

Minutes of the Eckington Parish Council meeting held remotely on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7pm

Attendance

Councillors- C Renwick (Chairman) J Archer, J Boyce, C Harper, C Hunt, J Kenyon, D Landall, J Marsh, O Gomez-Reaney, I Tagg, P Wheelhouse

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

20/1240 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors A Dye (personal issue) Ridgway (work) Tite (work) , K Deffley (work) P Allan (illness)

20/1241 Minutes of Parish Council Meetings held 6th October 2020

RESOLVED Minutes 20/1220-20/1239 received and approved.

The Chairman duly signed minutes.

20/1242 Public Speaking

Councillor Gomez-Reaney updated members after speaking with the local Police about their efforts in tackling the burglaries that had been happening in the area. The Police have been present on the streets patrolling the area.

Councillor Renwick informed members that both the County and District Councils will be stepping up their efforts once again, during the month long nationwide lockdown, to support vulnerable people and to assist those that may need extra help at this time.

20/1243 Minutes of a Communications Committee Meeting held 2nd November 2020

RESOLVED minutes received and approved.

20/1244 Staff Consultations

RESOLVED Councillor Harper updated members on the progress of the staff consultation meetings.

20/1245 Derbyshire Air Ambulance

The Clerk informed members that she had received a request from the Derbyshire Air Ambulance asking for any financial support available. Members discussed how crucial the Air Ambulance had been recently within the Parish and agreed the Parish Council should support them in a way that is financially viable.

RESOLVED To add an appeal on behalf of the Air Ambulance onto social media. Clerk to ask for collection boxes from the Air Ambulance which can be placed in the Civic Centre.

20/1246 Coronavirus Policy

RESOLVED Members reviewed the current policy and agreed to adopt with the following amendments:

- To add remote council and committee meetings are being held
- To add delegated powers have been given to the Clerk, RFO in conjunction with the Chairman
- To add the use of QR codes

- 20/1247 Fun Fair at Lansbury Road Play Area
- The Clerk informed members that she had received a request to hold a fun fair on the play area at Lansbury Road. The fair has previously been held behind the miner's welfare but is now unable to stand at that location due to new homes being built. Members agreed that although there are some concerns about equipment causing damage to the grass, a fun fair would be a positive event in Eckington and would give public something to look forward to. RESOLVED agreed in principle, Clerk to research rental fees for the field.
- 20/1248 Snow Warden Scheme
- The Clerk asked if any members would like to volunteer for the annual snow warden scheme. The scheme provides free training to wardens for how to clear snow safely from paths and walkways, and to receive notifications of bad weather which can assist in putting weather warning systems into action.
RESOLVED Add to social media and the Parish Newsletter. Councillor Gomez-Reaney volunteered for the scheme.
- 20/1249 Charity Christmas Gift Shop
- Councillor Renwick reported that she had received a request from two Marsh Lane residents to set up a charity Christmas gift shop which would collect toys, wrapping and food for vulnerable people. Members agreed that charity events of this scale should be coordinated at District and County level, but the Parish Council could hold a drop-in centre for donations. RESOLVED to use the Civic Centre as a donation point, all donations to be passed onto Rykneld Homes, Derbyshire District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council to distribute where needed.
- 20/1250 Remembrance Sunday
- RESOLVED due to the cancellation of services, Councillors will pay their respects and place wreaths on the war memorials on the morning of Sunday 8th November. Councillor Renwick thanked Councillor's Dye, Wheelhouse and their wives for taking the time to put the poppies on the lamp posts around the Parish.
- 20/1251 Lansbury Road Play Area
- Members discussed quotations received to purchase new play equipment at Lansbury Road play area. Councillor Kenyon advised members on the different pieces of equipment available and the cost for each one.
- A sensory wall
 - An onyx climbing wall
 - A clear climbing wall, 5 or 7 panels with additional equipment available
- Members discussed the need to use the section 106 money available before the expiry deadline in January 2021.
RESOLVED to purchase the onyx climbing wall and extension using the section 106 money and some of the play area reserve funds. RESOLVED To look at other equipment that can be updated at the next Open Spaces Committee meeting.
- 20/1252 Repairs to surfacing in Play Areas
- Members discussed the continued vandalism to the wet pore surfacing at the play areas. The current wet pore at Ash Crescent is too old to be repaired and is frequently vandalised. Members discussed the options of removing the play equipment and leaving the play area empty until a new surface can be laid or investing in new equipment which includes surfacing.
RESOLVED site visit to Ash Crescent play area to be arranged before the next Open Spaces Committee meeting.

20/1253 Cemetery Report

RESOLVED to note the cemetery report, there have been 5 burials since the last meeting, 1 new grave and 4 re-open graves. Burials from January to October show 15 new graves, 28 re-opened graves, 6 new ashes plot's and 2 re-opened ashes plots. The tractor has had a full service, the ride on mower still has a small leak on a hydraulic pipe and the jet washer has an issue. We also have a push along mower which has been sent in to have a new belt fitted.

20/1254 Cemetery Fees

The Assistant Clerk reported that there had been a complaint from a Funeral Director regarding the Cemetery fees introduced in October. Members agreed that the fees have been researched, they are in line with Sheffield City Council and the Parish residents discount is set at 20%. RESOLVED fees introduced in October to remain.

20/1255 Cemetery Opening Times

RESOLVED opening times to remain as they are but to be displayed in the same format at Sheffield Cemeteries.

20/1256 RESOLVED to approve

a) September 2020 bank/reconciliation figures

ACCOUNTS

Starting balance £465,062.10

Receipts £169,016.47

Payments £23,27279

End Balance £610,805.78

BANK STATEMENTS

Total of accounts £610,075.78

Unpresented payments £0.00

Balance £610,0805.78

b) September accounts overview

c) noting of payments since the last meeting

d) Budget summary

e) Councillors Renwick and Tagg completed the internal audit

f) September 2020 Civic Centre and Cemetery Accounts

g) Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall management accounts

20/1257 Planning

RESOLVED To note the list of planning applications received since 1st October 2020.

RESOLVED To note planning decisions received since 1st October 2020. Councillor Renwick updated members on a planning decision made regarding a stable conversion in Troway, which the Council had previously made comments of support. The initial application was denied but was then granted after an appeal.