to approve.

16/146 Clerks Hours

RESOLVED a) to pay the Clerk the additional hours accrued over the last 3 months b) to increase the Clerks core hours to 25 hours as a temporary measure and review in six months c) to pay any additional hours worked by the Clerk monthly.

16/147 Items for information

RESOLVED items for information were available at the meeting.

16/148 Cemetery Report

RESOLVED to note the Clerk reported that there was 1 new grave, 4 new Memorials and 4 new inscriptions.

RESOLVED to approve a request for a photo heart to added to a memorial.

16/149 Market Attendance

RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;

Week ending 10th June – 5

Week ending 17th June – 7

Week ending 27th June - 8

16/150 UFI Report

RESOLVED to note the Council thanked and congratulated the organisers of the Summer Festival held 2 July 2016. The event was well organised and it received a lot of visitors. Clerk to send a letter to the handyman to thank him for his assistance with the Council's stall.

16/151 Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

a) May 2016 Account/Bank reconciliation.

b) May 2016 Receipts and Payments Schedule. Clerk to find out the details of a piece of land and its possible uses, invoice 15650 £35 payment to the County Council rent for Eckington Junior School play area.

c) May 2016 Accounts Overview.

- d) Payments by cheque since the last meeting.
- e) Cash Flow Projection.
- f) Budget Summary.
- g) May 2016 Internal Audit carried out by Councillors Hunt and B. Ridgway.

16/152 Action Log

The Clerk asked the Council to consider abolishing the Action Log.
RESOLVED to agree to the Clerk's request. Items from the Action Log will be added to the agenda when there is something to be considered.

16/153 Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 15th June 2016 – 5 July 2016.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions presented at the meeting.

The Meeting Closed at 9.45 pm