

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7pm in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - C Gare (Chair); J Austen; A Dye; E Fisher; L Kirton; C. Renwick; J Ridgway and C Tite.

Others: R Bullimore (Clerk) M Gazur (RFO) R Hill (Assistant Clerk)
10 members of the public.

- 18/722 Minutes Silence
A Minutes Silence was held as a mark of respect following the death of ex District and Parish Councillor Jack Dargue.
- 18/723 Apologies for Absence
RESOLVED apologies received from Councillors Deffley (Holiday) Harper (Work) Hunt (Holiday) I Ibbotson, B Ridgeway (Illness).
- 18/724 Declaration of Members Interest

Councillors Austen, J Ridgway and Tite declared a personal interest in Minute No 758 Planning they stayed in the room whilst the item was discussed.
- 18/725 Members of the Public

Two members of the public raised concerns about the County Councils proposal to install a pedestrian refuge at Littlemoor, Eckington.

Jonathon Flowers updated the Council on the success of the distraction activities provided for vulnerable families and young people during the summer holidays.

Members of LGBT Wings group thanked the Council for their grant award which has enabled them to do more activities. The members said that attending the Wings group has helped them become more comfortable, given them confidence and they have made lots of friends. Councillor Fisher was congratulated for her efforts in moving the Wings project forward.

No police figures were available.
- 18/723 Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held 3 July 2018

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 18/694 – 17/718 of a Parish Council Meeting held 3rd July 2018 subject the omission of Councillor Tites apologies.

Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held 9th August 2018
RESOLVED to approve Minutes 18/719 – 17/721 of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held 9th August 2018.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.
- 18/724 Minutes of a Community Hall and Premises Meeting held 28th June 2018
RESOLVED to approve Minutes 84/18 – 92/18 of a Community Hall and Premises Meeting held 28th June 2018. RESOLVED Councillor Hunt and the Clerk to meet with the Chair and Vice Chair of the over 60's group to discuss room hire.
- 18/725 Minutes of a Finance Working Party Meeting held 6th August 2018
RESOLVED to approve Minutes 08/18 – 12/18 of a Finance Working Party Meeting held 6th August 2018.

- 18/726 Minutes of an Open Spaces Meeting held 5th July 2018
RESOLVED to approve Minutes 11/18 – 24/18 of an Open Spaces Meeting held 5th July 2018 subject to the omission off Councillor Kirton's apologies. RESOLVED Councillor Dye and the Clerk to meet with stone mason to discuss the re lettering of the names on the Marsh Lane war memorial. If they are satisfied that the job will be carried out to the relevant standard to arrange for the work to be carried out before Remembrance Sunday. Money from the war memorial cleaning budget and chapel refurbishment reserves budget to be used to meet the cost.
- 18/727 Minutes of a Staff Working Party Meeting held 2 August 2018
RESOLVED to note and adopt the recommendations of Minutes 30/18 – 34/18 of a Staff Working Party meeting held 2 August 2018.
- 18/728 Funding
Prior to this meeting Members had a tour of the Civic Centre to see what equipment has been provided with funding.

RESOLVED to receive the Clerk's funding report.

RESOLVED to agree in principal to apply to the governments apprenticeship levy for funding to upskill our staff. Proposals to be brought to Council for consideration.
- 18/729 Training
RESOLVED to arrange Code of Conduct training for all Councillors.

RESOLVED to receive a list of training opportunities available for the Clerk and Councillors. New Councillors be encouraged to attend Councillor Essential training.
- 18/730 Marketing and Events
RESOLVED to receive the Assistant Clerks Marketing & Events report.
- 18/731 Ex Councillor Jack Dargue
Councillor Jacqueline Ridgway gave a tribute to Ex Councillor Jack Dargue who recently passed away. RESOLVED to include the tribute in the next newsletter and add the details to social media.
- 18/732 Grant Applications
RESOLVED to grant £100 towards St Mathews Church grant application to change the church clock over to an automatic mechanism. The grant is to be paid when the group have secured the total amount of funding required. Councillor Jacqueline Ridgway to offer them assistance to find the additional funding required.

RESOLVED to refuse the Eckingtononian Social Club grant application. The Council will buy the sports equipment requested and loan it out to the group and make it available to other community groups.

RESOLVED to grant free room hire to Eckington Town Team for their Christmas Market event. Clerk to inform the group that they are allowed one grant application per year.
- 18/733 Bromehead Charity
RESOLVED ex Councillor Sam Beecher to remain as a representative of the Parish Council on the Bromehead Charity providing that he is in agreement.
- 18/734 Staff Working Party Terms of Reference
RESOLVED to adopt amendments to the Staff Working Party Terms of Reference.
- 18/735 Confidentiality Policy

RESOLVED to include a reference to the Councils Code of Conduct and adopt a Confidentiality Policy.

- 18/736 Safeguarding Policy
RESOLVED remove the need for groups hiring the Council's facilities to have Public Liability Insurance from the policy and adopt. Public liability to be on the next Council agenda.
- 18/737 Asset Management Strategy
RESOLVED to note the receipt of the Asset management Strategy and defer. Clerk to view the mapping system at North East District Council to confirm ownership of sections of land in the parish.
- 18/738 Community Engagement Strategy
RESOLVED to adopt the amendments to the Community Engagement Strategy.
- 17/739 Gleadless Allotments
A member of the public is disputing the legality of vehicle access onto Gleadless Allotments. RESOLVED Clerk to employ a solicitor to investigate and to inform Sheffield City Councillors for this ward of the dispute.
- 18/740 Letter from a member of the public about comments made at a Council Meeting
RESOLVED to note a member of the public was disappointed to witness comments about fracking aimed at MP Lee Rowley.

RESOLVED to note North East District Council and not the Parish Council are responsible for seeking views from members of the public for the use of Section 106 payments.

RESOLVED to note that the grant for a contribution for the distraction activities during the summer is included in the annual precept budget.
- 18/741 Traffic on Chesterfield Road, Eckington
Members considered a letter and a signed petition from residents concerned about the volume and speed of traffic on Chesterfield Road, Eckington RESOLVED Clerk to ask the police to carry out speed checks on Chesterfield Road and Littlemoor. The Parish Council contributed to purchase a mobile speed camera Clerk to ask how often this has been used in the parish. The letter and petition to be forwarded on to Derbyshire County Council.
- 18/742 Calendar and Photograph Competition
Clerk informed members that the 2019 calendar has a new design and there are sponsors for some of the months. We have received lots of photographs and these are to be displayed in the library and online the week commencing 10th September for members of the public to vote for their favourite photograph. The calendar will be on sale in October.
- 18/743 Local Democracy Week 15th to 19th October 2018
RESOLVED to contact schools to ask if Councillors can visit to explain about the roles and activities of the Parish Council during the Local Democracy week.
- 18/744 Dronfield Town Council Neighbourhood Plan
RESOLVED to note the pre-submission Dronfield Town Council Neighbourhood Plan consultation is available for comments.
- 18/745 Licencing Act 2003
RESOLVED to note Licencing Act 2003 statement of policy is available for comments.

- 18/746 One Public Estate Initiative
RESOLVED to note the Council welcomes the opportunity to work in full partnership with the District and County Council and other local bodies and supports of the One Public Estate Initiative.
- 18/747 DALC
RESOLVED to note DALC are wanting nominations for a President and two Vice Presidents.

RESOLVED to ask DALC to hold meetings in North East Derbyshire.
- 18/748 North East Derbyshire Sports Award
RESOLVED to note nominations are requested for the North East Derbyshire Sports Award.
- 18/749 Whitespace Broadband
The Council have received a request to install a mast and base radio on the roof at Renishaw and Spinkhill community centre in exchange for free wifi internet in the hall. The backhaul service and router will require a small usage of electric. The facility could provide faster broadband to businesses and residents within a 10km radius. RESOLVED in principal to accept the offer. A meeting to be arranged with Whitespace and the Hall Management Committee to discuss further.
- 18/750 Community Green Space
Clerk reported on the request from a member of the public to use Golden Ball field for a charity event. Permission was granted providing that proof of public liability insurance was provided, vehicles were not allowed on the pitch and that area was left clean and free from litter. The Clerk raised concerns that no staff or Councillors were at the event to ensure that the instructions were adhered to RESOLVED to discuss at Open Spaces Committee.
- 18/751 Renishaw and Spinkhill Management Committee
In a change from what was agreed at the last Council meeting a Management Committee has been set up to manage the Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall. RESOLVED on the advice of the Clerk to appoint Councillor J Ridgway onto the Committee as a representative of the Parish Council until the group has settled in. The Management Committee to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and to meet with the Clerk and RFO to discuss practicalities. Councillor J Ridgway's telephone number to be the contact number for bookings.
- 18/752 Eckington Town Team
RESOLVED to note the programme of events to be organised by Eckington Town Team.
- 18/753 Items for Information
RESOLVED to note the July and August items for information were made available.
- 18/754 Cemetery
RESOLVED to note there have been twelve new memorials, one ashes plot and one new graves.
- 18/755 Market Attendance
RESOLVED to note Market attendance figures;
Week ending 29th June –7
Week ending 6th July – 6
Week ending 13th June – 5
Week ending 20th July – 5
Week ending 27th July – 5

Week ending 3rd August - 6
Week ending 10th August - 6
Week ending 17th August – 5
Week ending 24th August – 2

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Finance

RESOLVED to approve:

- a) June and July 2018 Account/Bank reconciliation figures.
- b) June and July 2018 Accounts Overview.
- c) To note cheque/Bacs payments since the last meeting. Councillor Dye to speak to the cemetery staff about the condition of the tractor.
- d) Budget Summary.
- e) June and July 2018 Internal Audit, carried out by Councillors Hunt and B Ridgway.
- f) The purchase of accounting software package.

18/757

Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders at 9pm and continue with the meeting.

18/758

Planning

RESOLVED to note the Planning applications received 4th July 2018 – 4th September 2018.

RESOLVED to note the Planning decisions received 4th July 2018 – 4th September 2018.

18/00556/TPO removal of tree prior to planning approval RESOLVED to note the Parish Council is concerned about the number of trees being felled in parish particularly without approval.

Fracking

RESOLVED the Council are disappointed with the outcome of the public enquiry to allow exploratory drilling at Marsh Lane.

The Council are opposed to the Government removing exploratory drilling from requiring planning permission and does not believe that local consultation should be side stepped.

Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED It was agreed that it is important that all Councillors research into whether a Neighbourhood Plan would be suitable for the parish and not to go on the recommendation of one or two Councillors. Councillors are requested to carry out their own research. A separate meeting is to be arranged for this to be discussed in detail.