

**Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council Open Spaces Committee meeting held remotely on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 6:30pm**

Attendance

Councillors- P Allan (left at 8pm), J Archer, J Boyce, A Dye, J Kenyon, C Renwick, C Tite, P Wheelhouse

Others- R Bullimore (Clerk) R Hill (Assistant Clerk)

OS 193/21 Appointment of Chairman

RESOLVED Councillor Phillip Wheelhouse appointed Chairman.

OS 194/21 Appointment of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED Councillor Jennifer Archer appointed Vice Chairman.

OS 195/21 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Landall (work)

OS 196/21 Minutes of Open Spaces Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 173/21-192/21.

The Chair duly signed the minutes.

OS 197/21 Cemetery Action Plan

Members considered the Cemetery Action plan, Councillor Archer informed members that the Council paperwork held in the Cemetery Lodge had been sorted through and shredded professionally. The Assistant Clerk informed members that she had been unable to find out whether the new section of the Cemetery is consecrated ground. RECOMMEND not have the ground consecrated in the new section. Assistant Clerk to contact the District Council and enquire how they record their Cemetery records.

OS 198/21 Cemetery Report

RESOLVED to note the cemetery report.

OS 199/21 Cemetery Volunteers Update

Councillor Archer reported that all the records in the new section had been checked and the volunteers are going to start logging the details in the old section.

OS 200/21 Automatic Gates

The Clerk informed members that Western Power had been contacted for a quotation to provide an electricity supply to the gates. Councillor Kenyon also informed members that he had spoken to an electric gates specialist who suggested that solar power could be an option. RECOMMEND continue research into the options of automatic gates and prices.

OS 201/21 Landscaping

Members reviewed the landscaping quotation provided. RECOMMEND taking the quotation to full Council for review.

OS 202/21 Cemetery Shower Cubical Cladding Costs

The Assistant Clerk informed members of the costs of cladding the shower block to help it blend into the surroundings. Members considered the costs and discussed the option of the staff using the bathroom facilities in the lodge. RECOMMEND selling the cabin and allowing the staff to use the facilities in the lodge.

OS 203/21 Allotment Report

RESOLVED to note the allotment report, there are four plots on the Ducksett site which are difficult to hire out due to flooding issue. Seven Trent have been notified and have visited the site a number of times but have been unable to resolve the flooding issue RESOLVED Councillor Renwick to discuss the flooding issues with the County Council.

OS 204/21 Review of Allotment income and expenditure

Members considered the current income and expenditure of the Allotment sites. School Street and Marsh Lane have been identified as the sites that need attention.

Councillor Wheelhouse and Councillor Dye to check the water meter readings on School Street and Marsh Lane respectively on a monthly basis to check that the meter and usage readings are in line with each other.

OS 205/21 Allotment Strategy

RECOMMEND Assistant Clerk to arrange a face-to-face meeting to review the Allotment Strategy and Tenancy Agreement.

OS 206/21 Ida's Road Play Area

Members discussed the play areas and the continued damage to the wet pour, Councillor Renwick informed members about a complaint received from the Police regarding the safety of Ida's Road. RECOMMEND sending photographs of the wet pour at Ida's Road and Ash Crescent to play area companies and ask for different flooring options. Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss play areas.

OS 207/21 Golden Ball Football Income and Expenditure

Members discussed the current usage and the income and expenditure of the Golden Ball football pitch.

Members discussed the unsatisfactory maintenance of the field provided by the District Council RECOMMEND Clerk to send a letter of complaint to the District Council to voice the Parish Councils dissatisfaction of the maintenance.

Members considered a quotation received from Peter Boden Sports Maintenance Ltd to maintain the Golden Ball pitch and play area. Mr Boden currently provides maintenance for the Parish Council at Marsh Lane and the Cemetery. RECOMMEND using Peter Boden Sports Maintenance Ltd to maintain the football field and play area. RECOMMEND the administration of the football pitch and changing facilities is brought in house. Clerk to advertise the availability of the field to other teams.

OS 208/21 New Equipment for Golden Ball Play Area

Members discussed the quotations provided for new play equipment. RECOMMEND taking the equipment quotations to full council for selection and approval.

OS 209/21 Open Spaces Action Log

RESOLVED to note the Open Spaces Action Log.

OS 210/21 Wildlife Project

Members reviewed the viability of Wildlife Project RECOMMEND not to go ahead with the project as it was not environmentally sound.

- OS 211/21 Eckington War Memorial  
The Clerk informed members about a recent incident where a vehicle had driven over the centre of grass at Eckington War Memorial. Members discussed the possibility of having resin on the corners, bollards or raising the kerb. RECOMMEND leaving the memorial without any surrounds due to the rarity of incidents.
- OS 212/21 Stead Street  
The Clerk informed members that two visits had been made to Stead Street and maintenance had started. Strimming and mowing had been finished and the mulch path was being laid within the next few days. The Clerk reported that the Probation Services had been contacted to ask if they were interested in any doing work in the community, but a response had not been received at the time of the meeting.
- OS 213/21 Interpretation Board on Stead Street  
Members considered quotations to replace the vandalised interpretation board at Stead Street RECOMMEND purchase a cast acrylic interpretation board for Stead Street.
- OS 214/21 Request for Litter Bin  
The Clerk informed members about a request for a litter bin to be sited next to the bench on Chesterfield Road where there is already a bench sited directly opposite on the other side of the road. RECOMMEND not to install an additional bin in this location.
- OS 215/21 Community Speed Watch Locations and Times  
Members discussed the problematic areas where speeding motorists are an issue. RECOMMEND having Speed Watch at various time throughout the day on High Lane Ridgeway, Main Road Marsh Lane, Hague Lane leading to Mastin Moor and on the A615 near the Golf Course in Eckington.
- OS 216/21 Dates and Locations of Litter Picks  
Members discussed the recent Community Litter Picks and how often they should be arranged for, due to the amount of local litter picking groups now in operations. RECOMMEND rotating the areas of the litter picks and have them every other week on a Saturday 10am to 12pm.
- OS 217/21 Additional Dog/Litter Bins at Renishaw  
Members considered a request to install further bins at Renishaw RECOMMEND counting the number of bins already in the area.
- OS 218/21 Repairs to Bus Shelter Station Road, Eckington  
The Clerk informed members of the damage to glass in the bus shelter at Station Road, Eckington. RECOMMEND replacing the glass with mesh panels if there are enough funds in the budget.
- OS 218/21 Community Walking Group  
The Clerk informed members of a new Community Walking Group that is in the process of being set up. The group meet at the Civic Centre and be offered refreshments prior or following the walks.
- OS 219/21 Request to use Marsh Lane Field  
The Clerk informed members about a request received to use the field at Marsh Lane for a children's party. Members discussed the request and RECOMMEND letting the family use the field.

OS 220/21 Cemetery Tree Report

The Clerk reported that Anderson Tree Care had completed their survey of the trees in the cemetery. A number of trees had been identified as medium risk and three trees identified as High Risk. RECOMMEND having the high-risk trees dealt with as priority.