

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council meeting held remotely on Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 7pm

Attendance

Councillors- C Renwick (Chairman) P Allan, J Archer, J Boyce, K Deffley (joined at 7:15pm and left at 8:30pm), C Harper, J Kenyon, J Marsh, O Gomez-Reaney, I Tagg, P Wheelhouse

Others- M Gazur (RFO), R Bullimore (Clerk), R Hill (Assistant Clerk)

20/1173 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors Ridgeway and Landall (work) C Tite (family issue) A Dye (traffic)

20/1174 Variation to order of business

RESOLVED to change items 'None standard memorial requests' and 'To consider amendments to rules and regulations' around in order to properly discuss memorial requests

20/1175 Minutes of Parish Council held 2nd June 2020

RESOLVED Minutes 20/1152-20/1165 received and approved with the amendments Councillor Allan sent her apologies and only the February accounts were audited

The Chair duly signed minutes

20/1176 Minutes of a Finance Committee meeting held 15th June 2020

RESOLVED Minutes 90/20-99/20 received and approved.

Eckington Civic Centre is to remain closed through July and August, September is currently under review. Members agreed it would be prudent, during the time of reduced income, that discretionary spending for the remainder of the year is advisable.

20/1177 Minutes of an Open Spaces Meeting held 11th June 2020

RESOLVED Minutes 90/20-99/20 received and approved

Councillor Renwick updated members on the current situation with the leases at Ida's Road Play Area and the adjoining field.

Members agreed to purchase two new aluminium ramps for the cemetery at a cost of £25 each.

Members set a date of Wednesday 15th July 10am to 1pm for the action day to clear the Chapel of Ease .

20/1178 Minutes of an Environmental Committee meeting held 24th June 2020

RESOLVED Minutes 01/20-07/20 received and approved.

20/1179 Minutes of a Staff Working Party meeting held 1st July 2020

RESOLVED to adopt Minutes 100/20 -106/20 and recommendations of the Staff Working Party.

20/1180 Grant Applications and items for information

The Civic Centre has been closed since March and the staff furloughed due to the Coronavirus RESOLVED to reject Derbyshire Unemployed Workers and the Citizens Advice Bureau Grant applications due to the lack of income in these uncertain times.

RESOLVED A grant of £200 towards the cost of seating was approved for Eckington Cricket Club.

20/1181 RESOLVED to receive the Dunn & Co Cemetery Administration report.

20/1182 RESOLVED to note the new member code of conduct LGA consultation was available for comment.

20/1183 RESOLVED to adopt a website accessibility statement and work towards becoming 100% compliant.

20/1184 RESOLVED to review conditions of bus shelters. The Council are to have an audit of all 17 Parish owned bus shelters and apply for grant funding for a replacement bus shelter and subsequent works needed at Marsh Lane, Lightwood Road. This item is to be taken back to the Open Spaces Committee for discussion.

20/1185 RESOLVED to approve the Environmental Committee Terms of Reference.

20/1186 RESOLVED to note that the Community Litter Picks held in the parish was supported by residents and Councillors. Thank you to Councillor Archer for organising the event, 45 bags of litter were collected over the week.

20/1187 Cemetery Report

RESOLVED to note the cemetery report, there have been 9 burials since the last meeting, 4 of which were ashes plots. 2 memorials were approved and there were 2 non-standard memorials to discuss. There were some maintenance issues with the ride on and walk behind lawnmower, but these have since been repaired. BACS and card payments are now being taken for burials and memorials which makes banking more efficient. A Cemetery staff member was praised for keeping the cemetery maintenance to a high standard whilst another staff member was on sick leave for 2 weeks. Members requested an updated tally of graves each month showing burials since last meeting and number for the year to date.

RESOLVED to approve amendments to the rules and regulations, height restrictions on memorials have been increased from 3ft in height to 5ft in height, 2ft 8" wide to 3ft wide, depth of 18" remains. Desktop memorials for ashes plots have a size restriction of 20" and will now be charged the same headstone rate as a standard plinth.

RESOLVED to approve non-standard memorial request, as an existing memorial which was previously approved, the council allowed the 24" depth base to remain and approved the new height which was a result of the 7 inches added to allow an extra inscription.

20/1188 RESOLVED to approve

a) May 2020 bank/reconciliation figures

ACCOUNTS

Starting balance	£506,167.89
Receipts	£6,765.51
Payments	£27,773.34

End Balance £485,160.15

BANK STATEMENTS

Total of accounts £485,420.15

Unpresented payments £260.00

Balance £485,160.15

b) May accounts overview

c) noting of payments since the last meeting

d) Budget summary

e) Councillors Renwick and Tagg carried out the March 2020 internal audit

f) May 2020 Civic Centre and Cemetery Accounts

g) Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall management accounts. Environmental Committee to investigate a greener electricity provider.

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Planning

RESOLVED To note the list of planning applications received since 2nd June 2020.

RESOLVED To note Planning decisions received since 2nd June 2020.